



**Business Opportunities**  
**with the**  
**California Exposition & State Fair**

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## Business Opportunities with the California Exposition & State Fair

Thank you for your interest in teaming up with the California State Fair at Cal Expo. As a cutting edge organization, we are always looking for quality products and services to offer our loyal patrons during the annual State Fair. This booklet was designed by our team to give prospective business partners an overview of the professional and mutually prosperous relationships we seek to enjoy with our partners.

For 167 years the California State Fair has sought to provide Californians with the highest quality products and services. Naturally, as the State Fair, our patrons expect the “Best of the Best” from us. With the help of our hundreds of business partners that’s exactly what we seek to deliver.

We know that you have choices about where you do business, and we look forward to the possibility of you teaming up with us to provide our patrons with an innovative and fun experience. Should you have any questions about the California State Fair’s application process or our procedures, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

Rick K. Pickering  
Chief Executive Officer

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## **Life at the Fair**

The California State Fair is 17 fun-filled days from July 17- August 2, 2020. It boasts hundreds of exhibitors and concessionaires, high-caliber entertainment, livestock, crafts, animals and agriculture, thrilling rides and loads of activities for the whole family.

Before you apply for space at the Fair, there are a few things you should know. Putting on a 17-day event takes the tireless dedication and hard work of many team members, including our commercial exhibitors and concessionaires. It also requires that everyone follow the same guidelines, which are outlined in detail in the ***Commercial & Concessions Rules and Regulations Handbook***. You can find this Handbook on our California State Fair's website at [www.CAStateFair.org](http://www.CAStateFair.org)

## **Are You a Commercial Exhibitor or a Concessionaire?**

A Commercial Exhibitor is someone who sells a product, ride or service at the Fair. A concessionaire is someone who sells food and/or beverages.

## **Basic Guidelines**

Our team works to be attentive and responsive to your business needs, as great customer service to our partners is paramount to us. Knowing what to expect in advance can make a big difference in how successful you'll be at the Fair. While most of the guidelines apply to both commercial exhibitors and concessionaires, there are a few differences. For the sake of brevity, we've outlined a few key items in this booklet.

If you have any questions about the application and selection process, please do not hesitate to contact the Commercial and Concessions Office. For booth/space pricing see the commercial or concessions applications.

## **Hours of Operation**

First and foremost, if the Fair is open for business, then you as our partner must also be open for business. Some concessionaires may choose to open a few hours earlier each day to serve livestock workers and other early arrivals.

## **Application**

To apply, you will need to fill out an application and return it to us along with your current California Seller's Permit, a recent picture of your booth or stand and a product list/menu with prices. Only complete applications will be considered.

If no space is available your company may be placed on a waiting list. As spaces become available, applications are pulled from the waiting list.

### **Insurance & Workers Compensation**

Everyone must provide proof of General Liability insurance including Product Liability in the amount of \$1,000,000 (\$3,000,000 for entertainment and thrill rides). When providing insurance by your own carrier, the name of the insured business must match the business name on the application. Insurance may also be purchased through Cal Expo from the Haas & Wilkerson Insurance Co.

Pursuant to section 3700 of the California Labor Code, each concessionaire and commercial exhibitor must have on file and in their assigned space a Certificate of Workers Compensation Insurance or Certificate of Self-Insurance from the Director of Industrial Relations. For more information, contact the Department of Industrial Relations at 916-323-4920 or [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

### **Exhibit Design & Presentation**

If you've been to the Fair you know that all the booths and stands are designed and presented in a professional, aesthetically pleasing way. There are several guidelines detailed in the Commercial & Concession Handbook that you will need to follow. The State Fair reserves the right to determine whether the display and/or displayed product(s) meet these requirements.

### **Tents**

Outdoor commercial exhibitors are required to rent a tent from us; the rental of the tent will be on your contract.

"Pop-up" and "E-Z up" tents are not allowed. If you are a concessionaire, tents are not allowed.

### **Evaluation – Audit Review**

Evaluations and audits are based on State and County Regulations, conformance to the California State Fair Commercial & Concessions Rules and Regulations, quality and appearance of product sold general appearance of space and the appearance and service of staff and personal. Post event evaluations will be used in determining acceptance in future California State Fairs.

### **Food Stands**

Because the Fair runs for 17 days, the Health Department requires food stands to be a permanent structure such as a trailer or a booth. It's much like having your own "mini-restaurant" for the duration of the Fair.

### **Health Department**

Cal Expo cares deeply about public health. As such, all concessionaires are required to follow all Health Department guidelines, including attendance at the Safe Food Handling Training scheduled prior to Opening Day of the State Fair, being Food Safety Certified, and paying all safe food handling fees. Anyone handing out samples of food will need to pay the appropriate safe food handling fee and provide product liability insurance. For more information on Health Department requirements, contact the County of Sacramento Environmental Management Department at 916-875-8484 or [www.emd.saccounty.net](http://www.emd.saccounty.net).

## **Paperwork**

When working with governing agencies like the Health Department and the Board of Equalization there can be a fair amount of paperwork involved. All vendors, commercial exhibitors and concessionaires, must obtain and provide a current resale permit. It will be up to you to be sure you have all the appropriate forms and certificates completed prior to the opening day of the State Fair.

## **Coca-Cola**

Coca-Cola is the official soft drink and bottled water sponsor for Cal Expo. Consequently, no other soft drink, energy drink or bottled water products are permitted to be sold, sampled or given away on Cal Expo property at any time.

## **Selection Process**

The following is a list of what is considered when evaluating applications for placement in the California State Fair.

### **Commercial Exhibitors / Concessionaires**

- Space availability
- Value to Fair guests
- Uniqueness of product or type of food served
- Appearance of booth/stand
- Prior experience
- Evaluations (returning applicants only) - Audit Reports (returning applicants only – only if on percentage)
- Paperwork submitted in a timely manner

### **Product Diversity**

The California State Fair strives to present a unique and diverse shopping experience. Although there is some duplication, we try to incorporate many new and exciting products for our Fair guests. When choosing the product you would like to sell please keep this in mind.

### **Product Exclusivity**

Commercial exhibitors will not be granted exclusive rights to exhibit, promote, demonstrate and/or sell products or services; unless such exclusive rights were granted through a specialized contracting process - such as major sponsorships or competitive bidding.

Items including but not limited to, balloons (any size), inflatable toys and glow-in-the-dark novelty items are covered under the California State Fair's Novelty Agreement as exclusive items for sale by that contractor only. These items may not be sold, used as giveaways or promotions or used as signage or decorations by any commercial exhibitor, sponsor or participant in the Fair.

## **Product List / Menu**

If an agreement is issued, only those items listed on the contract or approved menu may be sold. Any request to add or change product(s) offered for sell or change menu items must be submitted in writing and receive preapproval. Such preapproval is at the sole discretion of the State Fair.

## **Product Sales / Restrictions**

As a safe and family-friendly event, certain items will not be considered for sale or giveaway, including but not limited to: weapons of any kind, lasers, products made from endangered animals, pornographic or drug related items, items depicting the confederate flag, adhesive stickers of any kind, etc... In submitting your application, you agree that the State Fair has sole discretion to determine whether an item is considered offensive or in poor taste and to prohibit the sale or display of such items.

## **Reporting Sales**

Per Assembly Bill 1499, effective July 1, 2018, the California Division of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) is requiring vendors who make sales of tangible personal property on a California state-designated fairground to separately state the amount of those sales on their Sales and Use Tax return. **There is no additional tax or fee due on these sales.** For the most up-to-date information regarding this reporting requirement, please reference <http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/industry/state-fairgrounds.htm> or contact CDTFA directly.

## **Sub-leasing / Booth Sharing**

All exhibitors are strictly prohibited from sub-leasing, assigning or apportioning the whole or any part of their contracted space to any other business or individual.

