

# **WCA2026 Terms and Conditions**

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## **1. General Provisions**

These Terms and Conditions apply to the handling of Exhibition, Meeting Rooms, Hospitality Suites, and Industry Sessions at WCA2026, as well as to contracts for related services provided by the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA).

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## **2. Official Contractors and Venue Regulations**

To ensure safety and compliance with venue rules, WCA2026 will appoint official contractors for all installations (e.g. electricity, rigging points, communications) and ancillary services. No external contractors may perform this work without prior written approval from the Organisers and the venue.

No nails, screws, oil, paint or other materials may damage venue surfaces. Exhibitors are liable for the repair of any such damage.

All setup and dismantling activities must be completed within the official timeframes noted in the Exhibition Manual.

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## **3. Waste Disposal**

Booth fees do not include waste removal. Exhibitors are responsible for:

- Disposing of all packaging and construction materials during build-up and breakdown.
- Using only the designated aisle bins for minor waste (paper, plastic).
- Arranging advance disposal of larger items (e.g. pallets, wood, furniture).

Items left behind will be removed at the exhibitor's expense, with a penalty of USD 150/m<sup>2</sup> plus personnel charges.

WCA2026 encourages sustainable practices. Waste generation should be minimised in accordance with recycling principles.

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## **4. Cranes and Stacker Trucks**

Only official freight forwarders appointed by WCA2026 may use cranes or stacker trucks on-site. Exceptions require prior written approval and may be subject to fees. WCA2026 is not liable for any damage resulting from freight handling.

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## 5. Assignment of Space and Industry Opportunities

WCA2026 Partners will receive priority access to booth, session, and sponsorship options until **5 September 2025**.

After this date, allocations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. While every effort will be made to accommodate preferences, the Organisers reserve the right to reassign or adjust space as needed. This includes the right to add, exchange, or remove stands if required.

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## 6. Exhibition and Booth Conduct

Exhibition stands may showcase company-related and product-related information. Activities unrelated to medical practice are not permitted under international medical device and pharmaceutical codes.

Exhibitors must:

- Remain within allocated floor space.
- Avoid obstructing neighbouring stands or aisles.
- Keep demonstrations within their booth boundaries.
- Ensure all materials comply with safety regulations and present a fireproof certificate when required.

Flammable gases (e.g. propane, butane) are strictly prohibited.

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## 7. Empty Packaging

Storage of empty packaging (boxes, crates, wrapping) inside or near the booth is prohibited for fire safety reasons. Off-site storage may be arranged through **Kristal Logistics**.

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## 8. Raw Space Booths – Construction Guidelines

- **Maximum height:** 3.5 metres (approval required).
- **No rigging permitted.**
- **Walls and visible structures** must be professionally finished in white.
- Any element between 1.2m–3.0m in height may not exceed 50% of a booth side unless special permission is granted.

**Booth types:**

- **Standard, Corner, Peninsula:** Must include separation walls up to 2.5m, well finished on both sides.

- **Island:** At least 50% of each open side must remain accessible. No full-height walls may block entire sides.

WCA2026 reserves the right to require changes to any non-compliant booth structures.

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## **9. Booth Design Approval**

Raw space exhibitors must submit plans for approval, including:

- Scaled top-view and side-view drawings
  - A 3D rendering or photo of the design
  - Full layout details including power, heights, signage, moving parts, etc.
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## **10. Taxes and Duties**

All taxes and duties associated with participation are the sole responsibility of the exhibiting company.

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## **11. Damage Liability**

Exhibitors are liable for any damage caused to venue infrastructure by their staff, contractors, or stand activities. Repairs will be invoiced.

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## **12. Emergency Exits and Safety**

All emergency exits, escape routes, hydrants, and fire service areas must remain clear at all times. Items obstructing aisles or exits will be removed at the owner's risk and expense.

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## **13. Sound and Promotional Activity**

Activities generating sound must remain within the booth and not disturb neighbouring stands. PA systems, music, or microphones must be directed inward and kept at low volume.

The Organisers reserve the right to stop any disruptive or inappropriate activity.

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## **14. Sustainability Policy**

WCA2026 is a paperless congress. There is no printed programme. Printed handouts are discouraged and may only be distributed at your booth.

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## **15. Use of Congress Branding**

Use of the WCA2026 logo is restricted to official congress materials. It may appear on invitations for approved industry sessions. Prior permission must be obtained by contacting Susan de Bièvre at [susan.debievre@wfsahq.org](mailto:susan.debievre@wfsahq.org).

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## **16. Industry Sessions**

Industry sessions may only take place at the congress centre and include AV and standard setup. Programmes must be submitted for approval to the Scientific Committee.

Contact: [susan.debievre@wfsahq.org](mailto:susan.debievre@wfsahq.org).

Speakers are not entitled to complimentary registration, travel, or accommodation.

**No unofficial sessions may be held elsewhere in Marrakesh during congress hours.**

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## **17. Badge Scanning and Data Privacy**

Delegate badge scanning implies consent to share their name, institution, and email. All parties must comply with applicable data protection laws, including GDPR (EU 2016/679).

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## **18. Security**

WCA2026 provides general security but is not liable for loss, damage, or theft of items on stands. Exhibitors may arrange private stand security at their expense.

During build-up and breakdown, only accredited badge holders may access the halls.

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## **19. Insurance and Liability**

The Organisers and venue are not liable for personal injuries or loss/damage to property before, during, or after the event.

Exhibitors are responsible for securing their own property and are strongly advised to take out adequate insurance.

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## **20. Booking Platform and Orders**

All bookings must be made through the official online platform. Items remain editable in your shopping cart until checkout.

Bookings are binding once submitted. Only fully paid items will be delivered.

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## **21. Payment Terms**

- Prices are listed excluding 20% Moroccan VAT.
  - 100% pre-payment is required for confirmation.
  - Additional services ordered onsite must be paid immediately.
  - Payments must be made in US\$ by bank transfer. All bank charges are borne by the payer. Reference the invoice number in all transactions.
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## **22. Cancellation Policy**

### **Exhibition Booths / Space:**

- Cancellation until 12 January 2026: 50% fee
- Cancellation after 12 January 2026: 100% fee

### **Advertising / Sponsorship:**

- Same cancellation deadlines and penalties apply

All cancellations must be submitted in writing.

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## **23. Cancellation of the Congress**

If WCA2026 is cancelled due to force majeure (e.g. natural disaster, political unrest, public health emergency), the Organisers are not liable for refunds or compensation.

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## **24. Limitation of Liability**

Claims for compensation are only valid in cases of gross negligence on the part of the Organisers or their agents.

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## **25. Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

This agreement is governed by US law. All disputes fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of US courts.

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## **26. Severability Clause**

If any clause is deemed invalid, it will be replaced with one of equivalent intent and legality. No changes to these Terms & Conditions shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties.