

Event Policies & Waivers

The School Nutrition Association's (SNA) Annual National Conference (ANC) and Exhibit Hall are open only to professionals (current or retired) working in school nutrition programs in the K-12 school foodservice segment, industry representatives serving that segment, and professionals administering child nutrition programs at the state and federal level. Registration is required for admittance. No one under the age of 16 is permitted on the exhibit hall floor at any time. SNA reserves the right to exclude any unauthorized persons and persons whose conduct is inappropriate or interferes with any ANC activity from the conference facilities, meeting rooms and Exhibit Hall.

SNA is committed to enabling access to all meeting activities, including dietary restrictions, to the extent reasonably possible and as required by law. To discuss or notify SNA about your access needs, please email meetings@schoolnutrition.org no later than May 31, 2023.

Food Samples:

Participation in SNA's 2023 ANC may give rise to occasional instances of loss or injury. Except as may result from the deliberate actions of the Association, SNA does not and cannot assume any liability for adverse reactions to food, beverages, physical conditions, products, machinery, or other individuals one may encounter while visiting the Exhibit Hall and participating in ANC-related activities. Please inform the exhibiting company and/or SNA staff if you have any dietary allergies or restrictions. They will make every reasonable effort to identify ingredients that may cause allergic reactions for those individuals with known food allergies or affect restricted diets.

However, because of the number of different ingredients and menu items made available throughout the Exhibit Hall and at various ANC activities, and the individual nature of allergic reactions, it cannot be guaranteed that every allergen or restricted dietary ingredient in foods or beverages available for consumption will be identified and labeled. Consumers who are concerned with food allergies or dietary restrictions must be aware of this risk and attendance at ANC constitutes an agreement to waive and release any claims against SNA, its employees, members, and representatives arising from allergic conditions or dietary restrictions.

Photography/Videography:

Attendance at ANC constitutes an agreement by the registrant for SNA to take and use photos, video, and audio tapes in public spaces during the conference and related events. SNA may make photographs, videos, or recordings of ANC events, which may include the likeness or participation of attendees, and reproduce them in future educational, news or promotional materials, whether in print, electronic or other media, including the SNA website and its social media channels. Attendance at ANC constitutes a waiver and release any claims against SNA and its employees, members, and representatives, as well as granting SNA permission to make, use, and distribute such items, without payment or compensation.

To best meet the photography requests of Exhibitors, Attendees and Press, SNA has developed policies to maintain a professional and educational conference environment:

- <u>Authorized Press:</u> Working members of the press are required to check in at the Press Room, receive an authorized press badge and be escorted by a SNA staff person to photograph and/or videotape at ANC. Exhibitors who do not want the press to photograph or videotape their booth should inform the Press Room staff onsite, and place visible signage in their booth space.
- <u>No Photography or Video capture in Educational Sessions:</u> SNA hires a professional photographer(s) to capture the excitement of the Annual National Conference (ANC) educational sessions, Exhibit Hall, and other activities. Due to the distraction of the speakers, we request that you do not take personal photographs during educational sessions. All SNA Attendees submit a photography waiver as part of the registration process, which gives permission to SNA (and all other media) to use their likeness.
- Photography/Videography on Expo Floor: We encourage SNA Exhibitors and Attendees alike to share in the excitement of the event, and in doing so, allow pictures to be taken in the Expo Hall. SNA asks that Exhibitors who wish to take pictures do so in their booth only. If you are participating in traffic building games for Attendees that will be posted on social media channels, please have signage visible to Attendees in your booth stating how and where these pictures are to be posted. In turn, we request Attendees to ask permission of Exhibitors before taking photos/videos of their booth, unless there is a sign denoting otherwise. If an Exhibitor requests someone to refrain from taking pictures, and that person continues to do so, Show Management should be notified immediately. We ask that everyone uphold a professional and respectful environment when taking photographs and posting to social media. All Exhibitors must adhere to the SNA Social Media policies. If you have any questions related to SNA's photography and social media policies, please contact the Marketing, Communication & Industry Relations Center at servicecenter@schoolnutrition.org for details and restrictions.

Waiver, Assumption of Risk & Release:

The School Nutrition Association cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 or any other communicable disease while attending ANC. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you, as an exhibitor, chooses to exhibit at and attend ANC you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19 or another communicable disease. We the exhibitor, have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19 and communicable disease. We the exhibitor, hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself and/or my agents and employees to exhibit at and attend ANC. These services are of such value to me that we accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 or other communicable disease to exhibit at and attend ANC. We hereby forever release and waive my right to sue SNA, Show Management and its owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 or other communicable disease related attendance at ANC. I understand that this waiver means we give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim we may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen, or unforeseen.

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