## **Other Opportunities at Cal Expo**

Cal Expo hosts hundreds of events each year, which often include commercial exhibits and concessions. To see which events might be right for you, visit [www.calexpo.com](http://www.calexpo.com) and check out our calendar of events. In most cases, commercial exhibitors will work directly with the organizer of the event and food concessionaires will work with Cal Expo's exclusive master caterer, Spectra Food Service and Hospitality, who can be reached at 916-920-1212.

Cal Expo also enters into contracts annually to support every aspect of the State Fair as well as the maintenance, development and rental of the property during the rest of the year. The California State Contracts Register lists all State contracts open for bid at [www.dgs.ca.gov](http://www.dgs.ca.gov). Please direct questions about Cal Expo contracts for services to our Contracts Office at 916-274-0699.

Cal Expo also contracts for purchases of items such as office and paper products, printing, hardware, mechanical and motor vehicle parts, and paint and lumber. Certified Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises are actively supported by Cal Expo. If you have any questions about Cal Expo contracts for purchases, please call our Business Services Office at 916-263-3032.

Again, thank you for your interest in The California State Fair and Cal Expo. We look forward to being of service.

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# 2020 Exhibit Space and Commercial & Concessions Rules and Regulations Handbook

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### **Important Notice:**

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## **Accounting Procedures**

We want you to have a successful and lucrative fair as much as you do. If your fee is based on a percentage of gross sales, these are the accounting procedures you will follow to tally your earnings. They are based on good accounting practices that will provide you with accurate information on which to base all your important business management decisions. Should you have any problems adhering to these procedures, or don't understand them, please ask a staff member in the Audits Office located in the Administration Building for more information.

Failure to comply with these financial reporting procedures will be considered a violation of the Agreement. If the violation is so severe that it must be dealt with immediately, State Fair management will be called upon to review the problem and come up with a solution. Violations will be taken into consideration when reviewing applications for future State Fairs or may result in immediate cessation of the right and privilege to do business with the California State Fair.

## **Cash Registers**

All sales must be recorded by use of an approved cash register or accounting system. So that accurate records can be kept. Each cash register must have the following:

- Dual Tape/Readable tape (customer must be offered a receipt)
- Customer Display (pivot display suggested)
- Continues grand total
- Cumulative "Z" counter
- "X" Readings
- 30-day back up battery
- "Current" printed date on detail tape
- Key protector
- Price Look Up (PLU) or present keys

## **Commission Payment Formula**

All food concessionaires and certain commercial exhibitors pay for their space by a percentage rent formula based on a Gross Sales Formula. The percentage rent as stated in your contract is applied to this amount.

Gross Sales receipts ÷ 1.0825(Sales tax) or current rate = Net Sales Total

Net Sales total x Commissions % = Total Commission Due

Total Commission Due - Scrip = Net Commission Due

"Gross Sales receipts" means all monies, Scrip, paid or payable to you for sales made or services rendered at or from the premises, or from any other source related directly or indirectly to operations under the Agreement, whether collected or uncollected, whether for cash or credit, it being understood that the term "gross receipts" shall include sales tax.

## **Daily Sales Reports**

Under the Agreement, you are required to maintain a daily record of all gross receipts derived from your operation. This record is to be available to the California State Fair at any time during the Fair and for the three following years. Daily sales report forms will be provided at check-in. Daily "Z" reports will be required that give a breakdown and accounting of all sales activity for each day. Please check the status of the receipt and journal tapes prior to a "Z" out to make sure you do not lose any daily sales information due to lack of register tape. Attach the "Z" tape to the daily sales report so the Fair staff can double-check your figures. When changing journal tapes, the used tape must be kept on grounds during the entire Fair.

Turn in the previous day's daily sales report at the Audits Office, between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM daily. Only complete daily sales reports will be accepted, please allow enough time so that any questions concerning sales sheets or other issues can be addressed.

We will maintain a continuous running total of your sales, which you are welcome to review at any time. Just ask at the Audits Office. Any "Z" tapes not picked up after final settle-up will be destroyed 10 days after the last day of the Fair.

## **Paydays**

Settlement of daily sales reports for Exhibitors/Concessionaires on a percentage will take place two times during the Fair. Exhibitors/Concessionaires on a percentage will be required to pay on the following two dates:

- Monday, July 27, 2020 , 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Sunday, August 2, 2020 , 11:00 PM to 2:00 AM

All commission payments must be paid with check only. Scrip money is to be turned in daily with your Z tapes.

Any remaining payments/fees for Exhibitors/Concessionaires on a percentage, less sales tax, are due and payable to the

California State Fair Monday, August 3, 2020, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

### **Register Tagging**

State Fair Auditors will check each stand/booth to record the model numbers and serial numbers for all cash registers, including backup registers. Once it is approved for use, each register will get its own register tag. Register tagging will be Tuesday, July 14, through Thursday, July 16, 8AM - 5PM. Opening "Z" readings will be required at that time. Please be aware that registers cannot be used for sales until they have been tagged and the information has been recorded. If your stand opens prior to Opening Day you will need to notify the Audits Office to make an appointment for your registers to be tagged ahead of schedule. The phone number will be provided in your check-in packet.

### **Register Tapes**

Under the Agreement, all cash register tapes documenting your sales are to be turned over to the California State Fair daily. For the purpose of maintaining an accurate audit trail, all cash register tapes need to be identified by the California State Fair register tag number, name of exhibit/stand, space number and date.

### **Scrip Money**

All Concessionaires will accept Scrip money for face value. Scrip money requires change and is valued in \$5.00 increments. Scrip money is turned in daily with your Z tapes.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act - ADA**

You must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") of 1990 as amended, (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. For more information please visit the Americans with Disabilities Act website at [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov).

### **Admission Credentials - See the 2020 Commercial Admission Credential Request Form for pricing.**

#### **Commercial Exhibitors**

Commercial Exhibitor credentials will be available (in your move in packet) beginning Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Commercial Exhibits Office in Building C.

#### **Concessionaires**

Concessionaire credentials will be available (in your move in packet) beginning Friday, July 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Administration building.

#### **Purchasing Admissions Credentials**

To receive credentials in your move-in packet, return the Admission Credential Order Form and payment on or before June 19, 2020. If the form is received after that date or no payment is included, a Credential Purchase Authorization form will be in your move-in packet. The authorization form is required by the Box Office for you to be able to purchase the credentials at the reduced rate. Do not go to the Box Office until you have this authorization form.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

Any attempt to sell, exchange, barter or give away to fairgoers any credentials issued by the California State Fair is strictly prohibited. Anyone found doing so will be required to pay for all credentials that were issued to them and will jeopardize their participation in future California State Fairs. Owners and staff residing on-grounds in Lot 16 do not require admission credentials for daily entrance into the Fair. However, if you leave the grounds, you will need a credential or hand stamp for re-entry. If you are staying in the RV Park you will need admission credentials.

#### **Western Fairs Association**

Western Fairs Association (WFA) cards are accepted as admission at all gates. To take advantage of this program you need to be a member of the WFA. Membership applications can be obtained by calling the WFA at (916) 927-3100 or their website [www.fairsnet.org](http://www.fairsnet.org).

## Agreements

Your Agreement (contract) is reviewed and acted upon in the best interest of the Fair on an annual basis. Please be aware that this handbook, the 2020 Commercial & Concessions Rules and Regulations Handbook, is made a part of your Agreement, which you and your staff agree to abide by when you sign and return your Agreement.

## Alcohol

Unless you have a current license authorizing the sale of alcohol and have been approved by the Fair to conduct limited sales, you cannot sell any alcoholic beverages of any kind at any time. You are also not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages while working within your contracted space or in the Exhibitors Lounge.

## Advertising

In order to retain consistency and "fairness at the Fair," you are not allowed to advertise or promote your products in any fairground locations other than the one(s) designated by your Agreement and all business dealings are to be conducted within the space designated by your Agreement. The Cal Expo and California State Fair logo(s) and any other trademark artwork used by the Fair cannot be used on any marketing materials such as advertisements, promotions or forms without written consent from the California State Fair Marketing Department.

