

Mandatory Safety Protocols for Mechanical Bulls

1. All mechanicals Bulls should be manufactured to ASTM standards
2. All operators must fully comply with the manufacturer's operations/safety manual.
3. Control operators must be at least 21 years of age. Operators MUST not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Assistant must be at least 18.
4. All primary operators' MUST be trained as per the manufacturer's operations/safety manual.
5. TWO trained operators are required at all times. One must preserve order and collect waivers. The controls operator must not be distracted.
6. Intoxicated persons or persons under the influence of drugs are not allowed to ride the bull.
7. The operator must not allow anyone to block their view of the Mechanical Bull, the operator MUST remain vigilant at ALL times.
8. The minimum user height is 54" tall; anyone smaller is not allowed to ride the bull. **Operator must maintain and use a measurement device.**
9. Riders who suffer from previous injury, illness, pregnancy or other physical ailment that will inhibit the participant to ride safely MUST not ride the bull.
10. Only one rider is allowed on the bull at any one time.
11. The rider must ride in the position as described in the manufacturer's operations/safety manual.
12. The bull should have a secondary fence/barrier around the total perimeter, that is 36" away from the inflatable safety cushion
13. The bull should be fitted with a soft foam safety head to eliminate any potential for head collisions.
14. The bull should have installed an electrical automatic stop device to the bull body (similar to a jet ski) in use if available.
15. The control panel/console must have a key/release Emergency Stop Button. Anytime the machine is left unattended, the machine should be switched off with the Emergency Stop Button depressed and the key removed.

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16. The bull should not have a rope handle any longer than 6" long. Straps, loop handles, and longer ropes made such that they that can cause an entrapment hazard **are not permitted**.
17. All exposed mechanical and steel parts MUST be protected with appropriate safety padding.
18. The mechanical bull should be regularly serviced to ensure it is safe to ride.
19. Do not allow a cajoled, or reluctant rider to participate; if a rider does not want to ride do not let them be influenced by others.
20. The operator must always start the ride very slowly, if the rider does not want to go any faster and or stop, the operator must adhere to their demand, ignoring onlookers.
21. The bull must be stopped the instant the rider falls; do not continue to operate the bull once the rider is on the inflatable cushion.
22. No shoes, no sharp objects, eyewear, food or drink, neck chains, key chains or any hanging/loose clothing or jewelry should be allowed as these can cause an entrapment hazard.
23. Ensure that the rider has been fully instructed by the trained operator before they participate.
24. **Only participants who have properly initialed and signed the "PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS" may sit on the Mechanical Bull, regardless of whether the Mechanical Bull is being operated or stationary. An individual waiver signed by the participant (or parent/guardian for minors) is required. Claims presented with no waiver shall be DENIED by the insurer.**
25. Bull Riding Competitions shall only be conducted with the use of pre-programmed rides, progressing from a very basic rides towards more vigorous rides. All other competitive riding is prohibited.
26. Bull riding must be stopped during any live performance where liquor is served (i.e. a band in a bar).

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Basic safety rules must be clearly displayed where all participants and bystanders can see them (English and Spanish).

The minimum user height is 48” tall; anyone smaller may not ride the Bull.

Riders who suffer from any previous injury, illness or physical ailment or medical condition that will inhibit the participant to ride safely MUST not ride the Bull. The Bull should not be ridden by anyone who is pregnant.

No shoes, no sharp objects, eyewear, drinks, food, neck chains, key chains or any other hanging/loose clothing or jewelry may be worn on the Mechanical Bull.

I have read and understood the safety guidelines and I agree to follow them. Failure to familiarize all operators with these guidelines and or failure to follow them may void my insurance coverage.

This agreement will form a part of my policy contract.

Name, Title, Signature