

TOPIC: Waterslides

Trend / Issue

New approach by Technical Standards and Safety Authority to enforce and re-affirm Waterslide Regulations.

Background

Amusement Device Regulations are nothing new, and now under the Technical Standards and Safety Act, The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), are responsible for enforcement of these regulations.

The reason for the recent changes and visibility of the TSSA is that of all the reports of incident and injury reported, 41% relate to waterslides. Scrapes, bruises, and broken bones were listed as frequent injuries.

TSSA inspects yearly, and requires that any work or maintenance required must be done by a certified mechanic. The initial interpretation stated that this individual must be on staff, but it is acceptable where the owner has a contract with a company or individual who meets the criteria set out by TSSA. The inspector would look for a signed contract, outlining a list of the certified mechanics.

The issue more becomes the Daily inspections, and documentation of such, as per the regulation. TSSA does not set the criteria for these "log" sheets. This is up by the individual owners or contracted service provider.

Links

Possible links include, Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA), Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA).

Impact / Implications

The Aquatic Community may wish to standardize a "Log" sheet developed with all organizations concerned. PRO will facilitate member feedback and recommendations on this issue.

Possible Sector Position

Support safe operations and documentation of inspections related to waterslides. Monitor and partner with TSSA and certified provider agencies to create a clear documentation tool to meet the needs of this issue.

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