## Audits

Throughout the California State Fair, auditors will do spot audits which will test any or all of the following: use of P.L.U. registers, starting cash, paid out receipts, money drops, over rings, daily sales, and all other transactions which denote appropriate cash control systems. If a spot check or spot audit turns up financial discrepancies you will be notified with a written violation. Failure to cease the discrepancies and correct them will result in a fine or other appropriate action by the California State Fair management. This may include an order to discontinue operations and vacate the premises.

## Audits Office

The Audits office is located in the trailer on the southeast side of the Administration Building.

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## Booth Rules

All persons, groups, and firms desiring to participate in the sale or distribution of any merchandise, including printed or written material, must do so in an authorized licensed fixed location on the fairgrounds. Fair management reserves the right to designate all fixed location on the fairgrounds. **All business dealings are to be conducted within the space designated by your Agreement.** Failure to do so will be grounds for revocation of your license.

Also, all indoor and outdoor booths must conform to the **Exhibit Design and Presentation** guidelines outlined in this handbook. Failure to do so will be grounds for revocation of your license.

## Box Office

The Box Office Trailer is located at the Main Gate. Contact the Box Office at 916-263-3049

## Building C Office

### Services

The Commercial and Concessions Office will be open to make copies and send/receive faxes during regular business hours, depending on staff availability. Cash payment is due at the time of service. The maximum number of copies we can make is 99.

| <u>Copies</u>                                    | <u>Faxes</u>     | <u>Sending</u> | <u>Receiving</u> |
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| 8.5 x 11 - single-sided copy only - \$ 0.25 page | first page       | \$2.00         | \$1.00           |
| 8.5 x 11 - double-sided copy - \$ 0.50 page      | additional pages | \$1.00         | \$0.50           |

## **Phone Messages**

All phone messages taken at the Commercial & Concessions Office in Building C will be posted on the Exhibitor / Concessionaire Bulletin Board. Paging for incoming callers is not available.

## **Building Temperatures**

Building temperatures will be kept at one setting for the entire duration of the Fair, so please dress accordingly.

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## **California Department of Tax and Fee Administration**

All Exhibitors/Concessionaires must file for a California State Seller's Permit number; even if you only take leads for future business while at the Fair and do not sell a physical product on Cal Expo grounds. Prior to loading in or setting up, a copy of your seller's permit and the Swap Meets, Flea Markets or Special Events Certification form must be on file with the California State Fair Commercial & Concessions Office. For information and seller's permit applications call the California Department of Tax & Fee Administration at (800) 400-7115. Their website is <https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/>

## **Cleanliness**

The State Fair furnishes janitorial service for aisles in the buildings and areas used by the public, it is up to you to keep your booth or stand clean and clear of debris. Please use trash bins behind or near concession stands for your garbage; the 55 gallon trash barrels are for public use only. Break down boxes and stack them neatly next to the trash bins. All garbage, boxes, materials, coverings and non-display items must be removed, and all cleaning must be completed at least one-half hour before opening time each day. If you find an area that needs our attention, please let us know as soon as possible. Be aware that the green bins in the garbage compounds are for comingled recycling. These bins are appropriate places for paper, cans, bottles, plastic, and other recyclable materials. If you have other recycling needs feel free to call our recycling specialist at (916) 263-3654.

## **Reyes Coca-Cola**

Coca-Cola is the official soft drink, bottled water and ice sponsor of the California State Fair. Therefore, all carbonated and non-carbonated beverages, energy drinks, water, ice and "Fair Cups" must be purchased from Reyes Coca-Cola. All soda must be served in the designated "Fair Cup". Refillable Souvenir Cups are also available for purchase through Reyes Coca-Cola. Only the current year "Fair Cup" can be sold.

## **Ice & Ice Merchandisers**

Reyes Coca-Cola will provide all ice and ice merchandisers for the 2020 California State Fair.

### **Working Merchandisers – \$375.00 each\*      \*Price subject to change**

These are refrigerated storage merchandisers with solid doors and require 110 VAC power with at least a 12-amp circuit.

- Ice deliveries will only be made in the morning prior to fair opening, so please plan accordingly. Should you need to get more ice during fair hours, Coca-Cola will have a trailer on grounds (Location to be determined).
- Ice run-off will not be permitted. Ice storage areas must drain into sewer drainage.

All equipment used to dispense carbonated beverages or ice merchandisers must have Coke product labeling or no labeling. Competing brand signage is not allowed.

## **Customer Returns**

**All Vendor Return Policies must be clearly posted in your booth.** Guests that need to return to the Fairgrounds to return items purchased at the California State Fair may do so by making arrangements through the Commercial & Concessions Office. The Commercial & Concessions staff will make the necessary admission and parking arrangements to ensure that the fairgoer is allowed re-entry at no personal cost. Any costs associated with admittance and parking may be charged back to the Exhibitor. **Do not use your admission credentials for customer returns.**

## **Cutlery Sales**

All cutlery must be displayed behind or under plexi-glass and not be accessible to the public. All cutlery products sold must be shipped to the customer or be sent to the Will Call Trailer outside the Main Gate for pickup.

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### **Damages**

You agree to promptly reimburse and pay the California State Fair for any damages to Fair property or equipment that you, your employees or your agents cause during the term of your Agreement.

### **Deliveries**

Deliveries to your booth or stand can be made one hour prior to the Fair opening, however all vehicles must be off public grounds 30 minutes prior to Fair opening. Deliveries must be made using the service roads, service gates and service doors designated by the Fair. Golf carts and all other vehicles must use perimeter service roads and are not allowed on the fairgrounds at any time during public hours. Violations may result in a ticket and/or confiscation of the golf cart. During Fair hours you must use handcarts to transport items from the service roads, parking areas or public lots to your location. See the Cart Route Map on our website for details.

### **Drawings/Raffles**

Your drawing slips may only ask for name, address, phone number or other appropriate demographic questions.

A sign stating the following rules must be next to the box for entries:

- Need not be present to win.
- No purchase necessary.
- Entry forms also available at \_\_\_\_\_ (This must be an alternate location in the Sacramento area with no admission charge.)

All approved drawings absolutely must be held no later than Sunday, August 2, 2020 at 10:00 PM. Holding your drawing after this deadline makes it invalid and may affect your ability to hold drawings/raffles at future California State Fairs. Solicitation for the drawing must take place only in your space. You and you only, must conduct all drawings. Any information obtained from the drawing entry blank should be made available to the California State Fair upon request, is to be used strictly by you and is not to be sold or given to another company or individual except for the California State Fair. You also agree that there will be no games, gambling, or any other activity on the premises in which money is used as a prize or premium nor can you buy back discount coupons for cash. Raffles requiring the payment of money or other items of value will not be allowed under any circumstances. Only free drawings that comply with all applicable federal, state and local statutes and ordinances will be permitted. Failure to abide by any of the above guidelines will jeopardize any use of drawings in future fairs.

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### **Electrical**

All electrical installations must conform to the Electrical Safety Code of the State of California.

Your electrical needs will be determined from the information provided on your application. If, upon arrival, your electrical needs have changed or increased, an additional electrical fee will be charged. Each indoor exhibitor who requires electricity above and beyond the 110 volt, 500 watts provided for each 10'x10' space will be assessed the appropriate additional electrical fee plus a 20% facility utility surcharge paid directly to the decorator. A flat fee will be charged per outdoor 110 volt, 500 watts, unless otherwise indicated. Hardwire is also a flat fee per connection. See Commercial/Concessions applications for prices.

### **Electrical Guidelines:**

- All cords 70 Amps and less must have plugs.
- 220 volt must be #6/4 gauge or heavier wire with Nema Plug #14-50P.
- 110 volt must be #12/3 gauge or heavier wire with Nema Plug #5-15P.
- Electrical appliances such as fans, computers, coffee makers, microwave ovens and televisions that are for the convenience of the Exhibitor/Concessionaire and not a part of the exhibit itself may overload the electrical system put into place to service each booth's or stand's

exhibit. Power failure in specific areas may occur as a result of the overload. If the need arises, you may be required to remove any or all of these items from the premises.

