

## Rules of the Contract for Star of the North Exhibit Space

### 1. What the Rental Fee Includes

The rental fee paid for exhibit space is for the space and a limited furnishings package of 2 chairs, 1 un-skirted table, and a wastebasket and **does not include carpet**, receiving or handling of exhibit material, utilities, or other services. Exhibit space includes back and side drape, a uniform identification sign.

### 2. Payments, Cancellations and Refunds

Exhibitors must make payment of the exhibit space rental fee according to the schedule and terms described in this contract. Minnesota Dental Association (MDA) may terminate this contract at any time after February 1 in the year of Star of the North (SON) if an Exhibitor has not paid the total fee for space rented. Cancellations and reductions of space made before the priority placement deadline (**November 1, 2022**) will be refunded in full of the fees paid up to that date. After the priority placement deadline, no deposits will be refunded. Refunds for exhibit space will not be given after **February 1, 2023**. If the show is physically sold out (there is no room for expansion) and there is an established waiting list, refunds will be given in its entirety if space is re-rented less 10% of the rental fee paid for that particular space. In the event of a cancellation, exhibitors must contact MDA in writing. Exhibitors who purchased a Promotional Package will not be allowed to cancel their package or receive refund. Exhibitors who purchased four or more booth spaces will not be allowed to cancel or reduce their space to fewer than four booth spaces with any refund.

### 3. Occupation of Exhibit Space

Exhibitors will occupy their contracted exhibit space during posted show hours. All exhibits must be completed and ready for the show by 9:30 a.m. on Thursday and must remain intact until 5:15 p.m. on Friday. Exhibitors must be completely torn down and out of the exhibit hall by 10:00 p.m. on Friday. The subletting of any part of an exhibitor's space is strictly prohibited. Manufacturers' reps applying for exhibit space must submit a list of those companies they will be representing at the time of application. A listing in the program book will be allowed for represented companies however; longevity recognition will only be given to the contracting company. A maximum of two (2) companies may be represented in one 10'x10' booth. Exhibitors shall use only their contracted space for exhibit, display, or related purposes. There will be no interviews, demonstrations, distribution of literature, canvassing or conducting of polls or surveys outside of the exhibitor's own rental space. If an exhibitor fails to set up a booth or occupy their contracted space by the opening of the show, that space will be considered abandoned, and no refund will be sent. The Association reserves the right to decide whether to re-sell or re-assign another exhibitor into that space.

### 4. Relocation

SON reserves the right to relocate any Exhibitor in a space other than that for which the Exhibitor contracted and paid a rental fee, if SON determines it is in the best interest of the Star of the North exhibit hall.

## **5. Exhibit Material and Activity**

Exhibitors can distribute and sell merchandise from their rented exhibit space only. Inventory must be discreetly stored within an exhibitor's booth space. Star of the North reserves the right to prevent any Exhibitor from displaying beyond the bounds of the Exhibitor's rented exhibit space: noisy electrical devices, sound-producing movies, displays, devices, costumed mascots or anything which may prove objectionable. Exhibitors must agree to regulate those devices with noise, odor, or other disagreeable features to abate reasonable objections to these annoyances. All aisles must be kept clear of displays. The rights and privileges of an exhibitor shall not be infringed upon by any other exhibitor. Lasers must be operated only within a suitable enclosed space with the appropriate eyewear available for any personnel staffing the booth and attendees who will be viewing/operating the laser. All demonstrations of CO2 lasers must be conducted in a clear plastic box with all sides enclosed, including the top. Appropriate plastic colored cubicles must also be available for any other type of laser being used, particularly dye or argon lasers. No laser equipment may be left unattended in operable condition. No exhibitor will sponsor a seminar or presentation in the Twin Cities, Anoka, Ramsey, Hennepin, Dakota, and Washington Counties area seven days before the opening of the meeting, during the meeting, or for seven days following the last day of the meeting. Exhibitors are allowed to sponsor prize drawings within their exhibit space in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Any limitations on registering for or accepting the prize must be prominently displayed in the exhibit space.

## **6. Sizes and Placement of Display**

Exhibits must be set in line with the Booth Design Regulations attached to and made part of this contract.

