

2027 NACDS Annual Meeting Rules and Regulations

SECTION I - REGISTRATION

1. Agreement to Conditions

Each Attendee, on behalf of themselves and their employees, agrees to abide by these conditions. The parties acknowledge that the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (hereinafter called NACDS) retains sole control over the NACDS Annual Meeting. NACDS may from time to time issue or adopt regulations governing hours of the meeting and eligibility for admission, as it deems necessary or appropriate in its discretion.

A. Health & Safety

NACDS reserves the right to modify or limit registration for the Annual Meeting based on guidance from public health officials and NACDS' own judgment regarding health and safety considerations.

2. Eligibility

All Chain and Associate Members in good standing with NACDS are invited to register for and attend the Annual Meeting. No individual or company that is not a NACDS member is permitted to attend the Annual Meeting. Registered attendees may not invite or grant access to any non-registered individual to attend any portion of the Annual Meeting without prior approval from NACDS. Access to "Participants" will be limited to registered members in good standing as of **December 31, 2026**. By registering, attendees consent to having their contact information included in the Annual Meeting participant directory and shared with other registered attendees, NACDS, and authorized third parties acting on behalf of NACDS.

3. Spouse/Partner Registration

Complimentary Spouse/Partner registration is available and includes participation in the NACDS Luncheon and other functions open to all attendees. Spouses/Partners who wish to participate in business meetings and related activities must register as individual attendees and purchase a registration badge.

4. Registration Payment

Payment for the full individual registration fee must accompany each individual registration form. Complete information regarding registration fees is provided on the registration forms. NACDS does not offer invoicing for Annual Meeting registration fees. Registrations received without full payment will not be processed until payment is received.

5. Registration Cancellations & Substitutions

- Individual Cancellations: Cancellation of individual attendees must be made separately and in writing on or before **March 5, 2027**. If NACDS receives written notice of cancellation by **March 5, 2027**, all registration fees paid by the attendee, less a 25% administrative fee, will be refunded. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after **March 5, 2027**. An individual Cancellation Form is provided on the NACDS Annual Meeting website.
- Individual Substitutions: **April 9, 2027**, is the final date by which NACDS must receive the Substitution Form to replace one company representative with another from the same company. NACDS will apply the original registrant's fee to the new registrant. The new registrant is responsible for coordinating any necessary accounting updates or changes within their company to reflect the substitution. An individual Substitution Form is available on the NACDS Annual Meeting website.

SECTION II - STRATEGIC EXCHANGE SPACE

1. Strategic Exchange Space

Business appointments take place in outdoor and indoor spaces including Umbrellas, Bungalows, Gulfstream Rooms, South Mezzanine Rooms, and NACDS Assigned Hotel Suites.

- A. Umbrella Spaces** include a sun umbrella, round table, company sign, and five chairs. Umbrella space holders may not set up displays and/or equipment. A small box of samples and literature are permitted. **Umbrella spaces will be available to the assigned company beginning on Monday, April 19, 2027.** NACDS reserves the right to remove any material in non-compliance.
- B. Indoor Meeting Spaces** include Bungalows, Gulfstream Rooms, South Mezzanine Rooms, and NACDS Assigned Hotel Suites. Indoor Meeting Space holders will be permitted to set up a limited amount of product displays and/or equipment in their assigned indoor meeting space. Removal of drapes, lighting fixtures, furniture or other permanent fixtures and covering existing floors with carpet or other floor coverings will not be permitted.
- **Access to Indoor Meeting Spaces, excluding Bungalows**, will be available to the assigned company beginning **Sunday, April 18, 2027**. **Bungalow** spaces will be available beginning **Monday, April 19, 2027**. Specific access times will be provided in the member company's space confirmation letter. NACDS reserves the right to remove any materials not in compliance.
 - **NACDS Assigned Hotel Suites** – All items delivered to hotel suites must fit on a bellman cart. Items requiring more than a bellman cart to transport will not be permitted. A maximum of eight (8) chairs will be allowed per suite. Removal of drapes, lighting fixtures, furniture or other permanent fixtures and covering existing floors with carpet or other floor coverings will not be permitted.

