

Board Policy On Bounce Houses At Compton Park

For the following reasons, the use of “Bounce Houses” at Compton Park will not be approved.

1. The Board is unaware of applicable safety standards regarding bounce houses.
2. A third party vendor would supply the house; the TPOA has no control over its construction, condition, anchoring, or other matters related to safe operation.
3. The Board is unaware of the inherent dangers that use of bounce houses may bring, so as to be able to warn users of them.
4. Regarding an offer of waiver that a person requesting installation of a bounce house, the member for whom the bounce house is installed cannot waive the legal rights of his guests; and a waiver would require a listing of the “inherent dangers” in the activity that are being waived; we do not know what all of those may be.
5. The Board is aware that during thunderstorms winds may become very strong, especially during the “microbursts” that are frequent in them; that beside Compton Park is a major power line corridor; and that bounce houses have been uprooted by such winds, and sometimes even blown into major power lines, with disastrous results for the children who were inside the bounce house at the time.
6. If an incident occurred, it could result in liability in the millions for the TPOA, and the result would be thousands of dollars of additional assessments for each owner. Insurance coverage is not assured for such temporary, uncontrolled installations, nor may it be sufficient

Conclusion: Allowing our Compton Park facility to be used for temporary bounce house installations could result in significant liability for the homeowner; we have a fiduciary duty to our homeowners to avoid such liability. The only way to ensure that no liability results under the circumstances is to deny the use of bounce houses in Compton Park.

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