- Use of butane in any building is prohibited.
- All connections to State Fair electrical lines must be made by State Fair personnel.
- Extension cords and electrical motors are not provided by the California State Fair.
- Non-electrical motors are not permitted to be operated without prior written approval of the California State Fair.
- All extension cords and electrical appliances must be grounded three-pronged or double insulated types. No two-prong ungrounded extension cords or electrical appliances will be permitted on the premises unless it is clearly marked on the exterior of the product by the manufacturer that the product is double insulated.
- No zip cords are permitted.

The California State Fair is not responsible for any loss arising from the Exhibitor/Concessionaire's use of premises nor for loss or damages resulting from power interruptions and utility failures. If you have a mobile food stand, you are required to have 50 feet of correctly sized cord and the appropriate cord cap to connect the stand. If you have a stock truck, you are required to have 100 feet of correctly sized cord and correct cord cap. Should you arrive at the area with the wrong sized cords or incorrect cord caps, there may be a delay in getting electrical service. If you require electrical service in excess of 50 amps, you must have a cord that is large enough to carry requested amperage. **You must identify/tag all power cords/hoses for each stand with tape. Please print stand name and stand number on each tag.**

### **Employer Guidelines**

Cal Expo is an equal opportunity employer and we expect all our exhibitors and concessionaires to follow the same guidelines. We also strive to maintain a quality professional atmosphere, so all employees must be properly and tastefully clothed and conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner at all times. Each exhibitor and concessionaire is ultimately responsible for any claims, liabilities and actions relating to the conduct and representation of their personnel.

### **Department of Industrial Relations**

The Department of Industrial Relations can supply you with worker's compensation, labor law and safety information. For more information please call them at (916) 323-4920 or visit their website at [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

### **Employment Development Department (EDD)**

If you have any question you can contact EDD for more information. Please call (916) 227-0301 or visit their website at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov). Cal Expo's Personnel Office also collects many applications from May to August. If you are interested in viewing these applications, contact the Commercial & Concessions Office.

### **Megan's Law**

You will need to complete the Megan's Law Form, which requires a list of all owners, managers, volunteers and employees in your exhibit/food operation who will have access to the grounds during or prior to the California State Fair. This form must be submitted by the due date on your contract, and a revised list must be submitted by July 17, 2020, if necessary. All names will be checked against the Megan's Law Sex Offenders CD-ROM.

### **Work Permit Law**

If you employ anyone under the age of 18, you are required by law to see that they hold a valid work permit. You are also required to adhere strictly to all applicable child labor laws.

### **Environmental Protection (Storm Water Management Plan)**

Cal Expo is required to manage flows of water and pollutants into the storm drain systems. For this reason the following polices have been adopted.

- Minimize water flowing into Storm Drains.
  - Holding tank discharge, mop water, ice machine waste water, refrigeration condensate, liquid food and beverage waste, watering trough discharge, water used for games and carnival style rides shall be captured and discharged to sanitary sewer.
  - Washing of food stands and equipment upon initial arrival shall be done at elevated wash area 300 ft west of gate 3 or in designated areas in Lot A.
  - Wash food concession and vendor areas only as necessary to maintain sanitary conditions during the run of the fair.
  - Fix or contain any source of leaking material. (This includes leaking hose that contains potable water.)
  - Do what is necessary to eliminate or at least minimize any dry weather flows of liquid into the storm drain system.
- Chemical Handling and Storage
  - Chemical containers should be covered or sealed at all times.

- Chemical containers need to have a secondary containment. (can be as simple as trash bag lined cardboard box)
- Decrease the number of chemicals and cleaning agents and substitute less toxic materials whenever possible.
- Clean up chemical spills quickly and notify Cal Expo Staff as soon as possible.
- If you bring any chemicals to Cal Expo please remove them when you leave.

## **Evaluations**

The California State Fair always strives to produce a quality, attractive and family oriented event. With this in mind, all booths and stands will be photographed and may be evaluated and/or audited during the Fair. Evaluations are based on the general appearance of the booth, management practices, personnel and compliance with the rules and regulations outlined in this handbook. Please make sure your employees know how important these evaluations are for your future participation at the California State Fairs.

### **Commercial Exhibitor**

Evaluations will be based on the following, but are not limited to:

- Customer service
- Professional display
- Company name and booth number displayed in booth
- Paperwork and payments completed in a timely manner
- Operation confined to assigned space
- Posted notice of exchange/refund policy
- Conduct of exhibitor and personnel
- Appropriate attire of personnel, staff cleanliness
- Noise level of microphone and amplification devices
- Observation of hours of operation
- Sale and display of approved items only
- Use of professional display furniture

### **Concessionaire and certain commercial exhibitor**

Evaluations will be based on the following, but are not limited to:

- Customer service
- Appropriate cash control systems, P.L.U. registers
- Posting of microwave warning sign
- Observation of hours of operation
- Compliance with recycling regulations
- Appropriate attire of personnel, staff cleanliness
- Proper clean-up and disposal of waste products and grease
- Professional menu board posted with prices
- Sampling only of approved products
- Observation and compliance with state and local health and safety codes, and the laws of the federal, state and local governments

## **Exhibit Design and Presentation**

We've established design and presentation parameters that create a festive yet professional atmosphere for our fairgoers. Your adherence to these guidelines is vital to the continued high-quality environment of the California State Fair. Your exhibit design must match the approved application and photographs that you submitted to the California State Fair. We cannot allow you to make any alterations, improvements or permanently affix any personal property to the premises. Under no circumstances are you to paint, remodel or renovate the area without the approval of the California State Fair.

### **Booths**

All in-line and corner booths will be finished with back draping and three-foot side drapes. Side partitions and display materials are not to exceed four feet in height for a distance of five-feet back from the aisle. No part of the exhibit or merchandise shall extend beyond the step-down design or block the view to adjacent displays. Equipment such as carpet, tables and chairs in the booth is the responsibility of the exhibitor and **booth numbers must remain in view at all times.** Seating and tables may be required by any stand that is serving food on dinner plates. No part of your display may extend outside of your contracted space. You may not have any unfinished walls exposed to public view.

### **Exhibit Height**

Indoor back drape height is 8 feet. Outdoor booths must not exceed 12 feet in height. Any part of your exhibit, including signs, may not exceed the height of the back drapes. The only portion of the exhibit that may exceed the height of the back drape (8 feet) must be an actual product that you are selling such as flagpoles, ladders or very tall plants.

### **Rain Rules**

Should there be periods of rain, all outside stands and booths may cover up to protect merchandise. Once the rain stops you will need to immediately remove the covers and re-open for business for the remainder of the day.

### **Screens**

Your booth or stand must have visual screening to hide approved service and storage areas from public view. You must provide your own screens that are designed to look like the booth, food stand or trailer with similar artwork and colors. They must be big enough to completely surround the entire back service and storage area of the booth, stand or trailer. All trailers must have proper skirting around the perimeter to hide the under carriage, wheels or chassis and trailer hitch.

### **Signage**

Large inflatable balloons with your company's name/logo will not be allowed unless authorized in writing by the Fair. **Handmade or other non-professional signs, signs on cardboard or paper and unfinished signs exposed to public view are not allowed.** Unless given written permission prior to Opening Day, the Fair will not permit any sign, banner or plywood cutouts placed over the top of a food stand, trailer, or outdoor exhibit and no signs are to extend over the height of the indoor back drape, which is 8 feet. Absolutely no signage is allowed on the top of your booth or tent/canopy. Signs placed on tents or canopies cannot be any higher than the bottom of the upper-most portion of the tent or canopy. The Fair reserves the right to move, remove or relocate any sign deemed necessary.

