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PARKS

International Association of Trampoline Parks (IATP) Statement for the Dr. Oz Show

Patron safety is a top priority for the International Association of Trampoline Parks (IATP). Any and every injury is a serious matter, and we take every opportunity to communicate and recommend to our members that all optimal steps be taken to mitigate injury risks. As our industry has grown from 3 parks in 2009 to well over 1,000 parks worldwide by the end of 2017, there has been a natural increase in the number of injuries reported at trampoline parks. During 2016, trampoline parks welcomed over 50 million jumpers in North America alone.

The available data indicates that trampoline park injury rates are lower or on par with common youth sports such as soccer, basketball and volleyball, and far lower than contact sports such as lacrosse and football. In addition, we believe health benefits (cardiovascular, muscular, coordination, social interaction) of active bouncing far outweigh the negatives.

Our industry has taken safety measures far beyond that of backyard trampolines where there are few or no rules and supervision. We take pride in developing in programs aimed at promoting the safety and well-being of patrons who visit our member parks. The IATP advocates that all trampoline parks adhere to ASTM International F2970-15, the Standard Practice for Design, Manufacture, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, Inspection and Major Modification of Trampoline Courts. The IATP commissioned a 3-minute patron education video, to be viewed by patrons before each bounce session, which highlights the risks of trampoline activity and identifies the optimally safe method of bouncing.

Founded in 2012, the IATP is dedicated to serving the interests of its membership and educating the trampoline park industry by promoting optimally safe operations, facilitating commercial success and stimulating growth of the trampoline park industry. The IATP is the trampoline park industry's most ardent safety and injury prevention advocate, and we will continue to encourage and support more investigation into strategies to prevent injuries. We closely monitor sports medicine, fitness and injury reporting and use it in a deliberate approach to the development of consensus safety standards for our members and for our industry.

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