



## Rules Governing Exhibition at the Annual Convention of the International Council of Air Shows

- I. Booth selection
  - A. Booths for the following year's ICAS Convention will be assigned based on a seniority system established by ICAS Staff and communicated to members prior to the 2026 ICAS Convention.
    1. Seniority is based on consecutive years of exhibition.
    2. Exhibiting organizations with the same seniority will receive access to the online booth selection process at the same time.
  - B. As part of a convention sponsorship agreement, ICAS may grant preferred booth locations as part of a sponsorship agreement, provided that: At least 50% of "prime" booth locations remain available for selection by senior exhibitors; and the number of booths allocated to the sponsor does not exceed any current limits.
  - C. Show Management reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to change an exhibitor's booth location. If a change is made, reasonable efforts will be made to assign the exhibitor a comparable space.
- II. Booth payment
  - A. Booths selected at the Booth Draw require a 50 percent, non-refundable deposit. Final payment for booths is due no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. Any booths not paid for in full by September 15<sup>th</sup> will be released. Exhibitors selecting booths after the Booth Draw will be required to provide full payment with their booth selection.
  - B. Booth fees are non-refundable.
  - C. Exhibitors wishing to change booths will be assessed an administrative charge of \$50 per change which must be paid at the time the change is made.
  - D. Booth reselling is prohibited. Unwanted booths should be released back to ICAS.
- III. Sharing booths
  - A. Exhibitors may select booths together by combining their seniority years, dividing that number by the number of exhibitors selecting together, and selecting based on the revised year. For example, exhibitors with seniority of 1987, 1994 and 1997 may combine their seniority to select together with the 1993 group.
  - B. Exhibitors planning to combine their seniority to select multiple booths, or those planning to share a single booth at the annual exhibit booth draw session, must submit a written request to ICAS stating their intention to do so not less than two (2) weeks before the Booth Draw.
  - C. Exhibitors sharing a single booth will be assessed a surcharge of \$400; with a maximum of two (2) exhibitors per each booth reserved.
- IV. Qualifying exhibits
  - A. Exhibiting privileges in the ICAS Convention exhibit hall are limited to member organizations that have contracted and paid for booth assignments. No other persons or organizations may be represented or will be permitted to sell services, solicit contributions, distribute advertising materials, or demonstrate products in the exhibit hall. Organizations that choose not to pay for exhibit booths will not be permitted to use the exhibit hall as a venue for promoting their product or service. Non-exhibiting personnel observed soliciting in the exhibit hall will be asked to stop such activities. If these non-exhibiting personnel refuse to stop, they will be asked to leave the hall.
  - B. No exhibit in the show will be permitted in a hotel room/suite or outside the regular jurisdiction of the ICAS exhibit hall. Exhibition materials and displays will be limited to the booth space they have leased for the show.
- V. Booth personnel
  - A. Booth fees do not include Convention registration, or exhibit hall passes for workers. All exhibitors and booth personnel must be registered as delegates for the Convention. Individuals not registered will not be permitted on the exhibit hall floor.
  - B. Each exhibiting organization must have at least one individual representing their organization in their booth space, and that individual must be registered under that organization.
- VI. Decoration and exhibit set-up
  - A. Booths for the ICAS Convention are ten (10) feet deep and ten (10) feet wide.
  - B. Exhibitors must agree to comply with union rules as they apply in the various venues where the ICAS Convention is held. Exhibitors should read exhibitor services materials carefully and/or contact the exhibit services company to fully understand rules and restrictions that apply to the move-in, installation and move-out of their display materials.
  - C. ICAS shall have full discretion and authority in the placing, arrangement and appearance of all items displayed by exhibitors, and may require the replacing, rearrangement or redecorating of any item or of any booth and no liability shall attach to ICAS for costs that may be incurred by exhibitor thereby. Exhibitors building special backgrounds or side dividers must make certain that the surfaces of such dividers are finished in such a manner as not to be unsightly to exhibitors in adjoining booths.
  - D. Exhibitor materials may not extend into or be placed over aisles or other public spaces, nor should they interfere with the displays of neighboring exhibitors.
  - E. All exhibit displays shall be designed and erected in such a manner that they will withstand normal contact and/or vibration caused by neighboring exhibitors, convention delegates, and hall laborers. Displays shall also be able to withstand the moderate wind effects that may occur in the exhibit hall. Exhibitors shall also ensure that any display fixtures such as tables, racks or shelves are designed and installed properly to support the product or materials being displayed on them.
  - F. All electrical services for displays must be arranged at the exhibitor's expense. Generators are not permitted in exhibitor booths.
  - G. No lighting, fixtures, lighting trusses or overhead lighting are allowed outside the boundaries of the exhibit space. The projection of any images and/or lighting must be directed to the inner confines of the exhibit space and shall not project onto other exhibits or aisles. Lighting that spins, rotates, pulsates or other specialized lighting effects shall be in good taste and not interfere with neighboring exhibitors or otherwise detract from the general atmosphere of the event.
  - H. In general, exhibitors may use sound equipment in their booths so long as the noise level does not disrupt. Speakers and other sound devices should be directed to direct sound into the booth rather than into the aisle or into the booths of adjoining exhibitors.
  - I. All exhibitors wishing to serve food and beverages in their booths must ask for and receive prior approval from ICAS and the host hotel not less than two weeks prior to the first day of the convention. Any charges due to service in a booth are the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.

