

## FLORIDA STATE FAIR POLICIES

### **1. Prohibited Items on the Fairgrounds**

The following items *shall not be brought* onto on the Fairgrounds unless specifically authorized:

- Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters;
- Unauthorized vehicles;
- Weapons, except for those carried and concealed pursuant to a valid concealed weapons permit, pursuant to Chapter 790, Florida Statutes.
- Fireworks, explosives or explosive devices, and inflammables;
- Alcohol or alcoholic beverages, or any other food or drink;
- Controlled substances;
- Any other object or objects which in the opinion of the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee may affect the safety and well-being of persons attending events on Florida State Fair property; or
- Destructive devices.
- Pets, with the exception of service animals.

Exceptions to the above prohibitions are limited to:

- Law enforcement officials and those carried by persons authorized by law to carry them when carried in a manner authorized by law;
- Alcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverage containers belonging to licensed concessionaires or catering service contracting with the Florida State Fair Authority;
- Prohibited items that have been permitted by the Florida State Fair Authority by virtue of a signed agreement;
- Fireworks in the custody of any group operating or presenting Florida State Fair officially sanctioned fireworks display;
- Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters that are part of a Florida State Fair Authority approved event or display;
- Prescription medications necessary for licensees and contractors to perform their duties, when they possess the authorizing prescriptions; and
- Such prohibited items expressly permitted in writing by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee.

## **2. Remotely Controlled Vehicles and Drone Policy**

The Florida State Fair bans the use of all remotely controlled devices such as drones, aircraft, cars, etc.

- No remotely controlled aircraft or ground vehicle devices are authorized to operate on, above or below the Florida State Fairgrounds at any time without the express written consent of the Florida State Fair and also the proper law enforcement authority.
- This procedure includes, but is not limited, to unmanned aircraft systems, radio controlled model aircraft, other devices that can be operated in airspace and remote controlled cars/ground vehicles (collectively, “Drones”).
- Possession or operation of such remotely controlled aircraft or ground vehicle devices without prior written consent will result in the confiscation of all related materials, removal from the Fairgrounds, and/or a response from law enforcement authority.
- The Florida State Fair will notify the Federal Aviation Administration and/or the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), and/ or any other law enforcement authority deemed necessary of any incidents involving airborne aircraft or any other unauthorized remote controlled ground based vehicles.
- Events requiring the use of any such prohibited items listed above must receive a prior written notification of approval from the Florida State Fair and the proper law enforcement authority. Any and all entities requesting to utilize a remotely controlled device must sign the appropriate documentation prior to bringing any such equipment on to, above or below the Fairgrounds and must comply with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 107, including registration.
- Airborne aircraft or any other unauthorized remote controlled ground based vehicles must be less than 55 pounds, must be operated by a pilot who has passed a written test and is at least 16 years old; can only be flown below 400 feet, during the day, and at least 5 miles away from airports.
- Individuals given approval to operate Drones by the Florida State Fair must provide a picture of the Drone; current physical address/phone number; and a copy of a valid driver’s license.
- This policy shall not apply to licensees of the Fair that are authorized to sell and/or demonstrate Drones within the confines of a building, pursuant to a license agreement with the Florida State Fair Authority.

**3. Any person in compliance with the terms of a valid license granted under Florida law may carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm onto the Florida State Fairgrounds.**

Pursuant to Section 790.06, Florida Statutes, The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is authorized to issue licenses to carry concealed weapons or concealed firearms to qualified persons. The statute defines concealed weapons or concealed firearms as a **handgun, electronic weapon or device, tear gas gun, knife, or billie**, but the term does not include a machine gun as defined in Section 790.001(9). Any person in compliance with the terms of such license may carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm onto the Florida State Fairgrounds. The licensee must carry the license, together with valid identification, at all times in which the licensee is in actual possession of a concealed weapon or firearm and **must display both the license and proper identification** upon demand by a law enforcement officer.

