

Pyrotechnics Guild International
Convention Site Requirements

Note that only the PGI Board of Directors may obligate the Guild in contractual agreements. The following information neither constitutes PGI official policy nor obligates the Guild. It serves merely as a general outline and guide. Venues interested in bidding for a PGI convention are advised to work closely and proactively with the PGI Board and its designated representatives.

The venue should have:

- Available schedule to host a fireworks convention beginning the first (preferred) or second week of August.
 - The PGI will need to have general access to the site five days prior to the start of the convention, unrestricted access to specific firing area three days prior, and unrestricted use of the entire site during the convention week and two days after the end of the convention (a Friday) to allow for set up, a rain date, and tear down. Specific modifications in the mutual interests of the site and the Guild may, upon occasion, be negotiated.
 - The PGI convention (unless otherwise negotiated) will start on the first Saturday in August that follows the first Friday in August and will last for seven nights plus a rain date.
- Rocket area fallout zone of at least 1000 ft. (1500 ft. is preferred) in a radius from the launch line.
- B-line and competition areas that have fallout zones of at least 1200 ft. radius preferred (B-line and Competition line fallout zones can overlap).
- Locations next to residential housing are not ideal, neither are animal facilities (i.e. vet facilities or horse farms, horse race tracks, or fair grounds while animals are present).
- On site camping facility of at least 200 sites, with hookups and services preferred.
- Grandstands for fireworks viewing and revenue generation via ticket sales. Minimum 7,500 seats should be available. The Guild typically uses 500 grandstand seats and a ground seating area which can accommodate at least 1,500 folding lawn chairs. Providing grandstand seating and ground seating area for the Guild members is the responsibility of the host venue.
- Adequate buildings for seminars, staff facilities (fire-medical headquarters, safety headquarters), seminars, art shows, vending, and other uses, meeting places, etc. The PGI business meetings, which are held on site, require a building that can accommodate seating for at least 300 people.
- Parking spaces: 1,000 for the PGI and up to ten thousand for the public (based on public seating capacity).
- Site configuration suitable to allow physical separation of member-only access areas for all functions (and at all times) and public access for fireworks display viewing.

- A traffic management plan to preclude large traffic jams that impede PGI member access and egress.

The city/surrounding area should have:

- Local political support for hosting the convention.
- Traffic management plans as noted above.
- Public safety cooperation with event staff at no extra fee.
- Minimum of 800 hotel rooms, that can be blocked for PGI member use, within fifteen minutes of the site, ideally at rates between \$70.00 and \$110.00 per night.
- Additional campgrounds within fifteen minutes of the site.
- A site where our banquet, which can accommodate up to 400 attendees.
- An airport convenient to the site.
- Regulatory support for hosting a fireworks convention. All necessary permits, permissions, exemptions, waivers, legal opinions, and conditions needed for the full and complete operation of all PGI convention activities must be obtained, in writing, by the local host and sponsoring organization. Should the potential site meet the minimum infrastructure requirements, a regulatory review will be required prior to final site approval. Specifically, the following are regulatory requirements to host a PGI convention:
 - Consumer fireworks (Class C/UN0336/1.4G) must be able to be sold by member vendors to PGI members. No sale to the general public is permitted or required.
 - Our temporary magazines and their placement must be approved by the local ATF office.
 - Manufacturing of fireworks within the licenses held by the PGI must be permitted and may not be constrained by state or local ordinance.
 - The AHJ must sign off on modifications to NFPA code 1123 and 1124 requirements necessary for the PGI to hold the convention.
 - A 1:00 AM curfew for fireworks discharge must be honored and must be permitted.

If you feel your site has the necessary area, infrastructure, and regulatory support to host a PGI Convention, please send an introductory email to board@pgi.org.