

Student Involvement Fair Rules and Expectations

Spring 2025

1) Eligibility:

- a) Participating student organizations must have Active or Pending in order to participate in the event.
- b) Organizations or entities who are not pre-registered or otherwise approved to be present at the Fair will be asked to leave.

2) Participation expectations:

- a) In order to participate in the Fair, organizations must meet eligibility standards, be registered for the Fair, be checked-in on the day-of the event, and remain stationed at their assigned table for the duration of the event.
- b) Organizations must be present for the duration of the Fair. Check-in is from 2-3:30 p.m., and the Fair runs from 4-7 p.m. An organization who abandons their table or fails to arrive on time will have the table re-assigned.
- c) Organizations may only advertise at their assigned table. Representatives of the organization may enjoy and walk around the Fair as attendees but may only do outreach and solicit potential members from their assigned table.
- d) No drugs or alcohol are permitted. The Ohio State University is a tobacco-free campus.

3) Display policies:

All materials and displays must abide by the following policies. Approval for special items/ vehicles/ displays may be given on a case-by-case basis.

Approval for special displays will be conveyed via email with the confirmation of table assignment. Email SIFair@osu.edu for questions on special displays.

- a) Per Ohio Union building policy, **no food or drink** may be distributed at the Fair.
- b) No balloons are allowed.
- c) No tents are allowed.
- d) No items may be sold during the Fair
- e) Pets and animals are not permitted in the Ohio Union except for Service or Assistant Animals and Police Dogs on duty
- f) If music is played, it must be confined within the allotted display area and speakers must be provided by the organization. Due to noise level, Fair staff may ask music volume to be lowered/turned off at any time.
- g) Access to power sources will not be provided
- h) Each registered and confirmed organization receives one 6-foot table and two chairs. Additional chairs or tables are not permitted due to space restrictions.
 - i) Organizations cannot change table assignments or locations and cannot physically move their table.
 - j) Display must be within the allotted 6-foot table space.
 - k) All organization display area and activities must take place without restricting or obstructing walkways (no exceptions).

- l) Displays and activities may not directly interfere with another organization's physical space (no exceptions).
- m) Organizations are responsible for completely clearing their table after the event concludes. Items left behind will be thrown away or turned into Lost and Found. Only approved university departments who are participating in both days of the fair are permitted to leave items at their table overnight at their own risk.
- n) Only weapons with an official weapons exemption approval are permitted. Non-approved weapons or any unapproved items resembling weapons of any sort are allowed at the Fair including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i) Guns
 - ii) Knives
 - iii) Swords
 - iv) Fake weapons of any sort
 - v) Water guns
 - vi) Drones

4) Ohio Union Building Policies. All individuals in the building are required to follow the building policies.

- a) Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - i) Placing tape on any property of the Ohio Union is prohibited, including tables.
 - ii) Causing excessive noise
 - iii) Engaging in conduct that unreasonable endangers health or safety
 - iv) Possessing a weapon or other dangerous item or device, including any concealed weapon in violation of the Ohio Revised Code.
 - v) Discarding litter anywhere in the facilities, except in designated trash receptacles
 - vi) Obstructing access to fire exits, elevators or other thoroughfares
 - vii) Panhandling or soliciting money or property for personal gain
 - viii) Skateboarding, roller skating, rollerblading, or cycling, or the use of personal recreational vehicles without consent from the Student Involvement Fair Planning Team
 - ix) Engaging in conduct that violates any university policy, regulation or guideline, or any federal, state, or local law
- b) Bake Sales are not permitted in the Ohio Union
- c) No food or beverages will be permitted to be brought into the Ohio Union by any client for an event without prior written approval from Ohio Union administration.
- d) Pets and animals are not permitted in the Ohio Union except police and service animals; emotional support animals are not permitted in the Ohio Union. Therapy Animals may be approved for specific events and programs through Student Life.

- e) No fires or grills are permitted on outside spaces unless it is approved by Ohio Union staff and OSU Fire Prevention. Candles must be contained within glass containers approved by the State Fire Marshal.
- f) Any additional clean up that the Ohio Union staff must do after the event will result in additional charges.

For more information on Ohio Union's Building Policies, please check out this link:

https://ohiounion.osu.edu/meetings_events/event_service_resources/