2. Meeting Space Contracting and Payments

Companies purchasing meeting space (Indoor Meeting Spaces, NACDS Assigned Hotel Suites, Bungalows, and Umbrellas) for the NACDS Annual Meeting must comply with the following schedule and payment requirements:

- All Strategic Exchange meeting space contracts received on or before **November 15, 2026**, require a 50% deposit at the time of submission. The remaining balance is due by **January 29, 2027**.
- Contracts received on **November 16, 2026** and thereafter require 100% payment at the time of submission.

Failure to comply with the Meeting Space contract agreement and payment schedule will result in cancellation and forfeiture of the Meeting Space.

3. Strategic Exchange Space Cancellation

If full payment is not received by **November 15, 2026**, NACDS reserves the right to cancel the space agreement, and resell the space.

Should a Member Company be unable to occupy and use the contracted space, it must notify NACDS in writing on or before **January 29, 2027**. All meeting space fees paid, less a 25% administrative fee per space, will be refunded provided NACDS receives written notification of cancellation on or before **January 29, 2027**. No refund of any fees will be issued if notice of cancellation is not received, or if received after **January 29, 2027**.

4. Assignment of Strategic Exchange Space

Classification of Strategic Exchange Space, and other meeting spaces, as well as assignment of all space, shall be determined by NACDS. Once a space has been assigned by NACDS, no company will be relocated unless NACDS deems such a change necessary. An assigned space is for the exclusive use of the assigned company and may not be shared with an unrelated company. NACDS reserves the right to revoke or reassign any assigned space if a company violates this section or any other rule or regulation contained herein.

5. Strategic Exchange and Function Space Set-up Personnel and Outside Third Parties

- Must be fully registered for the conference unless otherwise approved by NACDS.
- Must wear a NACDS provided Name Badge and may not share badges.
- Must maintain their appearance and conduct themselves in accordance with the high standards of the meeting.
- Are subject to all 2027 NACDS Annual Meeting Rules and Regulations.

6. Strategic Exchange Set-up and Dismantle

No space will be available for set-up prior to the date and time specified in the assigned company's space confirmation letter. All areas outside of the meeting space must be kept clean and clear during set-up and dismantle. No boxes, crates, pallets, or trash, may be left outside of the meeting space.

Move-out may not begin, and outbound shipments may not be scheduled before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2027.

7. Shipping

NACDS is not responsible for the tracking, delivery, or handling of shipped materials and assumes no liability for lost, delayed, damaged, or misdirected shipments. Materials shipped in advance must be sent directly to the hotel and clearly labeled with the conference name, participating company name, name of the individual who will retrieve the materials, and the assigned meeting space number.

- **The Breakers will begin accepting advance shipments on Monday, April 12, 2027. Shipments arriving prior to April 12, 2027, will not be accepted by the hotel.**
- **All advance shipments must be coordinated directly with the hotel contact assigned to the Member Company's meeting space.**

SECTION III – GENERAL

1. Protection of the Facility

Nothing shall be posted, tacked, nailed, screwed, or otherwise attached to columns, walls, floors, or other parts of the hotel without permission of NACDS and the proper building authority.

2. Security

NACDS is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property. NACDS strongly suggests that all items of value be secured and insured.

3. Conflicting Meeting and Social Events

In the interest of the success of the entire conference, attendees agree not to extend invitations, call meetings, or otherwise encourage absence of members or other attendees from the hotel during official NACDS activities, events, and programming.