**4. Prohibited Activities.**

Pursuant to Section 616.185, Florida Statutes, entering and remaining upon any grounds or facilities owned, operated, or controlled by the Florida State Fair Authority and committing any act that disrupts the orderly conduct of any authorized activity of the Florida State Fair Authority, or its lessees, licensees, or the general public on those grounds or facilities; or entering and remaining upon any grounds or facilities owned, operated, or controlled by the Florida State Fair Authority that disrupts the orderly conduct of any authorized activity of the Fair Authority, or its lessees, licensees, or the general public on those grounds or facilities; or entering and remaining upon any grounds or facilities owned, operated, or controlled by the Florida State Fair Authority and committing any act that disrupts the orderly conduct of any authorized activity of the Florida State Fair Authority, or its lessees, licensees, or the general public on those grounds or facilities; constitutes trespass. A law enforcement officer may arrest any person on or off the premises, without a warrant, if the officer has probable cause for believing such person has committed the offense of trespass upon the grounds of the Florida State Fair Authority. Such an arrest does not render the law enforcement officer criminally or civilly liable for false arrest, false imprisonment, or unlawful detention.

Any individuals who engage in disruptive activity as described above, while on the Fairgrounds will be asked to leave the Fairgrounds property. They will also be issued trespass notices and may be subject to criminal charges, as well as civil causes of action.

**5. Florida State Fair Security Policy on Non-Admission of Criminal Gang Members**

The Florida State Fair is an annual family event held for the citizens of the State of Florida. Hundreds of thousands of citizens visit the Florida State Fairgrounds during the State Fair each year to see exhibits of Florida's abundant agricultural, industrial, and social achievements. The purpose of this policy is to give notice of

Florida State Fair Authority security policies that ensure the safety, well-being and enjoyment of persons visiting the Florida State Fair.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Deputies, both uniformed and plain clothed, will be on duty at the Florida State Fairgrounds during the Fair. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has been provided written authority by the Florida State Fair Authority to act as its agent during the Fair.

The Florida Legislature has recognized that the State of Florida has a compelling interest in preventing criminal gang activity and has enacted Chapter 874, Florida Statutes, known as the Criminal Gang Prevention Act. The Florida State Fair Authority, as a public body corporate and politic of the State of Florida, has a policy that no criminal gang members be admitted to the Fair.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Deputies will assist Florida State Fair Authority representatives with the identification of known criminal gang members as they enter the Fairgrounds. This will be accomplished through investigators' personal knowledge and experience with individuals and group criminal gang members and corroborated with specific behaviors and actions of known criminal gang members, i.e., wearing gang clothing, flashing gang signs and/or attempting entry with a group (two or more) of known criminal gang members, as described in Chapter 874, Florida Statutes.

Identified criminal gang members (meeting the criteria established above) will be stopped as they attempt to enter the Fairgrounds, advised they are not allowed to attend the Fair, issued a trespass notice and escorted off the property.

The same process will occur if known criminal gang members are identified within the Fairgrounds and meet the standards established above.

Any individuals who engage in criminal gang activity or criminal gang-related activity as described in Chapter 874, Florida Statutes, while on the Fairgrounds will be asked to leave the Fairgrounds property. They will also be issued trespass notices and may be subject to criminal charges, as well as civil causes of action under F.S. § 874.06.

## **6. First Amendment Policy**

It is the policy of the Florida State Fair Authority to allow free speech activity whenever said activity is not inconsistent with the normal operations or activities of the Florida State Fairgrounds. However, due to the unique nature of the activities at the Florida State Fair, there is limited access necessitating creation of First Amendment Activity Zones. The Florida State Fair Authority specifically finds that the building and grounds comprising the Florida State Fairgrounds are generally surrounded by parking areas under the control of the Florida State Fair Authority, which areas become congested with numerous vehicles during the annual State Fair and other events. The Florida State Fair Authority further finds that pedestrian traffic is generally confined to narrow walkways to and from these parking areas to the various gates at Florida State Fairgrounds and the First Amendment Activity Zones are designed to balance the interests by those

engaged in First Amendment Activity with the Florida State Fair Authority's interest in providing reasonable and safe access to the patrons

The implementation of this policy is not meant to concede that the parking lots, walkways, and grounds of the Florida State Fair are public fora. This policy seeks to apply reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions to petitioning, free speech, and other forms of expression under the First Amendment. All persons engaged in First Amendment activities on the Florida State Fairgrounds are expected to comply with this policy.