## **7. Serving Food/Refreshments**

Exposition Facility Management reserves the sole right to sell or serve food, beverages and tobacco products. Food (including candy) distributed by exhibitors must be obtained through the Facility, the Saint Paul RiverCentre. Inquiries can be directed to MHC Culinary Group 175 West Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 503, Saint Paul, MN 55102, **(651) 726-8800**.

**8. Convention Facility** Exhibitor will not damage the exposition facility in any way or permit it to be damaged by any substance or activity. If an Exhibitor, or the Exhibitor's agents, employees or guests, cause damage to the exposition facility, the Exhibitor will pay facility management the amount necessary to restore the facility to the condition it was in before being damaged by the Exhibitor.

## **9. Suppliers of Exhibit Services**

Star of the North has selected General Experience Specialists, Inc. (GES) to provide exposition services and will utilize suppliers within the Saint Paul RiverCentre to supply other services needed during the Star of the North exhibit hall. An email will be sent to Exhibitors containing forms and instructions for renting exhibit furnishings and services from GES and RiverCentre suppliers. Exhibitors will use these suppliers for all furnishings and services needed, including utilities; or Exhibitors will notify Minnesota Dental Association and GES, in writing, 30 days prior to setup of the exposition of their intention to use other suppliers. Contractors are required to provide a Certificate of Insurance to MDA and GES.

## **10. Security**

MDA will employ a security firm to guard the exposition hall against theft or damage to exhibit material starting when the facility opens for set up until the show closes and tear down begins. Each person entering the exhibit hall will be required to register and wear the appropriate name badge. All members of commercial exhibitor's staff must be full-time employees of the exhibiting company or must be employed for the duration of the meeting. False certification of individuals as representatives of the exhibiting company to assist unauthorized persons in gaining admission to the exhibit floor is prohibited. The Minnesota Dental Association does not guarantee exhibitors against loss and does not take responsibility for theft, pilferage, or mysterious disappearance.

## **11. Infraction of Rules**

Unethical conduct, unprofessional behavior, or infraction of the Contract Rules on the part of the exhibitor and/or his representatives will subject the exhibitor, his representatives, or both to dismissal from the exhibit hall, forfeiture of booth space, booth fee, and/or seniority status in booth assignment. The exhibitor may also be barred from future participation. In this event, it is agreed that no refund shall be made by the Minnesota Dental Association and that no demand for redress will be made by the exhibitor or his representatives. Any complaints regarding infractions of these rules or disputes between exhibitors should be made to MDA and its decision will be final.

## **12. Assumption of Risk: General Liability Insurance – *Mandatory!***

Each exhibitor MUST provide the Star of the North with a Certificate of Insurance with a minimum of \$1,000,000 insurance coverage including, comprehensive general liability insurance, insuring against damage to persons and property, and hazard insurance, insuring the exhibitor's property and its exhibit space, to fully protect it and the Minnesota Dental Association, Star of the North Meeting, General Experience Specialists, Inc. (GES), and the Saint Paul RiverCentre against all risks. The Certificate shall name the exhibitor, Minnesota Dental Association, Star of the North Meeting, General Experience Specialists, Inc. (GES), and the Saint Paul RiverCentre as additional insured. Proof of insurance is due 60 days before exhibitor move-in on Wednesday. Except for negligent acts or omissions on the part of the Minnesota Dental Association or its own employees, the Minnesota Dental Association assumes no liability or responsibility for any damage of any kind whatsoever or any injury of any nature that may happen to exhibitors, or to the exhibitor's employees or property, from any cause whatsoever prior, during, or subsequent to the period covered by the contract for the rental of space, and the Minnesota Dental Association does not assume any liability or responsibility for any act or omission on the part of any exhibitor or anyone in his employ during said period of time, and the exhibitor, on signing the application for space, expressly releases and agrees to hold harmless the Minnesota Dental Association from all claims of any kind for any such alleged loss, damage, or injury to the exhibitor, his employees or property. This shall not affect claims against any other person, firm, corporation, or municipal unit.

## **13. Cancellation of the Exposition**

In the event the Star of the North exhibit hall is canceled for any reason, MDA will not be liable for anything except the return of the rental fee paid by each Exhibitor for exhibit space.

## **14. Non-endorsement**

The exhibiting of products and services at the Star of the North does not constitute endorsement by the Minnesota Dental Association of the products and services exhibited.