### **Sound Devices**

All sound producing devices such as radios, televisions, microphones, stereos and public address systems are subject to the approval of the Fair and will be controlled so they do not interfere with the public or your neighboring exhibitors and concessionaires. All speakers must be in the rear of the booth or stand pointing down towards the ground and the microphone must remain at the level designated by the Fair. If interference exists or persists, the Fair reserves the right to revoke your privilege of using any sound devices at any time. **Bull horns are not allowed.**

### **Tents**

If you are an outdoor vendor you will be required to rent a tent from us. "Pop-up" or "E-Z up" tents are not allowed. For more information contact the Commercial & Concessions Office. No tents, canopies, awnings or umbrellas are allowed in any area of the grounds or, buildings without prior approval of management. Tent structures are not allowed for food service.

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### **Fees and Payments**

#### **Late Fees**

\$100.00 Late Fee is due with contract, payment, or required paperwork which includes forms and acceptable proof of insurance that is received or postmarked after the due date on contract.

**All payments made after July 3, 2020 must to be paid by credit card, cash, money order or cashier's check.**

### **Fire Marshal Regulations**

The State Fire Marshal (SFM) has jurisdiction at the Cal Expo facility. The following guidelines are provided for your convenience, but there are lots more where this came from. For a complete listing of applicable SFM regulations visit the website at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov). **Do not block fire lanes at any time;** this includes load-in and load-out days. Any vehicles left unattended will be towed at owners' expense!

- SFM may enter any portion of any exhibit space or booth on the grounds of Cal Expo at any time for the purpose of inspecting the premises for fire and life-safety.
- No display or exhibit shall be installed or operated that will interfere in any way with access to any exit or with the visibility of any exit sign.
- No display shall block access to firefighting equipment, such as fire extinguisher stations, fire alarm pull station, fire hose cabinets and fire hydrants.
- No display, exhibit, booth or temporary construction shall be built of highly combustible material.
- Any paper or fabric used in displays or exhibits must be fire resistant or treated with an approved fire retardant solution prior to use. All draped, hanging curtains and other decorative material, including Christmas trees, that would tend to increase the fire and panic hazard must be made from nonflammable materials or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition by means of a flame-retardant solution process approved by the SFM. Documentation must be maintained of the flame-retardant product(s) used.
- Electrical equipment and installation will be inspected and approved by a qualified person acceptable to SFM.
- The use and handling of any flammable or combustible liquid will be subject to approval by SFM. Location of such material will be noted.
- Location and use of portable containers of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) or other compressed gas cylinders inside buildings or tents is subject to approval by SFM.
- Cooking performed by a commercial exhibitor may be allowed only in approved locations with approved equipment. Prior approval by SFM is required.
- The use of any type of open flame must be approved by the SFM prior to use.
- Bark dust or like material must be kept moist at all times
- All concession stands must have an approved fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 10-BC. All portable fire extinguishers must be serviced annually by a licensed California Fire Extinguisher company.
- A California licensed company must service all Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems (Hood System) every six (6) months. The company performing the service must be licensed by the California State Fire Marshal's Office and possess an Automatic Systems License or possess a C-16 license issued by the California State Contractors Licensing Board.

The following fire and life-safety requirements shall be applicable for all tents, awnings and fabric-covered enclosures.



Locations and use of items is subject to approval by both the California State Fair and SFM.

- All tents, awnings and other fabric-covered enclosures must be made from a nonflammable material or treated and maintained in an approved flame-retardant condition. Documentation must be maintained with the tent or awning.
- No Canopies are allowed inside the buildings.
- All tents occupied by 11 or more people must bear the seal of the SFM.
- No smoking is allowed in the tent. NO SMOKING signs must be posted.
- No vehicles are to park on a street closer than 20 feet from the tent or within 100 feet of a tent unless it is necessary for the operation of the tent.
- No open flame device will be permitted in any tent or tent structure.

### **First Amendment Expression Guidelines**

If you wish to participate in a public forum and be a part of Cal Expo's "Freedom of Expression Zone", please follow the guidelines <https://calexpo.com/general-information/free-speech/> for complete information related to this process.

### **Forklifts**

If you need a forklift, you will need to make arrangements on your own as the California State Fair does not provide forklift equipment.

### **Future Delivery of Merchandise**

If you intend to take money or the equivalent for goods or services to be delivered at a future date you must post the following notice in a prominent location: "The California Exposition & State Fair does not guarantee future delivery of any item or return of any deposits."

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### **Garbage**

Use bins behind or near concession stands or buildings for your trash. Please break down boxes and stack next to trash bins. Use trash bins instead of barrels; the 55 gallon trash barrels are for public use only. Be aware that the green bins in the garbage compounds are for comingled recycling. These bins are appropriate places for paper, cans, bottles, plastic, and other recyclable materials. If you have other recycling needs feel free to call our recycling specialist at (916) 263-3654

### **Golf Carts and Scooters**

Before you can bring a cart onto the grounds for use on perimeter service roads, you must complete an application at the Commercial & Concessions Office located in the Administration Building. You must affix the golf cart permit to the front of your cart prior to use so that it is easily visible. All non-current permits must be removed or covered. Any cart without a permit may be removed from the grounds and stored at owner's expense. See the 2020 Parking Credential Request Form for the golf cart permit fee. Golf carts are not allowed on the fairgrounds at any time during public hours. You will need to use the perimeter service roads outlined on the Cart Route Map when driving your golf cart and any other vehicles. The Cart Map can be found on our website [www.castatefair.org](http://www.castatefair.org).

To insure a safe fairground for the public and all employees, the following safety guidelines apply to all electric and gas golf carts and scooters:

- Carts are to be driven safely and at a reasonable speed at all times. Please obey all posted speed limits.
- Open alcoholic beverage containers are not allowed on any cart.
- Drivers are not to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Pedestrians always have the right-of-way over carts. Drivers are to be courteous and patient.
- Only licensed drivers listed on the cart application are permitted to drive a cart.
- Carts are never to be driven inside any Cal Expo building.
- All cart users must abide by all instructions from the California State Fair management regarding cart usage on the grounds.

Failure to abide by any of the above rules will result in removal of the cart credential for the remainder of the Fair and may result in a ticket or confiscation of the golf cart. Any cart that is deemed unsafe for any reason by the State Fair must be repaired or removed from the grounds. If the unsafe cart is not removed, it will be impounded by the California State Fair for the duration of the Fair.

### **Government Regulations**

Your exhibit or concession must be conducted in a manner that strictly conforms with all applicable:

- Laws of federal, state and local authorities
- Public safety and fire regulations
- Rules and regulations of state and local authorities, including but not limited to health, copyrights, patents, trade names, and trade marks

You are required to pay all requisite deposits, fees and taxes, including possessory interest tax, which may be levied by the City or County of Sacramento. You must also obtain all licenses applicable to the operation of your exhibit, and are responsible for any other city, county and state permits and licenses required by law. For more information from the City of Sacramento please call 916-264-8500 or visit their website [www.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.cityofsacramento.org). For more information from the County of Sacramento please visit their website [www.co.sacramento.ca.us](http://www.co.sacramento.ca.us).

### **Gratuities (tips/donations)**

If any California State Fair employees or officers ask you for free gifts or services such as money, food, merchandise or free rides, **report it to the Commercial & Concessions Manager immediately**. In return, you should also not offer gratuities of any nature to California State Fair employees or officers. Further, you are not allowed to solicit gratuities, tips or donations from fairgoers. **Any “tip jars” will be confiscated by a California State Fair representative and the contents will be donated to the California State Fair Scholarship Fund.**

### **Grease Bins – Gray Water**

Use grease containers for all cooking oil. If the grease bin is full, find the next closest available grease bin. Do not place grease in cardboard boxes near dumpsites. Do not pour grease into drains. Notify the Commercial & Concessions Office at 916-263-3155 if a grease bin is full. Gray water cannot be dumped in storm drains, flower planters or restrooms. Only dump gray water into sewer drains. Violators may be fined and charged for cleanup.