- J. Exhibitors who wish to sell merchandise in the exhibit hall must obtain prior written approval from ICAS. This approval will specify the exact merchandise authorized for sale. Only the items listed in the written authorization may be sold. Exhibitors found selling unauthorized merchandise will be asked to stop immediately. Failure to comply may result in removal from the exhibit hall without refund of booth fees or related expenses. All exhibitors selling merchandise are responsible for complying with applicable state and local tax requirements and must coordinate directly with the appropriate authorities to remit any required taxes.
- K. Regardless of the type or size of a booth on the exhibit floor, display materials shall be arranged in such a manner so as not to obstruct sight lines of neighboring exhibitors.
  - 1. A maximum height of twelve (12) feet for displays is allowed only in the rear half of the booth space (five feet from rear drape). A four (4) foot height restriction is imposed on all materials in the remaining five (5) foot space forward to the aisle. The provided drape is 8' high in the rear of the booth. Displays over 8' high require 12' high drape which may be ordered from Freeman, at the expense of the exhibitor.
  - 2. Exhibitors displaying in endcap space (back to back booths) must abide by the height restrictions of each *individual* booth. Reference K.1.
  - 3. When three or more booths are used in combination, the four (4) foot height limitation is applied only to that exhibit space which is within ten (10) feet of an adjoining booth.
  - 4. Booth displays that do not conform to these restrictions may be submitted to ICAS for consideration of a rule's waiver. Requests for consideration must be submitted no later than September 1, 2026. Any resulting waiver will be conveyed in writing to the exhibitor who must abide by the terms stated therein. Waivers will not be granted on site. Only a written waiver will be acceptable.
- VII. Admittance of exhibitor personnel onto the show floor during non-show hours
  - A. Exhibitors will be permitted in the exhibit hall 30 minutes prior to, and after, each exhibit session. Exhibitors may be admitted to the show floor during non-exhibit hours at the discretion of security personnel contracted by ICAS.
- VIII. Late set-up and early dismantling of exhibit booth
  - A. Because the entire ICAS exhibit floor is a feature of the annual convention that should be available to all convention delegates no matter when they arrive at the convention, exhibitors who set up their booths after the convention begins or dismantle their booths – entirely or partially – prior to the official conclusion of the exhibit portion of the ICAS Convention as publicized prior to each convention shall be penalized as follows:
    - 1. An organization that has selected and paid for booths but does not attend or send representatives to the ICAS Convention will have their seniority revoked.
    - 2. An organization that begins setting up its display during or after the first exhibit session will have two (2) years deducted off its seniority position.
    - 3. An organization that begins setting up its display during the second exhibit session will have four (4) years deducted from its seniority position.
    - 4. An organization that begins setting up its display during or any time after the third exhibit session will have six (6) years deducted from its seniority position.
    - 5. An organization that begins dismantling its display before the conclusion of the last exhibit session will have two (2) years deducted off its seniority position.
- 6. An organization that begins dismantling its display before the conclusion of the next-to-last exhibit session will have four (4) years deducted off its seniority position.
- 7. An organization that begins dismantling its display any time prior to the beginning of the next-to-last exhibit session will have six (6) years deducted from its seniority position.
- 8. Any exhibitor observed dismantling its display before the conclusion of the last exhibit session will be asked to stop by an ICAS representative. If the exhibitor continues to dismantle the booth, that exhibitor will receive a letter from ICAS headquarters within 14 days of the conclusion of that convention notifying the exhibitor of the seniority penalties imposed based on the scale described above.
- IX. Exhibitor Material
  - A. Unless otherwise approved by ICAS, any documents or other promotional materials may only be distributed from an exhibitor booth.
  - B. All promotional materials must contain the exhibitor's name and contact information.
  - C. ICAS reserves the right to refuse or remove any material that is deemed inappropriate or disruptive to the activities and purposes of the exhibit hall.
- X. Local, city and state ordinances
  - A. The exhibitor assumes all responsibility for compliance with local, city and state ordinances and regulations covering fire, safety and health in the city in which the exhibition is being held.
- XI. Resolution of disputes
  - A. In the event of a dispute or disagreement between an exhibitor and an official contractor, or between an exhibitor and a labor union or labor union representative, or between two or more exhibitors, all interpretation of the rules governing the exposition, actions or decisions concerning the dispute or disagreement by ICAS intended to resolve the dispute or disagreement shall be binding on an exhibitor.
  - B. All disputes between and among the Corporation, its members, directors and officers relating to the management of the exhibition shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration in Washington, DC according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. The arbitrator may award attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party in such arbitration.
- XII. No implied endorsement
  - A. The International Council of Air Shows does not endorse any organization, or their products or services.
- XIII. Additions and amendments to these rules
  - A. ICAS may issue additional rules as it deems necessary for the orderly presentation of the exhibit portion of its annual convention. Any rule may be amended at any time by ICAS provided that such amendment shall not substantially diminish the rights or increase the liability of the exhibitor.
- XIV. Agreement to rules
  - A. Exhibitors and their employees, representatives and successors agree to abide by the foregoing rules and by the amendments that may be put into effect by ICAS.