**Definitions:**

"First Amendment Activities" are defined to mean the "conduct by a speaker which has purpose that is constitutionally protected, including the distribution and dissemination of expressive, non-commercial, material" and "petitioning," which is defined below.

"Petitioning" is defined to mean "any conduct by which a petitioner or petition signature-gatherer obtains signatures for any petition which has been duly filed."

"Commercial activity" is defined to mean "the solicitation of money or other contributions, other than political contributions, or distributing commercial advertising or promotional material or any kind, or offering samples of items which are or will be sold, available for sale, or available in exchange for a donation or contribution, or engaging in any activity for economic gain or motive."

"Locations" or "First Amendment Activity Zones": The terms "Locations" and "First Amendment Activity Zones" as used herein are defined to mean the places which the Florida State Fair Authority, has designated for the exercise of First Amendment activities on Florida State Fairgrounds. The location of the First Amendment Activity Zone for the 2018 Florida State Fair is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit "A".

The Florida State Fair Authority reserves the right to place a sign or signs in the areas adjacent to the designated First Amendment Zone stating that the activities in which the speaker is engaging are not sanctioned, condoned, or endorsed by the Florida State Fair Authority.

Any organization or individuals seeking to engage in First Amendment Activities shall ensure their conduct and the use of any signs, banners, or other devices do not result in injuries to patrons or property; persons engaged in First Amendment Activities shall comply with the following restrictions on time, place and manner:

**Time Restrictions for First Amendment Activities:**

First Amendment activities may occur during the open hours of the Florida State Fair and when the Florida State Fair facilities are licensed to third parties. Because of security, safety, and cost concerns, First Amendment activities are not permitted at any other times.

**On-site Registration:** Organizations or individuals desiring to engage in First Amendment Activities on the Florida State Fair Fairgrounds must register with the Florida State Fair Authority at least 24 hours prior to the planned First Amendment

Activity. The purpose of the Florida State Fair registration is not to censor in any way or review discretionarily the content of the speech involved, but to allow sufficient opportunity for the Florida State Fair Authority to assign space for First Amendment Activities and to provide the participants with copies of the rules governing the use of First Amendment Activities zones. Registration will be granted on a first-come, first serve basis. A request for registration may be made at least 24 hours prior to the planned First Amendment Activity, but not more than 15 days prior to the planned First Amendment Activity at the Florida State Fair. Interested parties should apply at the Administration Offices of the Florida State Fair, 4800 U.S. Highway 301 North. Information to be provided shall include:

- The date and time of the planned event;
- The nature of the planned activity;
- The approximate number of persons proposed to be involved;
- A designated contact person, including a means of communication of said person such as an address, email, or phone number; and

In evaluating the registration, the Florida State Fair Authority will not discriminate on the basis of content of ideas or beliefs. The Florida State Fair Authority may, however, require certain individuals or organization to maintain a reasonable distance from other individuals or organizations, if there is reasonable belief in the minds of the employees of the Florida State Fair Authority that there may be conflict among or between various individuals or groups, or if groups with competing views or incompatible philosophies have requested use of the same general area on the same date and during the same hours.

A registrant may not use, in any manner, fighting words or obscenities. Within the Florida State Fairgrounds, no individual shall participate in loud, rude or unreasonable behavior; disturb the public peace; make threatening comments, actions or gestures towards others; obstruct the use and enjoyment of any facility, area or event; act in a disorderly manner; or participate in any behavior or activity which in the opinion of the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee may affect the safety or well-being of any person attending the Florida State Fair or a Florida State Fair licensed event.