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### **Health Department**

If you are selling or handing out samples of prepared or pre-packaged food products you must follow all guidelines outlined in this book as well as those set by any governing agencies. For more information on Health Department requirements, see the California Health and Safety Code, [www.emd.saccounty.net/Documents/Info/EH/CalCode/pdf](http://www.emd.saccounty.net/Documents/Info/EH/CalCode/pdf) or Contact the County of Sacramento Environmental Management Department at (916) 875-8440 or [www.emd.saccounty.net](http://www.emd.saccounty.net).

### **Drink Refills**

Please observe the proper procedure for drink refills:

- The customer holds the top and straw, and hands the container to the concessionaire.
- The concessionaire refills the container and hands it back to the customer.

The concessionaire must never use the customer’s container to scoop ice; always use the ice scoop.

### **Food Safety Certification**

Being Food Safety Certified means you or at least one of your employees has taken and passed an approved food safety manager’s certification class and possesses a valid certificate in food safety, this person is responsible for training all staff about food safety practices. Cal Expo/State Fair requires that at least one owner/manager of each food concession have a food safety manager’s certificate from an approved program. If your trained staff member should leave, you have 60 days to certify another staff member. If you sell only pre-packaged food or beverages such as dried fruit, nuts, jerky and bottled or canned beverages you are not required to be certified. Certificates are valid for five years from the date of issuance. Certificates must be renewed prior to expiration and a new copy submitted to the Commercial & Concessions Office.

Certified food safety testing providers:

- California Restaurant Association (800) 794-4272
- National Restaurant Association (800) 765-2122

Additional testing providers can be found at the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department's website at the following link <http://www.emd.saccounty.net/Documents/EMDForms-EH-Food.html>

### **Health Inspection Guidelines**

All food vendors and commercial vendors sampling food must comply with all health codes set forth by the County of Sacramento Environmental Management Department & Health Division. For more detailed information on how to comply with the food safety laws, please inquire with the department at (916) 875-8440 or [www.emd.saccounty.net](http://www.emd.saccounty.net).

Your booth or stand must be staffed at all times and there must be a person of authority, such as an owner or manager, on the premises while the Fair is open to the public. The health guidelines must be followed at all times and will be part of your health inspection. (Bear in mind your first inspection is your own self inspection.) If you receive any major violations during your initial inspection, you may be subject to additional training. Per State Fair rules, if you are closed any length of time for a major/critical violation on Opening Day, regardless of the time closed, you may be subject to no-return rights for future years.

For specific guidelines on Safe Food Handling, please refer to the California State Fair Food Facility Operating Requirements document included in your move-in packet.

### **Re-Inspections**

If your stand receives one or more major violation during your initial Health Department Inspection, your stand may be subject to closure by the State Fair until a re-inspection is made. If you fail to correct the violation upon re-inspection, or are cited for critical violations, you may be closed for the duration of the Fair, your location may be revoked, and your stand may be removed, per State Fair regulations. Critical violations are those which may compromise public health resulting in food-borne illness if not corrected immediately. You will be charged any re-inspection fees by the State Fair during your scheduled Commission payments.

### **Safe Food Handling Fees**

Safe food handling fees are to be paid directly to the California State Fair. We will, in turn, combine all fees and submit them along with one application to the County of Sacramento, Environmental Health Department. This is not a "health permit" fee. Please note that all prepaid vendors must pay this fee, and that veterans' and non-profits' exemptions will not be recognized.

### **Sampling**

If you hand out prepared or pre-packaged food samples you will need to pay the appropriate safe food handling fees as outlined. Food samples are limited to "bite size". Beverage samples are limited to a 2 oz. serving or package. Alcoholic sampling is not allowed. See the California State Fair Food Facility Operating Requirements, included in your move-in packet, for sampling requirements.

### **Self-Inspection**

Once you've set up your booth or stand, you will need to conduct a Self-Inspection using the form found your move-in packet. The form must be posted on the wall of the food stand next to the back door by 8:00 AM on Friday, July 17, 2020. Any deficiencies noted on the form should be corrected prior to the Health Inspection.

The Health Inspection Team will be conducting inspections on Opening Day, so be ready and available! If no one is in your stand or if the self-inspection form is not completed and posted when the inspectors arrive, you may be charged a re-inspection fee. You will receive a Self-Inspection Form in your move-in packet.

### **Hours of Operation**

If the Fair is open for business, then you're open for business. That means being ready for customers when the Fair opens each day and remaining open until the closing times noted below or as long as necessary to serve our fairgoers.

However, there are a few exceptions; some concessionaires will have alternate opening hours:

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| Outdoor stands                     | Open when Fair opens until 10:00 PM or as agreed to by Fair |
| Livestock stands serving breakfast | Open by 7:00 AM   |
| All other stands serving breakfast | Open one hour before Fair opens                             |
| Indoor booths/stands               | Open when Fair opens until building closes                  |

Indoor Exhibitors must close their booth and be out of the Commercial Exhibits buildings A,B,C and D by 10:30 PM.

### **State Fair Hours - subject to change**

Monday - Thursday, 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

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**Insurance**

Prior to your use of the premises, you must furnish the California State Fair with an original insurance certificate that shows general liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000, combined single limit for the full term of the Agreement. Circulators, Simulators and Thrill Rides require \$3,000,000 minimum coverage. If you are sampling or selling consumable products you must also provide product liability with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000, combined single limit for the full term of the Agreement.

The insurance certificate must also provide the following special endorsements exactly as specified. No variation or alteration of the endorsements will be acceptable.

- **The State of California, California Exposition & State Fair, its agents, officers, directors, and employees are included as additional insured insofar as the operations under this contract are concerned.**
- The insurer will not cancel or reduce the insured's coverage without 30 days prior written notice to State.
- The State will not be responsible for premiums or assessments on the policy.

The insurance policy must cover the full term of the Agreement including the set-up and clean-up period, if any. You agree that the liability insurance herein provided will be in effect at all times during the term of the Agreement. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during the term of the Agreement, you agree to provide the California Exposition & State Fair (P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852-1649) a new copy of the insurance certificate evidencing insurance coverage as provided for herein for not less than one year or the remainder of the term of the Agreement. New copies of the insurance certificate are subject to the approval of the California Exposition & State Fair and no activity contemplated by the Agreement shall be performed after the insurance expires and prior to receiving approval. In the unlikely event that you fail to keep the insurance coverage in effect at all times during the term of the Agreement, the California State Fair & Exposition may terminate this Agreement, in addition to any other remedies it may have.

If you need to purchase insurance for the California State Fair, it is available through the Haas & Wilkerson Insurance Company. Please contact the Commercial & Concessions Office at 916-263-3155 for more information and pricing.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance**

Pursuant to section 3700 of the California Labor Code, each concessionaire/commercial exhibitor must have on file and in their assigned space a Certificate of Workers Compensation Insurance or Certificate of Self-Insurance from the Director of Industrial Relations. For more information, contact the Department of Industrial Relations at 916-323-4920 or [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov).

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**Janitorial Services**

The State Fair provides janitorial service for aisles in the buildings and areas used by the public. It is your responsibility to keep your booth or stand clean and clear of debris. You are also responsible for the service, maintenance, landscaping and contracting of your assigned space.

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incurred to remove any items that require special handling. If your site requires cleaning or repairs you will be billed accordingly. You will not be allowed to bring any vehicles onto the grounds until the heavy pedestrian congestion has subsided. Please be aware that this may occur well after midnight on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. As such, we strongly encourage you to be patient and load-out on Monday morning. If your concession is indoors, buildings will open at 8:00 AM. You can use a handcart to dismantle or remove your booth while waiting for vehicles to be allowed on grounds.

### **Lodging**

Cal Expo has partnerships with several area hotels. For a complete listing see the Hotel Accommodations under the General Information header on the [calexpo.com](http://calexpo.com) website.

