# RULES & REGULATIONS CONTINUED

## Signs

For an island booth, the top of a sign suspended from the exhibit hall ceiling or attached to the exhibit booth must not exceed 20 feet from the exhibit hall floor and cannot block the visibility of ASN signs or other exhibitors' booths. Exhibitors must suspend hanging signs directly over the island booth and not over the aisles. No part of any exhibitor signs may be posted, nailed or otherwise attached to columns, walls, floors or other parts of the building or its furniture.

Ceiling height restrictions apply in the exhibit hall, please refer to the floor plan for specific information.

It is the responsibility of the exhibiting contact person to notify their contractors and agents of all restrictions for hanging signs and lighting.

## Storage

Fire regulations in most exhibit facilities prohibit storing product literature, empty packing containers, or packing materials behind back drapes or under draped tables. However, exhibitors may store a limited supply of literature products appropriately within the booth area so long as these do not impede access to utility services, create a safety problem, or appear unsightly. Accessible storage for exhibitor materials will be available upon request from the official decorator for a fee. Upon request, the official decorator will deliver storage items to the exhibitor's booth.

## **Early Dismantling**

ASN prohibits early dismantling. Exhibits officially close on **Saturday**, **November 4, 2017 at 2:30 p.m**. All exhibitors must staff their booths until that time. Exhibitors who leave before closing will be subject to priority point reduction and possible exclusion from future annual meetings.

## **Cancellation of Exposition**

In the event of cancellation of exhibits due to fire, the elements, strikes, government, regulations, or other causes beyond ASN's control, ASN will not be held liable for failure to hold the exposition as scheduled, and ASN will determine the amount, if any, of the exhibit fees to be refunded.

## Exhibitor Appointed Contractor (EAC)

Exhibitors planning to use a contractor other than the official contractor to supervise the set-up and dismantling of exhibits must notify ASN Exhibit Management in writing by Friday, August 25, 2017. EACs are required to submit an original and valid certificate of insurance that includes commercial general liability, products liability coverage, and broad property damage endorsement with combined and single limits of liability not less than \$1 million per occurrence and a \$2 million aggregate limit. The certificate must also include coverage for workers' compensation and employers' liability in commercially reasonable limits as otherwise required by the laws of the state of New Orleans. The certificate of insurance should name ASN, SPARGO, Inc., the Morial Convention Center and GES as additional insured. Certificates of Insurance must indicate the exhibiting company that they are representing in the description area of the certificate. Certificates will be discarded if this information is not listed.

### Federal and State Regulations U.S. FDA Regulations

#### Exhibitors who have questions regarding drug promotion should contact the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) at 301-443-1544. Each exhibitor is solely responsible for compliance with the FDA rules and regulations.

#### **Americans with Disabilities**

The representatives of each exhibiting company will be responsible for making their exhibit accessible to persons with disabilities as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and shall hold the American Society of Nephrology harmless for any consequences of an exhibitor's failure in this regard.

#### **Fire Regulations**

All materials used in the exhibit area must be flameproof and fire resistant in order to conform to local fire ordinances. Crepe and/or corrugated paper, flameproof or otherwise, are not permitted. All aisles and exhibits must be clear at all items and fire stations and fire extinguisher equipment are not to be covered or obstructed.

### Insurance and Liability Issues

- Exhibitors must acknowledge that neither the American Society of Nephrology, SPARGO, Inc., Global Experience Specialists (GES), nor the Morial Convention Center shall be obligated to maintain property, liability, or business interruption insurance covering the exhibitor. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain such insurance at its own expense.
- Exhibitors with booths that are 400 square feet or larger must submit an original and valid certificate of insurance to Rasheena Wilson at rwilson@asn-online.org by August 25, 2017, which must include: commercial general liability coverage and broad property damage endorsement with combined and single limits of liability not less than \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate limit.
- Commercial general liability shall name ASN as an additional insured and provide a certificate of insurance evidencing the same.
- Exhibitors shall also maintain workers' compensation and employers' liability insurance in commercially reasonable amounts and as otherwise promulgated by state law.
- Exhibitors shall carry commercial automobile insurance, including hired and non-owned liability coverage as well.
- Insurance policy must be in force from the move-in date through the move-out date.

