

# Trask Coliseum Life Safety Rider

This procedure is to outline minimum requirements to be made by the lessee of Trask Coliseum to ensure the safety of the occupants in the event of a fire or other emergency during special events. It addresses special events such as concerts or other performances. No request that limits or impedes the effectiveness of these or any other security or safety measures will be accepted

## **COMPLIANCE:**

Failure to meet these requirements will result in the immediate termination of the event by University officials and forfeit of all collections. A decision to terminate the event based on a threat to the life safety or security of the occupants, shall be decided by the UNCW Director of Environmental Health and Safety and the Chief of University Police or their designee.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

At least ten (10) working days before the day of the event, the lessee shall submit copies of their plan that outlines compliance with all portions of this procedure to the UNCW Environmental Health & Safety Department and the University Police Department. At the option of the Environmental Health & Safety Department the Lessee may be required to submit a copy of this information to the Wilmington Fire Department.

Environmental Health & Safety 601 S. College Road Wilmington, NC 28403-5974 910-962-3057, 910-962-3473 (Fax)	University Police 601 S. College Road Wilmington, NC 28403-5998 910-962-2222, 910-962-4228 (Fax)	Wilmington Fire Department P.O.Box 1810 Wilmington, NC 28402 910-341-7840, 910-343-4772
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At least one (1) hour before the event, a representative of the Lessee, who is knowledgeable in the particular events schedule, is to meet a Environmental Health & Safety representative to discuss the responsibilities of the Lessee, announcements to be made and other life safety concerns.

A meeting with the University Police is also required and the Chief of University Police should be contacted for specific details.

Not more than ten (10) minutes before the beginning of each event, an announcement must be made notifying the occupants of the following:

- **Smoking Policy**
- **Exit Locations**
- **Seating Policy**
- **All Other Life Safety Concerns**

Aisles:

Barriers shall be placed around the stage to stop persons from climbing onto the stage. The Facility Manager shall establish the type of barrier required and suggest sources for such barriers. The barriers shall be approved by the Environmental Health & Safety Department, the Fire Marshall, and University Police.

A walking aisle of 2.5 feet in width is required behind the barrier.

The distance from a plumb line dropped off the front of the chair shall be four (4) feet.

All aisles shall be at least as large as the cross-aisles that empty into them.

Persons shall not be allowed to congregate in areas where they do not hold tickets and, therefore, block exits, or aisles.

Aisles shall be a minimum of 3.5 feet wide plus 1.5 inches for each 5 feet of aisle length between the aisle ends (a good rule of thumb is that the aisles in Trask should be six (6) feet wide).

In no case shall the aisle width be less than 0.22 inches of width per seat that it serves.

Rigging:

Only certified riggers shall conduct all rigging.

All loads must be hung from the bottom chord (steel) of the trusses in accordance with the roof framing plans. (No rigging from the high steel in the ceiling.)

All loads must be hung only from the panel points of a truss and attached at the gusset plate.

All loads hung between trusses must be bridled only from panel point to panel point.

Rigging cables must be secured to the bottom chord of the trusses at either end of the gusset plate at the panel points but always at the end farthest from the load.

Any load improperly hung must be corrected prior to the event regardless of time restraints.

Miscellaneous:

The total occupancy of the arena area of Trask shall never be over 7,100 persons.

The exit end doors of the arena area of Trask shall never be blocked.

All wires, cords or other obstructions that cross the floor, including backstage areas shall be covered with tape, mats, or appropriate cord covers as not to present a trip hazard.

No open flame shall be permitted in any assembly.

Use of smoke generators, vehicles, fireworks, generators, or any live load must be approved by the Environmental Health & Safety Department. (Include all information with submission.)

Location of spotlights must be approved by the Environmental Health and Safety Department prior to the event.