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### **Maintenance**

You are responsible for the service, maintenance, landscaping and repairing of your contracted space. If you wish to paint, remodel or renovate your area in any way you must get prior written approval from the State Fair.

### **Menus & Pricing**

If your operation requires a menu, it must be easily visible and readable from the front of your stand. Menus must be printed and professional in appearance. **Hand written menus or taped over prices are not allowed.** You must also visibly display any special promotion(s) and Health Department signs required or distributed by the California State Fair. All menus must be submitted with your application. Should you wish to change your menu, all changes must be submitted in writing, be justified and pre-approved by the Commercial & Concessions Manager before you can change your menu. Each menu must include a list of items for sale and their prices, plus the current California State Sales Tax. Soft drinks will comply with standard portions as approved by the Fair. If we determine that any price or portion appears inadequate or unreasonable, you will be advised and given the opportunity to justify the prices and portions, subject to approval. No refills may be given on any item(s) at any time without prior written authorization from the Commercial & Concessions Manager. Only approved refillable containers may be used, such as the State Fair Souvenir Cup. Menus will be reviewed during the Fair and compared to the approved menu. Any discrepancies will be brought to the stand owner's attention for immediate correction.

### **Merchandise**

Because we want all of our exhibitors and concessionaires to have a successful and lucrative fair, you may not give away or sell any items that will create unfair competition for our food vendors, novelty contractors and game vendors. With that said, the following items, including but not limited to, cannot be sold or given away: candy, popcorn, nuts, novelties, balloons, colored postcards or souvenirs, tee shirts, photo buttons, plush animals, badges, canes, whistles, beach balls, small plastic toys, inflatables, patches, bumper stickers, decals, hats, sunglasses and any other item that could create the aforementioned unfair competition. You are not allowed to sell, give away or display any items not specified in your Agreement. It is also very important for us to keep a diverse mix of products in the Fair. Layout changes may result in your number of stands or booths being reduced.

### **Product Exclusivity**

Commercial Exhibitors will not be granted exclusive rights to exhibit, promote, demonstrate and/or sell products or services. Items including but not limited to, balloons (any size), inflatable toys, fidget spinners, and glow-in-the-dark novelty items are covered under the California State Fair's Novelty Agreement as exclusive items for sale by that contractor only. These items may not be sold, used as giveaways or promotions or used as signage or decorations by any commercial exhibitor, sponsor or participant in the California State Fair.

### **Motorized Vehicles**

Any motorized vehicle that is part of your display must be approved by the California State Fair in advance and remain in place during the entire 17-day run of the Fair. If you are exhibiting vehicles powered by internal combustion gasoline engines

inside buildings please follow these guidelines:

- Gasoline must be drained from the tank allowing only enough fuel to enable the vehicle to drive in and out of the building.
- To deter removal, the gas cap must be taped in place.
- A non-combustible drip pan must be placed under the vehicle.
- The battery(s) must be disconnected with the battery terminals taped with electrical tape.
- Vehicles must be available for inspection by the California State Fair management and the State Fire Marshal.

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### **Offensive Items**

We reserve the right to prohibit the sale, rental or display of any item that we reasonably deem objectionable from the standpoint of taste, quality, or compatibility with the California Exposition & State Fair. Please note that we will not exercise this right for the purpose of controlling the economic return or to protect exclusive licensing or similar arrangement between State Fair management and others. Some items that will not be considered for sale, giveaway or rental include, but are not limited to: weapons of any kind, lasers, high-powered water guns, rubber band guns, toy guns, products made from any endangered animals, pornographic or drug-related items, or any items displaying the Confederate flag.

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### **Parking Credentials - See the 2020 Parking Credential Request Form for pricing.**

If you have rented an RV space in Lot 16 you can also purchase a Stock Truck pass and/or a vehicle pass for that lot. Daily and seasonal exhibitor parking credentials are available. These credentials allow parking in all public lots on weekdays and auxiliary lots on the weekends. Any vehicles, including trailers, parked on the Cal Expo facility without appropriate parking credential will be towed at owner's expense. Overnight parking is forbidden in all public lots.

### **Levee Parking Credential**

A Box Office representative must (no exception) measure your vehicle to insure it will fit before a space will be assigned. Once your vehicle is measured the Box Office representative will issue a space number and place the permit sticker in your vehicle. The vehicle that is measured is the only vehicle allowed in your space. If you park in a levee space without the appropriate credential your vehicle will be towed at your expense.

**Please note that there are no refunds or exchanges on any parking credentials.**

### **California Exposition & State Fair Policies**

You must comply with all policies of the California Exposition & State Fair.

### **Power Conservation**

Power conservation is mandatory and Fair staff will be monitoring everyone for compliance. Violators will have their power cords disconnected, so please be sure you follow these guidelines:

- All lights and other non-essential equipment must be turned off when the Fair closes each day.
- Outside lights must remain off until 7:00 PM nightly.
- Only one hot tub or spa will be allowed to be heat water with land power.
- You may be asked to disconnect all miscellaneous electrical appliances such as fans, computers, coffee makers, microwave ovens, television and radios.

### **Premium Space**

The maximum number of indoor commercial space available for rent at the standard rate is one 10x30 or three 10x10's. Any 10x10 space requested above the maximum space is considered premium space. Premium space is sold at the standard 10x10 booth space + \$5,000.00.

### **Propane**

Cal Expo does not provide propane service. If you require propane, you will need to make your own arrangements. Propane lines and piping must be approved by the Fair. All gas lines/pipes must have a valve at the entry to the concession and you must turn off the gas supply at closing time each night. All compressed gas cylinders, full or empty, must be secured to prevent tipping or falling over.

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### **Rain**

In case of rain, all outside stands and booths may cover up to protect merchandise. Once the rain stops you will need to immediately remove the covers and re-open your operation for the remainder of the day.

### **Returned Checks**

If you write a check that is returned for any reason, your check-writing privileges will be lost and an administrative fee of \$25.00 will be charged.

### **RV Accommodation**

The Cal Expo RV Park features private showers, sewer, 30 & 50 amp electrical services and a laundry room. If you stay in the RV Park this does not mean you have access to the fairgrounds, so please be sure you have the proper admission credentials. Shuttles to the grounds run from 6:30 AM until approximately midnight daily. For reservations and rates contact the Cal Expo RV Park at (916) 263-3187 or [rvpark@calexpo.com](mailto:rvpark@calexpo.com). Limited RV spaces are available in Lot 16 for concessionaires. Contact the Commercial Concessions Office at (916) 263-3155 for information and reservations.

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### **Security**

You must not leave your booth or stand unattended at any time during operating hours. You should also cover all valuable items when leaving the building after closing. Roving security guards will be on duty from 10:00 PM until buildings open to the public the following day. Valuable items that are easily portable (such as televisions, radios, and VCR's) should be removed from outdoor booths or properly secured and concealed after closing.

Please note that the California State Fair is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen merchandise. It is a good idea to obtain a temporary insurance policy to cover your displays for the period of the State Fair. Losses or infractions should be reported to the State Fair Police at (916) 263-3050 immediately upon detection.

### **Selection Process**

The following is a list of what is considered when your application is reviewed for placement in the California State Fair.

#### **Commercial Exhibitors / Concessionaires**

- Space availability
- Value to fair guests
- Uniqueness of product – Type of food served
- Appearance of booth/stand
- Prior experience and passing health inspections
- Evaluations (returning applicants only) - Audit Reports (returning applicants only – only if on percentage)
- Paperwork submitted in a timely manner



### **Product Diversity**

The California State Fair strives to present a unique and diverse shopping experience. Although there is some duplication we try to incorporate many new and exciting products for our fair goers. When choosing the product you would like to sell please keep this in mind.

