

18.15.3.8 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

E. Age-appropriate size-fit standards for ROVs and ROV youth models:

Standards governing the relationship between the engine size (displacement measured in cubic centimeters, or cc.) of an ROV or ROV youth model and the minimum age an operator must attain before operating an ROV or ROV youth model of that engine size, combined with objective measurements of how a rider physically fits in an ROV or ROV youth model and can operate basic controls, are called “age-appropriate size-fit standards” and include, but are not limited to:

(1) No person under six years of age shall operate an ROV or ROV youth model on public land.

(2) Operators at least six and less than 10 years of age shall not operate an ROV or ROV youth model with an engine size larger than 200 cubic centimeters and shall comply with the physical fit standards set forth below in Subsection F of this section.

(3) Operators at least 10 years of age and less than 18 years of age shall comply with the physical fit standards set forth below in Subsection F of this section

F. Physical-appropriate size-fit standards for ROVs and youth-model ROVs:

Unless the relationship between an operator and the ROV or ROV youth model being operated complies with the following standards, it is a violation of the age-appropriate size-fit standards of these rules, regardless of whether the operator is in compliance with the engine size standards set forth above in Subsection E of this section.

(1) The operator shall be able to reach and fully operate the pedals with the operator’s back flat against the driver’s seat and with the operator’s seatbelt properly fastened.

(2) The operator shall be able to reach the steering wheel and turn the wheel fully in both directions with arms slightly bent while keeping the operator’s back flat against the driver’s seat with the operator’s seatbelt properly fastened.

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