

RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Four (4) people per Food Booth and two (2) people per Non-Food Booth shall get FREE admission from the gate fee; everyone else must pay the \$3.00 Gate Admission Fee.**
2. The booth registration fee will be refunded if merchant / vendor notifies Hmong Carolinas, Inc. in writing to cancel the booth on or before 30 days prior to the day of the event.
3. If Merchant / vendor cancel registration within 30 days prior to the day of the event, they will not receive a refund. The registration fee will be refunded **ONLY** if he/she has a new merchant to replace them, otherwise no refund will be made.
4. Merchant / vendor must keep his or her booth space clean.
5. Merchant / vendor must provide their own trash bags for trash.
6. Merchant / vendor selling food and drinks must keep his or her food clean and free of bacterial/poisonous substances.
7. Any merchant who sells food or drinks contaminated with bacteria, poison or dirt to the public will be held solely accountable. Hmong Carolinas, Inc. will not be held accountable or liable for any damages, sickness, death, or hospital treatment bills for any person.
8. **Non-Food booths must deposit a refundable \$50.00 fee for cleanup of the booth space. Trash must be emptied into the trash dumpster. The deposit money will be refunded if the booth space is clean and all trash is in the dumpster and is acceptable by the inspector of HCI on the last day of the event.**
9. **Food booths must deposit a refundable \$200.00 fee for cleanup of the booth space. Trash must be emptied into the trash dumpster. Food vendors are prohibited from dumping oil, rice, charcoal ash, and any other types of trash outside of the fairground fences or on the fairground premises. Oil must be emptied into the grease containers located next to the baseball field. The deposit money will be refunded if booth space is clean and all trash is in the dumpster and is acceptable by the inspector of HCI on Monday (the day after the festival).**
10. For safety reasons, the selling of the following items is prohibited: **Knives, Toy guns, Toy swords, explosives and flammable products, or any other items that can cause injury or bodily harm to a person.**
11. Hmong Carolinas will not be liable or responsible for the lost of properties, damage to merchandise, stolen articles, injures, fire, death, poison, or any other accidents occurring during the event.
12. Hmong Carolinas does not guarantee profit gain for any merchant/vendor during the festival. HCI is not responsible / liable for any loss of profits by any means.
13. Booths cannot be shared between two or more merchant/vendors.
14. Booths are reserved on a first come first serve basis, unless prior arrangements have been made.
15. Hmong Carolinas, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the festival at any time or change the schedule of the festival date or place.

16. Hmong Carolinas, Inc. reserves the right to suspend any merchant / vendor during the day of the event if he/she is found to be in violation of the rules or causes any problems. Registration fee and deposit money will not be refunded in this case.
17. Hmong Carolinas, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any merchant/vendor's application of registration for booth sale.
18. Merchants/vendors are responsible for their own State, Federal, and local taxes.
19. Merchants/vendors are solely responsible for the selling of herbal products / medicines to the public. If and when any customers / the public get sick from the usage of these herbal products / medicines, it is the sole responsibility of the merchants/vendors and not Hmong Carolinas.
20. **Food Booths: Health Department application for permit must be submitted to the Catawba Valley Health Dept. 2 weeks prior to the festival.**
21. Non-Food Tent Size: Individual canopies must have an area no more than 700 square feet. Any canopies that are in excess of 700 square feet must be fire proof. Tents must be open on all sides.
22. Food Booth Tent Size: Individual canopies must have an area no more than 700 square feet. Any canopies that are in excess of 700 square feet must be fire proof. Tents must be open on all sides. Multiple canopies, placed side by side, must have a 20-foot fire break (this applies to the small cooking tents that are set up next to the main tent).

*****PENALTY*****

**If any merchant/vendor is found to be sharing booths, he/she will be charged double.
(NO EXCEPTION)**