### **Product Exclusivity**

Commercial exhibitors will not be granted exclusive rights to exhibit, promote, demonstrate and/or sell products or services. Items including but not limited to, balloons (any size), inflatable toys and glow-in-the-dark novelty items are covered under the California State Fair's Novelty Agreement as exclusive items for sale by that contractor only. These items may not be sold, used as giveaways or promotions or used as signage or decorations by any commercial exhibitor, sponsor or participant in the Fair.

### **Product List / Menu**

If an agreement is issued, only those items listed on the contract or approved menu may be sold. Any request to add or change product(s) to sell or menu items must be submitted in writing and approved.

### **Product Sales / Restrictions**

Some items that will not be considered for sale/giveaway are, but not limited to: weapons of any kind, lasers, and products made from any endangered animals, pornographic or drug related items, and adhesive stickers of any kind. Management reserves the right to determine whether an item is considered offensive or in poor taste and to prohibit the sale / display of such items.

### **Sewer Connections**

All drain and sewer connections will be done in accordance to the State Fair's policies. All sewer lines have been cleaned and prepared for your connection in advance of your arrival. If your line backs-up we will work with you to assist in the repair. Repeated back-ups may be considered a violation of your Agreement to operate properly and safely.

### **Shipping**

No packages will be accepted by State Fair staff. To be sure your packages get to you all packages must be marked with the following address:

#### **Commercial Exhibitors**

- (Exhibitor's Business Name)
- c/o California State Fair
- Commercial Exhibits
- Building \_\_\_\_\_, Space # \_\_\_\_\_
- 1600 Exposition Boulevard
- Sacramento, CA 95815

#### **Food Concessionaires**

- (Concessionaire's Business Name)
- c/o California State Fair
- Food Concessions
- Stand Name \_\_\_\_\_, Stand # \_\_\_\_\_,
- 1600 Exposition Boulevard
- Sacramento, CA 95815

To send out packages, you will need to make arrangements with an off-grounds shipping provider. A flyer with more shipping information will be included in your move-in packet.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is only permitted in designated areas. The designated areas are located near the following: the north and south entrances to the Livestock Pavilion, south ramp off of the spine (between bldg. A & B Mezzanines), Outside building C (next to show office entrance), near west gate and behind the Administration building. **This rule also applies to Load-In / Load-Out days.**

### **Space Location**

Fixed locations are assigned on an annual basis. Returning commercial exhibitors and concessionaires may submit a written request for a different location. Should space become available, we will be happy to consider your request. Occasionally we need to move an exhibitor or concessionaire to another location; sometimes this can happen during the Fair. Should this need arise you will move, at no cost to the Fair.

### **Storage**

The State Fair does not provide storage, so you will need to make arrangements at your own expense. All excess boxes, cartons, spa covers and/or merchandise must be in an enclosed storage area and out of public view.

**Dead Storage**

Dead storage for equipment not being used during the Fair is available. If you have any vehicles, trailers or hitches not needed during the 17 days of the Fair, they must be stored in dead storage or removed entirely from the grounds. If this equipment is found parked in any other location on the grounds without the appropriate parking credential, it will be towed at the owner’s expense. The California State Fair assumes no liability for stored equipment.

**Trailer/Stand Storage**

Trailer/stand storage may be available prior to move-in in Lot 12A, which is the parking lot next to Gate 12. Please call the Commercial & Concessions Office at (916) 263-3155 to schedule. Before dropping off trailers/stands, check in with the Gate 12 guard and give him your company name, trailer/stand descriptions and unit count being stored. Trailers/stands not checked in with Gate 12 are subject to tow at owner’s expense.

**Sub-Leasing**

Your assigned space is for your sole, exclusive and personal use. As such, you are not allowed to sub-lease or allow any person or business to use your contracted space unless granted written permission by the California State Fair. If the approved sub-lease is doing business under a fictitious name or as a partnership or corporation, one individual of the business must be designated as the responsible party. This individual is the only one who can conduct business, display, give or receive information at your location.

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**Telephone Service**

Feel at home during the Fair with your very own phone line service from AT&T. Orders must be placed no later than two weeks prior to the installation date by calling toll free at (800) 750-2355, Office hours are 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PST), Monday through Friday. For fast service on repair problems, call (800) 332-1321 (24 hours). Please note, it is your responsibility to notify AT&T after the Fair to discontinue your service.

**When you call, please provide the following information:**

- Event name California State Fair
- Facility name and address California Exposition & State Fair 1600 Exposition Blvd. Sacramento, CA. 95815
- Building/Booth Number Building \_\_\_\_\_ / Booth # \_\_\_\_\_
- Service dates Date of connection through date of disconnection
- Billing information Company name, street address, etc.

Please notify the Commercial & Concessions Office of all on-site telephone numbers and cellular numbers for messages and emergencies.

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**Uniforms**

All employees must be tastefully clothed at all times. While uniforms are not mandatory, they are highly recommended.

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**Violations**

If you violate the Agreement, Handbook, California Exposition & State Fair Policies, or any law, regulation, or ordinance, the violation will be considered a material breach of your Agreement.

If you violate any law, regulation, or ordinance or if the violation impacts public safety as determined by State Fair Management, the State Fair may take any or all of the following actions against you:

- Immediately terminate your Agreement.
- Order you to immediately cease operations and vacate the State Fair premises.
- Prohibit you from being an exhibitor in future fairs.
- Impose a fine of up to \$100 to be paid to the State Fair immediately.
- Audit your operations.
- Require you to immediately pay all commission to the State Fair due under your Agreement, if applicable.
- Pursue any other rights or remedies at law and in equity concerning the violations.

For all other violations of the Agreement, Handbook, or California Exposition & State Fair Policies that do not impact public safety or involve a violation of any law, regulation or ordinance, State Fair Management will initially provide a verbal and/or written notice of violation to you and an opportunity to cure the violation within a reasonable amount of time. If you do not cure the violation within the time specified by State Fair Management, you will receive a second notice of violation in writing and will be given a final opportunity to cure the violation within the time frame specified in the second notice of violation. If you do not timely cure the violation as required by the second notice of violation, the State Fair may take any or all of the following actions against you:

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- Pursue any other rights or remedies at law and in equity concerning the violations.

In the event of a termination of the Agreement as a result of any violation, Cal Expo shall be relieved of any further payments, obligations, and/or performances required under the Agreement, and any fees you paid under the Agreement shall not be refunded.

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### **Water**

All concession stands are required to provide free water and cups. While you are under no obligation to provide ice water, no guest should be refused water. Carts and indoor food booths are excluded from this requirement.

### **Water Hoses**

Water hoses must be Food Grade quality and be clearly identifiable as potable water by the County Health Department inspectors. No garden hoses are permitted.

### **Wi-Fi Service**

Cal Expo offers complimentary WiFi service for Commercial & Concessions vendors in buildings A,B,C and D. Bandwidth info, instructions, and terms will be included with your move-in packet. Outdoor locations and extensive service needs will only be available thru AT&T. Orders must be placed no later than two weeks prior to the installation date by calling toll free at (800) 750-2355, Office hours are 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PST), Monday through Friday. Please note, it is your responsibility to notify AT&T after the Fair to discontinue your service.

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| • Billing information       | Company name, street address, etc.   |

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**Will Call Pickup Policy**

If you are permitted to sell any of the following items under your Agreement, you shall not directly provide the item to your customer on the State Fair premises:

- Knives (all knives, including but not limited to, pocket, kitchen, craft, hatchet, and machete).
- Scissors.
- Scalpels.
- Any other item deemed unacceptable to possess on the State Fair premises as determined by State Fair Management.

You may offer to deliver the item to your customer by mail, pick up at State Fair Will Call, or any other means of delivery not on the premises of the State Fair. Will Call pickup is located at the Will Call trailer outside the Main Gate. If your customer chooses to pick up the item at Will Call, you must deliver the item to Will Call with a label on the item with the customer's name. You must also inform the customer that a valid photo ID is required in order to pick up the item at Will Call. California Exposition & State Fair assumes no responsibility for item left at Will Call.