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#### **International Exhibitors**

The FDA requires exhibitors to comply with all current FDA guidelines that pertain to the promotion of prescription drugs that are not commercially available within the U.S., but may be promoted in the exhibit hall for the benefit of non-U.S. participants. Exhibitors should ensure that any depiction of an investigational product in a commercial exhibit remains within the limitations of the host country's governing regulations regarding display of investigational products. Exhibitors that have chosen to promote products to non-U.S. participants should incorporate international areas within their booths that are not accessible to U.S. participants in order to comply with FDA guidelines. Please note that for island booths any walls used to partition off these international areas must include four foot breaks for every 12 feet of solid wall, and walls must not obstruct the attendees' view of the surrounding exhibit area.

#### **Limitations and Liability**

Exhibitors agree to protect, save and keep the American Society of Nephrology, SPARGO, Inc., the occupied hotels, the Morial Convention Center, and Global Experience Specialists (GES) forever harmless from any damage or changes imposed by the exhibitor, its employees, or agents. The exhibitor also agrees to strictly comply with the applicable terms and conditions contained in the agreement between the American Society of Nephrology, the occupied hotels, the Morial Convention Center and GES regarding the exposition premises.

Further, the exhibitor shall at all times protect, indemnify, save and keep harmless the American Society of Nephrology, SPARGO, Inc., Inc. the occupied hotels, the Morial Convention Center, and GES, against and from any and all loss, cost damage, liability, or expense which arises out of, from, or by reason of any act or omission of exhibitor, its employees or agents.

#### **Music Licensing**

ASN does not obtain ASCAP or BMI licensing that will allow the use of copyrighted, recorded music in your booth. Exhibitors interested in playing copyrighted music must obtain the proper licensing from Broadcast Music In. (BMI) at www.bmi.com or the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCSAP) at www.ascap.com.

#### Photography/Video Taping

Only the ASN photographer may take photographs and videotape in the exhibit hall. Details regarding the official photographer will be included in the exhibitor service manual. Press representatives should review the 2017 Press Guidelines for additional information on this policy. Exhibitors may use only the official ASN photographer to photograph their own booths and are prohibited from photographing or streaming other exhibitors' booths, exhibit hall and session rooms. Press guidelines are available at http://www.asn-online.org/education/ kidneyweek.

This prohibition includes photographs taken with cellular phones. Individuals engaging in unauthorized activities will be subject to a loss of priority points and/or immediate removal from the exhibit hall.

#### **Porter Service**

In an effort to maintain a clean and organized exhibit hall, exhibitors who distribute giveaways must order porter service. Porter service includes monitoring the exhibit booth to empty wastebaskets and collecting empty boxes throughout show hours. Empty boxes may not be placed in the exhibit hall aisles, behind or adjacent to columns, or in trashcans in the exhibit hall for removal during show hours. The order form for porter service will be provided in the exhibitor service manual. Standard wastebasket emptying does not include removal of empty boxes. If an exhibitor does not properly handle empty boxes, ASN will remove the boxes at the exhibitor's expense.

#### **Promotional Activities**

ASN recognizes that promotional activities encourage a steady flow of traffic to the exhibit booths. It is imperative that exhibitors display professionalism and consideration for their fellow exhibitors; therefore, interviews, demonstrations, and the distribution of literature or samples must be made within the exhibitor's booth. Canvassing or distributing promotional materials outside the exhibitor's rented booth space is not permitted. Exhibitors may not distribute literature in the convention center, hotels or any public area.

#### Sale of Goods and Services

The sale of goods and services of any kind is prohibited. Order taking is permitted. However, the exhibitor agrees not to deliver any goods and/or services until after the conclusion of the exposition. Furthermore, the exhibitor agrees not to conduct or permit the receipt of legal tender or anything of value for machinery, equipment, goods and/ or services.

## Contests, Lotteries, Raffles and Games of Chance

Contests of any kind are prohibited on the exhibit hall floor at Kidney Week 2017.

#### Food and Beverage

Permission to serve food and beverages must be coordinated with the catering department of the Morial Convention Center. All food and beverages must be purchased through the Morial Convention Center. ASN prohibits the distribution of alcoholic beverages.

#### Security

ASN will provide security protection for the perimeter area of the exhibit hall on a 24-hour basis during the entire exhibit period, including move-in and moveout. Neither ASN, SPARGO, Inc., the Morial Convention Center, nor GES is liable for any of the exhibitors' property. It is recommended that each exhibitor purchase a portal-to-portal rider available on the exhibitor's own insurance policy, as protection against loss, theft, fire, damage, etc.

Please note that while the exhibit hall is closed to the attendees of Kidney Week 2017 during non-show hours, the individuals who participate in poster presentations will be allowed to enter the hall before and after show hours in order to prepare for their poster session.