4. Product Samples

Product sample distribution is limited to Member Companies within their Strategic Exchange Space and to Annual Meeting Sponsors with NACDS approved hotel room drops or designated functions. NACDS retains the authority, in its sole discretion, to refuse, restrict, or limit distribution of any products to ensure compliance with facility regulations and event requirements. Failure to comply with these rules may result in confiscation of products and removal from the premises of the applicable attendee(s).

5. Default Occupancy

Any company failing to occupy contracted space is not relieved of the obligation to pay for such space at the full purchase price.

6. NACDS Recording and Livestreaming Policy

To protect the intellectual property of presenters and allow for the open exchange of ideas, Annual Meeting attendees are strictly prohibited from photographing, recording or livestreaming any session, speaker, or presentation without explicit, written permission from NACDS and the presenter. This prohibition includes arranging for others to make such recordings.

- Attendees are permitted to photograph themselves and others in common spaces for personal use.
- As used in this policy, “recording” refers to the use of any device to film, tape or otherwise take, in any format or medium, audio, video or visual images of another individual, including, without restriction, in-person or via phone, videoconference, or social media platform. “Attendees” includes all individuals who are present at Annual Meeting, including bystanders, participants and presenters.
- By attending the Annual Meeting, you grant NACDS the right to capture photographs, film, and video recordings of you. You acknowledge that these images and recordings may be used for educational, promotional, or other lawful purposes in print, digital, or broadcast media, without compensation.

7. Cancellation or Relocation of Conference

In the event of cancellation or relocation of any conference, due to circumstances within NACDS’ direct control, NACDS’ liability shall be limited solely to a refund of fees paid to NACDS. In the event cancellation or relocation occurs due to circumstances beyond NACDS’ control, NACDS shall have no liability of any kind arising from such cancellation or relocation.

8. NACDS’ Right to Remove the Company’s Property

NACDS reserves the right to remove from the conference or hotel any or all property of a company, should the conference be canceled or relocated, or should the company violate any of the conditions of this agreement. This right may be exercised without prior notice and without hearing.

9. Violations of the Conditions

Any of the following actions by an attendee shall constitute violation of the conditions of this agreement:

- Failure to follow the procedures prescribed in these Rules & Regulations.
- Failure to remove company’s property from the hotel upon cancellation or relocation of the conference or convention.

10. Liability

- NACDS undertakes no duty to exercise care and assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of the Member Company, or its officers, directors, employees, agents, or representatives, or for any property of the Member Company or its representatives used in connection with the conference. NACDS shall not be liable for any loss, theft, damage, or destruction of such property arising from fire, accident, or any other cause. Small and easily portable items should be secured or removed outside of Strategic Exchange appointment hours and placed in safekeeping by the Member Company. Any security measures undertaken by NACDS shall be deemed voluntary and gratuitous and shall not create any liability for loss or inconvenience.
- The Member Company agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless NACDS and its agents from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) arising out of or related to the activities of the Member Company or its representatives, or the property or materials brought to or used at the conference.
- NACDS shall not be liable for any failure to provide meeting space to a Member Company, or for loss of allotted space, where the Member Company has contracted for such space, if such failure is due to fire, natural disaster or other force majeure event, acts of a public enemy, strikes, governmental authority, or any other cause beyond NACDS’ reasonable control. In the event NACDS is unable to hold the conference for any of the foregoing reasons, NACDS shall refund to the Member Company a pro-rata portion of any rental fees paid, less any reasonable and documented expenses incurred by NACDS for advertising, administration, and other related costs.

11. Remedies

In the event the Member Company violates any of the conditions of this agreement, NACDS reserves the right to invoke either or both of the following remedies, which shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other rights or remedies granted under this agreement or available under general contract law:

- NACDS may order the Member Company to remove its materials and personnel or have them removed at the Member Company's expense. In these circumstances, no part of the Member Company's fees will be returned.
- NACDS may refuse thereafter to enter into any agreement with the same or related Signatory/Member Company to lease space at future conferences or conventions sponsored by NACDS.
- Member Company forfeits all payments made to NACDS.