

Terms and Conditions for the Ropecon 2016 Promotional Stands

The following Terms and Conditions apply to the promotional stands for associations and organizations at the event (Ropecon 2016). All promotional activities must comply with the applicable Finnish laws and regulations as well as with the regulations and instructions given by the police, the fire inspectors, environmental authorities, other public authorities and the event organizers. The official Stand Construction and Safety Guidelines given by the venue (Messukeskus, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre) are applicable where appropriate.

1. Promotional stands

Associations and organizations that wish to promote themselves and their activities during Ropecon 2016 can reserve a promotional stand for that purpose. Promotional stands provide a great opportunity for associations and organizations of all kind to showcase their activities and possible upcoming events directly to the visitors of Ropecon 2016.

2. Reserving a promotional stand

All reservations must be made using the official name of the association or organization and must be made by a representative of the association or organization in question. The association will receive a written notice of confirmation either in paper or electronically after the event organizer has accepted the reservation. The event organizer reserves the right to cancel or refuse the stand reservation. The association is not allowed to sublet or transfer their promotional stand – whether in part or in its entirety – to another association or organization without written permission from the event organizer.

3. Promotional activities

The promotional stands can be used only for promotional activities, such as showcasing the association or organization, their activities and possible upcoming events. Commercial activities are strictly prohibited on the promotional stands with the exception of small-scale sales of promotional merchandise (e.g. badges, buttons and magazines promoting the association), memberships and event tickets. The event organizer reserves the right to remove any products not in compliance with the aforementioned requirements from the promotional stand. The event organizer shall also have the right to remove any promotional items, display equipment, products or services from the promotional stand that may cause a threat or inconvenience to the visitors, staff members or volunteers. The event organizer reserves the right to determine the final placement of the promotional stands during the event.

4. Canceling the reservation

The association or organization shall have the right to cancel their reservation up until two weeks prior to the event for no additional fee. If a reservation is cancelled less than two weeks prior to the event, the event organizer shall be entitled to charge the association or organization full price as stated in the confirmation of reservation. The right to use the promotional stand will be returned to the event organizer if the association or organization cancels their reservation, does not pay the reservation fee in time, or if the association or any of its representatives causes disturbance during the event, or otherwise does not comply with the Terms and Conditions provided in this document.

5. Stand area and furniture

The association or organization is responsible for assembling, decorating and dismantling their promotional stand. The event organizer reserves the right to relocate or remove any display equipment, furnishings or products located outside of the designated promotional stand area that may cause a threat or inconvenience to the visitors, staff members or volunteers. The association is responsible for protecting the table surface from scratches and other markings, e.g. by using a table cloth. The association is responsible for any and all damages caused to the furniture and other equipment provided with the promotional stand area during the event – whether intentional, accidental or caused by disregard. All promotional activities must take place within the designated promotional stand area reserved for the association. Each association or organization can reserve one promotional stand.

6. Products

Ropecon is a politically unaffiliated, non-profit event. The products sold at the promotional stand must not be contrary to the spirit of the event and must comply with the Finnish laws and regulations. It is prohibited to prepare, sell or serve any food or beverages to the visitors at the promotional stand. The event organizer reserves the right to remove or forbid the sale of any products not in compliance with the aforementioned requirements from the promotional stand of the association. The event organizer shall have the right to deny the association or organization access to the event if their products do not meet the aforementioned requirements for products sold at promotional stands.

7. Opening hours

There are no predefined opening hours for the promotional stands. The event organizer will provide the association with the stand area and the furniture, but the event organizer is not responsible for guarding the promotional stand area: the association or organization is responsible for the storage of their equipment and products. It is prohibited to store or place transport crates or other storage equipment, furniture, display equipment or products outside of the designated promotional stand area. The representatives of the association or organization and their actions must not cause disturbance, inconvenience or threat to the other promotional stands, visitors, staff members or volunteers.

8. Advertising

It is strictly prohibited to attach any advertisements or signs using a method that can leave permanent markings or damage to the surfaces or other structures of the venue. The association or organization must consult the event organizer for a suitable attaching method prior to displaying any materials. The association shall only display advertisements or signs within their designated promotional stand area. This also applies to posters, leaflets and flyers. The event organizer reserves the right to remove any advertisements and signs found outside of the designated stand area.

9. Inquiries

On request, the association or organization must provide the event organizer with all the necessary documentation, administrative certificates and other clarifications (e.g. extract from the register of associations) as well as inform the event organizer about any changes in the contact information of the association, organization or their representative without delay.

Upon reservation, the name of the association or organization, the name of the representative, contact details and the content of the reservation will be registered to the database of the event. The association can request to see the information stored about it within the database by sending a written request to the event organizer. The event organizer shall have the right to publish the name of the association or organization and the amount of the reservation fee, as well as submit other information about the association or organization to the authorities upon request.

10. Breaking Terms and Conditions

If the association or organization does not comply with the above mentioned Terms and Conditions, causes public disturbance or does not pay the reservation fee in time, the event organizer reserves the right to deny or terminate the use of the promotional stand either temporarily for a specified time or permanently for the duration of the rest of the event.

11. Changes

The event and the event organizers reserve a right to all changes. The organizers, the police and other authorities shall have the right to change or restrict the promotional activities of the association or organization during the event, either permanently or temporarily. The event and the event organizers are not liable for any additional damages, expenses or the loss of revenue to the association or organization if the designated promotional stand is unavailable for use due to any functional reasons or circumstances outside of the event organizers control (e.g. the weather, a strike, orders from the authorities). The liability of the event and the event organizers is restricted to returning the reservation fee paid for the promotional stand.

The Finnish version of these Terms and Conditions shall take precedence in case of any difference in interpretation.