

Sponsored Visitor Policy

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The Board, **being** desirous of **enabling** Members to invite and sponsor children over the age of 18, other relatives, personal friends, and other visitors to enter **and participate in** Regional and National Convention Marts and Auctions without requiring them to join the NAWCC as a condition of entry, **herewith establish the Sponsored Visitor Policy.**

Summary

This policy will permit entry of non-members to NAWCC Regional and National Convention Marts and Auctions **as Sponsored Visitors**, who fall in the following categories:

- Children over the age of 18 and other relatives of a Member.
- Personal friends of Members
- Other Sponsored Visitors such as visiting business acquaintances.

Entry of such visitors **will** be permitted only when individually sponsored by a **current or renewing** Member, and upon payment of specified fees. **Persons joining NAWCC at the event are not eligible to invite others as visitors.** Sponsored Visitors **will** have access to the Marts and Auctions and be permitted to **participate in all respects** but not to be table holders. Sponsored Visitors will be eligible to join NAWCC at the meeting, with any fees paid to National at that meeting credited toward their membership fee. No credit will be allowed if they join at a later date.

No limit will be placed on the number of times any Sponsored Visitor may attend a Regional or National Convention, provided the necessary fees are paid for each and every visit. However, all Sponsored Visitors will be subject to the NAWCC Membership Code of Conduct and Ethics, and the sponsoring Member will be held personally responsible for their conduct.

Policy Application and Conditions

This policy will apply to all Regional and National Conventions. Implementation within the balance of calendar year 2006 will be at the option of each Convention Committee, after January 1, 2007 it will be utilized by all Regional and National Conventions.

The following conditions apply to the implementation of this policy.

- Sponsored Visitors must be invited and sponsored by a current **or renewing** NAWCC Member. **New Members joining at an event are not eligible to invite others.**
- Sponsored Visitors will be required to show proof of identity, fill out a registration form for entry, and be provided with **identification** showing they are a guest.
- **Pre-registration of Sponsored Visitors is permitted, provided the appropriate fees are collected and other conditions of this policy followed regarding identification.**
- Sponsored Visitors will be subject to the NAWCC Membership Code of Conduct and Ethics. The sponsoring NAWCC Member will be responsible for their conduct.
- **The Board will establish a** fee for each Sponsored Visitor **that will** be required to be collected

on entry to a Regional or National Convention, and this fee accounted for and remitted to National. **The initial fee will be \$35.**

- All Regional and National Conventions will be free to determine if there should be an additional registration charge and its value **for entry to the event.**
- Sponsored Visitors that join NAWCC while at the **event** will receive credit for their \$35 entry fee toward the \$65 new Member joining fee. No credit will be provided if he/she joins later.
- No limit will be placed on the number of times any Sponsored Visitor may attend a Regional or National Convention, provided the necessary fees are paid for each and every visit.
- Individual tracking of Sponsored Visitors will not be required by National, however any Regional may track them if desired. National will only ask for attendance statistics at each **event** to include the physical numbers so the progress of the **policy may be followed.**

AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SPONSORED VISITOR POLICY

ARTICLE XV Membership

Section 5. Meetings

(c) Regional and National Convention Marts and Auctions (*Amended April 30, 2005*)

Participation in any Mart and/or Auction activity occurring at Regional and National Conventions shall be **governed by the following:**

- 1) ~~between~~ Members, including Immediate Family who qualify for such privileges, ~~and only~~ ~~Members and qualified immediate family~~ shall be **permitted to be** present at such activities **on payment of appropriate fees established by each Convention, if any.**
- 2) **Sponsored Visitors, to include extended family, friends, and other non-members individually sponsored by Members, shall be permitted to be present at such activities and participate in all respects except to be tableholders, on payment of a fee to be set by the Board, plus other fees as established by each Convention if any, all as defined in the Sponsored Visitors Policy approved by the Board to be included in the Operations Manual and incorporated by reference in these Standing Rules. Sponsored visitors joining NAWCC at an event may apply the Board established fee to the cost of their membership.**