**Manner restrictions for First Amendment Activities (Non-solicitation policy):**

- A participant may not advertise, canvass solicit, or disseminate written materials in any location outside of the admission gates within the entire Fairgrounds, including the parking areas, of the Florida State Fair, except as provided by this rule.
- An individual may register by submitting a registration form prepared by the Florida State Fair Authority. The individual must submit the form to the Florida State Fair Authority at least 24 hours before beginning any advertisement, canvassing or soliciting, or dissemination of written materials but not earlier than 15 days. If the form is submitted on behalf of a person that is not an individual, the registration form shall identify a lead individual and may identify up to nine other individuals who will participate in advertising, canvassing, soliciting or disseminating information. For

registration purposes, only the lead individual is considered registered and approved by the Fair Authority. All other members identified will become registered and approved once they are properly briefed by an authorized designee of the Florida State Fair Authority on the rules for non-solicitation.

- Registration for non-lead individuals can occur before or on the day that the group is scheduled to engage in advertising, canvassing, soliciting and disseminating information.
- Each lead registrant may setup one table. The tabletop must be no longer than six feet. A registrant shall be present at the table at all times. The table may be set up no more than 30 minutes before the Florida State Fair or other event opens its admission gates for the day and must be removed no later than 30 minutes after the Florida State Fair or other event closes for the night.
- A registrant may not use a sound device, including but not limited to a bullhorn or other sound amplifying device that creates sufficient volume to be heard more than 20 feet from the registrant.
- A registrant may not use, in any manner, fighting words or obscenities. Within the Florida State Fairgrounds, no individual shall participate in loud, rude or unreasonable behavior; disturb the public peace; make threatening comments, actions or gestures towards others; obstruct the use and enjoyment of any facility, area or event; act in a disorderly manner; or participate in any behavior or activity which in the opinion of the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee may affect the safety or well-being of any person attending the Florida State Fair or a Florida State Fair licensed event.
- A registrant may not sell or advertise any merchandise or service.
- A registrant may not advertise, solicit, canvass or disseminate information to an individual in or on a motor vehicle or at any location within a parking lot.
- A registrant may not advertise, canvass, solicit or disseminate written materials in any location inside Florida State Fair's admission gates, or in any exhibit space assigned to an exhibitor space by the Florida State Fair Authority. The Florida State Fair Authority assigns commercial exhibit spaces within an exhibit area for a fee. Exhibitors who are assigned a commercial exhibit space are subject to the fees, conditions, rules and other information about exhibiting in a particular Exhibit Area published in the Handbook for each Exhibit Area.
- During events organized by an exhibitor, the exhibitor shall be responsible for regulating the advertising, canvassing, soliciting and disseminating of written materials in locations inside the Florida State Fair's admission gates.

## **7. Service Animals**

During the 12 days of the Florida State Fair, pets are not allowed on the Fairgrounds, with the exception of service animals, as defined in the

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or animals approved as part of an exhibition. Service dogs are those that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

**8. Miscellaneous**

Persons entering the Florida State Fair are subject to having their image and/or likeness reproduced for promotional and/or publicity purposes in Fair, Sponsor or Media photography, video, broadcasts and/or webcasts. Shirts and shoes are required to be worn at all times. Smoking is not allowed in indoor facilities, including e-cigarettes. Persons entering a facility assume all risks incidental to the event.

**9. Resales of Admission Ticket Policy**

While on the Fairgrounds or within 1,500 feet of State Fair property, no person shall offer to resell, resell, or solicit the resale of any ticket for entry to the Fairgrounds or for any event or amusement at the Fairgrounds. Any person engaged in such activities will be directed to cease and desist; and failure to do so may result in removal from Fair property and/or possible arrest.

**10. Security Measures**

Bags, backpacks, purses, and fanny packs are permitted but may be searched upon entry to the Fair. Guests may be subject to manual scanning with the use of a metal detector wand or other similar device. Although we do not anticipate long back-ups due to security measures, please allow a few extra minutes as you enter the Fair.