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The following guidelines govern general convention registration and attendance at the 2023 TDA Meeting at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Attendees agree to these policies by registering for or attending the 2023 TDA Meeting. Please visit our website, tdameeting.com for updates.

SMOKING/VAPING POLICY

Smoking and vaping is NOT permitted in any portion of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, CE classrooms or exhibit hall. In addition, the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel and Grand Hyatt Hotel are non-smoking facilities.

NON-SOLICITATION POLICY

With the exception of exhibitors operating within their designated booth space, no attendee may solicit business on the exhibit floor or in any of the CE classrooms. Violation of this policy will result in immediate expulsion from the meeting.

CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

The Texas Dental Association (TDA) reserves the right to use any photography/video taken at any courses or events during the 2023 TDA Meeting without permission of those persons depicted within the photography/video. The TDA may use the photography/video in publications or other media including, but not limited to: brochures, invitations, postcards, social media, and websites. Attendee's names will not be published without written permission.

RECORDING POLICY

Any unauthorized audio recording or video recording of CE programs is strictly prohibited. Individual presenters may prohibit the taking of photographs of their presentation slides.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WITH CHILDREN

Children under the age of 18 must be registered and accompanied by an adult at all times while at the TDA Meeting (registration is free for children under 18).

No children under the age of 18 will be allowed in lectures or workshops.

For the safety of your child and those visiting the Exhibit Hall, the TDA recommends that baby strollers should not be used in the Exhibit Hall. If you do use a stroller, you do so at your own risk. Neither TDA nor the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center will be responsible for accidents that occur due to the use of strollers.

NURSING MOTHER'S ROOM

A dedicated private room for Nursing Mothers is available in these locations:

- East Wing – Room 1212 (lobby corridor between Halls 3 & 4)
- West Wing – Room 2137 (next to Room 215 in Parkview)

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

We expect all participants at the conference (contractors, vendors, exhibitors, venue staff, members, and all attendees) to:

- Abide by this policy in all venues, including ancillary events and official and unofficial social events;
- Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions;
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech;
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants;
- Alert leadership if you notice a dangerous situation, someone in distress, or violations of this Anti-Harassment Policy, even if they seem inconsequential.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

Unacceptable Behaviors Include:

- Intimidating, harassing, abusive, discriminatory, derogatory, or demeaning speech or actions by any participant at the conference and all related events and in one-on-one communications carried out in the context of the conference (event venues may be shared with members of the public; please be respectful to all patrons of these locations);
- Harmful or prejudicial verbal or written comments or visual images related to gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, disability, age, appearance, or other personal characteristics;
- Inappropriate use of nudity and/or sexual images in public places (including presentation slides);
- Deliberate intimidation, stalking, or following;
- Harassing photography or recording;
- Sustained disruption of talks or other events;
- Unwelcome and uninvited attention or contact;
- Physical assault (including unwelcome touch or groping);
- Real or implied threat of physical harm;
- Real or implied threat of professional or financial damage or harm.

Exhibits in the expo hall, sponsor or vendor booths, or similar activities are also subject to the Anti-Harassment Policy.

- Exhibitors should not use sexualized images, activities, or other material. Booth staff (including volunteers) should not use sexualized clothing, uniforms, or costumes, or otherwise create a sexualized environment.
- Be careful in the words that you choose. Remember that sexist, racist, and other exclusionary jokes can be offensive to those around you. Excessive swearing and offensive jokes are not appropriate for the conference.