

# PGI

## Class C Rules



## Professional Fireworks Vending

Vending of fireworks, explosives or materials that require ATF license or permits to purchase is not allowed. This includes professional display shells, black powder, and similar items.

The delivery of ATF regulated fireworks and explosives must be in compliance with all ATF, DOT, Federal, state, and local laws and comply with the PGI safety guidelines. All commercial carries of explosives must register with Safety upon arrival at the PGI Convention site.

## Class C Vending General Information

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## Policy

- 1) All vendors should request a registration form from the Class C Vendor Chairman (email preferred). Register by returning the registration form and payment. No vendor shall unload product until all forms and payment are submitted to the Vendor Chairman or his designated agent. No registrations will be accepted by phone. The deadline for registration is July 8, 2022. On-site registrations will be charged an additional fee equal to 50% of the total registration.
- 2) Vending space will be rented in 10 by 12-15 feet (10'X12' to 15') spaces. The charge for 8-foot tables may vary in proportion to the costs to the Guild at each differing Convention location. Fees shall be established by the Board in consultation with the Vendor committee, no later than December 31 prior to registration. No one vendor may rent more than 20% of available space. Spaces will be assigned on a first come – first served basis and may sellout prior to the deadline.

The following items should be submitted:

- Registration form,
- Check for vendor fees,
- Check for Cleaning Deposit,
- Certificate of Insurance,
- Contracts and Indemnification Form,
- FFFF Hospitality participation form.

- 3) All members, 18 years or older, in good standing as of June 1, are eligible to vend.
- 4) All vendors must be PGI members as of June 1st and registered for the PGI Convention and wear Convention badges. All vendor helpers shall be issued a special badge that permits them to enter the site and work in the Class C Vending area. All vendors must submit a list of their helpers to the Class C Chairman so proper badges can be provided. The helper badges are only valid during vending hours and those possessing them are only permitted in the Class C vending area during those hours. These helpers will be listed under a valid vendor's membership and convention registration.
- 5) Before the vending begins each day, only vendors and helpers with vendor badges shall be allowed in the sales area. The vending area will open for setup at least an hour prior to vending.
- 6) All sales will be conducted inside the designated building or area. Absolutely no sales will be allowed outside designated areas. Overnight storage will be allowed in the designated vendors parking area. All fireworks-containing vehicles shall be registered in advance with the Class C Vending chairman and with the Fire/Medical team to facilitate HazMat management. All cargo units shall be identified with responsible party's name on the **front left corner**, unless already clearly identified with company name.
- 7) Sales are limited to adult members of the PGI (18 years or older) or minors with a responsible adult member (parent, guardian, or responsible person designated by parent or guardian). Customers **MUST** visibly display a Convention badge. It is the Vendor's responsibility to make sure that customers have valid PGI credentials.
- 8) In addition to presenting PGI credentials, customers may be asked for proof of age to ensure the purchaser is 18 or older. Fireworks awards shall not be given to youth with the Kid's Class certificates, unless a parent is present.
- 9) Sales maybe shut down at any time by the safety Chair, vending Chair, fire &-medical Chair, security Chair or Board member if necessary for the safety or the best interest of the Guild. Anyone causing a safety hazard or rules violation may be evicted from the sales area without reimbursement or notice. Sales may be resumed only upon clearance by the Safety Chair or the Board.
- 10) No packs or bundles of firecrackers with counterfeit or bogus labels may be sold in the vendor area unless the vendor prominently represents them as counterfeit.
- 11) All consumer fireworks must comply with CPSC regulations found at 16 C.F.R. Sec's. 1500, 1502 and 1507. (e.g., proper warning labels, ground reports of less than 50 mg, aerial reports of less than 130 mg, 3 to 8 second burning visco fuse igniters adequate bases, etc.)
- 12) Vendors must have product liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00. A copy of the certificate must accompany, or quickly follow, your registration. The Pyrotechnics Guild International, Inc. (PGI) must be named as an additional insured. If insurance is provided by a supplier, only product from that supplier

may be displayed or sold. See separate guidelines for the certificate of insurance.  
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- 13) All PGI fireworks safety rules must be adhered to, including NO SMOKING within 50 feet of the vending building or 50 feet from any entrance.
- 14) Security may be available at the vending area. However, the PGI and its officials cannot be held responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items. Vendors accept total risk in vending at PGI.
- 15) No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed in the vending area. The use of bull horns to gain competitive advantage or carnival-style hawking (over-calling) shall be prohibited in and around the sales area. Auctioning of product stock will only be permitted with the approval of the Board of Directors and the Class C Vending Chair.
- 16) Each vendor will be responsible for cleanup and or damage to their area. Boxes and trash must be taken to the proper designated area. A \$75.00 cleanup deposit fee is required and will be returned after the convention if your area is cleaned. This must be verified by the Class C Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer or another Board member. Unless otherwise directed, all refuse boxes shall be broken down, and placed in the dumpster. Tables and chairs shall be stacked in the manner and location found and in the same condition as delivered by the table and chair vendor.
- 17) The indemnification form and contract attached MUST be signed and returned by all vendors.
- 18) It is the Policy of the PGI that all members are in compliance with all Local, State, and Federal Laws regarding the handling, storage, transfer, or use of any and all Pyrotechnic Materials regulated by law. Members who willfully and intentionally violate these Laws governing the Handling, Storage, Transportation (transfer) or Use of these Pyrotechnic Materials, may, at the discretion of the Board, have their membership suspended or terminated or be subject to any other remedy deemed appropriate by the Board. All vendors need to comply with applicable DOT rules in transporting product to Convention. A vendor with flagrant violations will not be allowed to vend. Flagrant violations may include, but are not limited to: failure to properly placard, driver with no HazMat CDL, no HazMat insurance, product not in shipping cartons, etc.
- 19) Per directive from Safety, the following items MAY NOT be sold in the Consumer (Class C) Fireworks vending area(s), these items can be sold in the Supply vending area per their rules;
  - Stars
  - Comets
  - Quick match
  - Black match
  - Sticky match
  - Black Powder
  - Any 1.3G item
  - Bulk Reloadable Shells

- E-match (Electric Match)
  - Salutes or firecrackers that exceed the current CPSC rules.
  - Thunder King, Sammy shots, and any other similar items that have a salute that exceeds the current CPSC rules.
- 20) Any vendor or member who sells any of the above listed items in the Class C sales area, or sells them outside of supply vending to members not holding an ATF license, may be asked to leave the Convention and is, as well, subject to additional actions or penalties as decided by the Board. If any item is in question, the vendor shall provide a sample to a chairman or safety team official for testing. The decision of the safety team and/or the Board of Directors shall be final.
- 21) Bulk reloadable shells [Fireworks 1.4G UN0336 (1.75" or less)] may be transported to Convention, but MAY NOT be sold in bulk to members not holding an ATF license. All reloadable shells must be sold in kits or packages that meet CPSC regulatory requirements. The kit must be enclosed in a box, package, or bag with an appropriate warning label and include a suitable mortar tube(s) designed to fire the shells. No bulk shells shall be stored, displayed, or offered for sale in the Class C sales area(s).
- 22) Upon advice of legal counsel, Articles Pyrotechnic, UN04321 and UN0432 product can be sold in the Class C vending area. They must be properly labeled, and such items may only be sold to those individuals 18 years of age and older.