Preparing for the Expo – A Step-by-Step Guide through the IAAPA Expo 2021 Exhibitor Services Guide

FIRST STEPS

- 1. Review, print, and post near your calendar the <u>To Do's/Deadlines Checklist</u> to ensure you don't miss ordering or discount deadlines.
- 2. Register your on-site Booth Staff. Your password is your IAAPA Company ID.
- 3. Make your <u>Hotel Reservation</u> (review the <u>Exhibitor Schedule</u> dates and times to ensure you include ample time for set-up and tear-down of your booth).
- 4. Attend the Exhibitor Webinar July 14 about the show health and safety guidelines.
- 5. Review the Key Show Information with new information and items you don't want to miss.

BOOTH ELEMENTS

- 1. Review the <u>Booth Height & Layout Guidelines</u> information so you understand the height limits based on your booth type.
 - a. Everyone must <u>login</u> to complete the Booth Layout form (required).
 - b. Is your booth is 20'x20' or larger, displaying inflatables, and/or you are requesting a variance to the <u>display rules</u>? YES → Upload a file of your booth layout/design for approval.
 - c. Is your booth multi-level or covered? YES → Complete the OCCC form.
 - d. Will you have any animals in your booth? **YES** \rightarrow Review the guidelines <u>here</u>.
 - e. Will you be having any balloons or lighter-than-air products? **YES** → Submit the OCCC form.
- 2. All booths must have Carpet or some form of floor covering over the contracted booth space. Do you need to order Carpet? YES → Complete the Carpet order form.
- 3. Do you need Tables, Chairs, or other furnishings? YES →
 - a. Is your booth 10'x10' or 10'x20'? **YES** \rightarrow Consider a discounted Booth Package.
 - b. See the **Furniture** brochure and order form.
- 4. Will you need electricity in your booth (laptop, lights, display materials)? **YES** → Complete the <u>Electrical</u> order form.
- 5. Will you need internet access in your booth beyond the basic WiFi? **YES** → Complete the Internet order form.

- 6. Do you need other Utilities for your booth? YES→ See the order forms below.
 - a. Plumbing, Water & Drain
 - b. Air & Gas
 - c. Aerial Lighting
- 7. Consider other booth enhancements you may need:
 - a. Audio-Visual & Computers
 - b. Floral/Plants
 - c. Interpreters/Hostesses
 - d. Lead Retrieval
 - e. Graphics and Signs
 - f. Photography/Videography
- 8. Will you be distributing any food or beverage during the Expo? YES →
 - a. Is this product produced or distributed by your company? YES →
 - i. Complete the Food Sampling Form
 - ii. Submit a certificate indicating you have the higher insurance coverage.
 - iii. Do you need to store any food items during the show? **YES** → Complete the Centerplate form.
 - iv. Are you cooking, using a flame, gas, or heat device? **YES** → Complete the OCCC form.
 - b. Is this general food and beverage? **YES** → F&B must be arranged through Centerplate, see the menus and order form
- 9. Submit the Audience Participation Safety Form (required).

GETTING YOUR EXHIBIT TO THE SHOW

- 1. Review the <u>Schedule</u> for the earliest date and time you have access to the show floor.
- 2. Will you have materials to ship to the show?
 - a. YES →
 - i. Review the **Shipping information**
 - ii. Review the Material Handling information
 - iii. Complete the Freight and Rigging Questionnaire
 - b. NO \rightarrow
 - i. Are you driving your materials to the show?
 - 1. YES →
 - a. Review the Material Handling information
 - b. Review the Hand Carry guidelines

c. Review the Parking options.

2. **NO** →

a. Review Hand Carry guidelines

ON-SITE SET-UP

All booths must be set-up and ready for inspection by 5:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16.

- Are you using a company other than Freeman or your staff to build/set your booth? YES →
 Review the Exhibitor Appointed Contractor requirements.
- 2. Will you need to hang anything in your booth (booths that are 20'x20'+ only)? **YES** → Complete the <u>Rigging form</u>. If shipping your sign, use the shipping labels on page 3 <u>here</u>.
- 3. Will you need heavy equipment to install your booth? YES → See the Freeman form.
- 4. Do you need any Labor for installation or dismantling of your booth? **YES** → See the <u>Freeman</u> form.
- 5. Prepare for the show <u>Health and Safety Guidelines</u>, <u>Security Tips</u>, and <u>Booth Safety Guidelines</u>.
- 6. Don't forget to review the Show Rules!
 - a. Show Rules & Violations
 - b. **IAAPA Contract Terms**
 - c. Intellectual Property Policy
 - d. Show Policies

MARKETING YOUR EXHIBIT

- 1. Update your <u>Exhibitor Profile</u> for the printed Show Program, website, and mobile app. Consider a digital promotional opportunity.
- 2. Apply for an Exhibitor Award.
- 3. Consider a sponsorship opportunity or advertising.
- 4. Invite your customers and prospects to visit your booth for free.
- 5. Be part of a Trade Show Tour bringing buyers to your booth.
- 6. Promote your company and product through a Media Opportunity or through Social Media.

For additional information and full details relating to the Expo, please review the Exhibitor Service Guide. You can view/print the material by individual page. Further questions can be directed to Exhibitors@IAAPA.org.