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**Special Event Liability Insurance**

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## SPECIAL EVENT LIABILITY INSURANCE

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### **Section 1: Agreement**

We will provide insurance described in this policy, subject to all policy terms and conditions, in return for your payment of the premium and compliance with all policy provisions. You have only those coverages for which limits are shown on the **declarations page**.

### **Section 2: Policy Period**

This policy applies to **incidents** on the date specified for the **event** described on the **declarations page** and to **accidents** occurring during **set up and break down**.

### **Section 3: Definitions**

Throughout this policy, most words and phrases that have special meanings appear in bold. Only the pronouns “we”, “us”, “our”, “you”, “your”, and “yours” are defined, but do not appear in bold. This section defines some of the more general terms used in this policy.

“You”, “your” and **named insured(s)** means the individual, business, or organization and the **honoree** named in the **declarations page**.

“We”, “us” and “our” means the company providing the insurance and named in the **declarations page**.

**Accident** means an unexpected and unintended event, including continuous or repeated exposure to substantially the same general conditions that causes **bodily injury** or **property damage** and which arises out of the **event**.

**Bodily injury** means injury, sickness, disease or death of a person.

**Declarations page** is the document that identifies the **named insured** and the company issuing the policy. It indicates the effective date of coverage, the amount for the respective coverages afforded under the policy, and describes the **event** for which coverage is afforded. The **declarations page** also lists the policy forms and endorsements that are also a part of this policy, as well as indicating any deductible to be applied to covered losses. The **declarations page** also indicates an election of the hosting facility liability coverage option, if applicable, and in such event identifies the **hosting facility insured**.

**Event** means the private reception and accompanying ceremony, if any, described on the **declarations page**. **Event** includes **set up and break down** and any rehearsal or rehearsal dinner scheduled within 48 hours in advance of the **event** if the **event** is a wedding.

**Honoree** means the person or persons named in the **declarations page** as **honoree**, and in whose honor or for whose benefit the **event** is being held.

**Incident** is an **accident**, or an event, including a series of related offenses giving rise to an actual or alleged **personal injury** committed at the **event** location.

**Insured contract** means a contract or lease of facilities or premises, fixtures, improvements or contents, for use at, or as, the location of the **event**.

**Organizational Insured** means the following:

1. Sole owner, partners, or managers, and their spouses, of the organization named in the **declarations page**, but only with respect to the conduct of the business named in the **declarations page**.
2. The executive officers and directors of the organization named in the **declarations page**, but only with respect to the conduct of the business named in the **declarations page**.
3. **Volunteer workers**, but only while performing duties related to the business named in the **declarations page**; or your employees, but only for acts within the scope of their employment by you while performing duties related to the conduct of your business.

**Personal injury** means injury other than **bodily injury** that arises out of any of the following acts:

1. False arrest, false detention, or false imprisonment;
2. Malicious prosecution;
3. Wrongful entry or wrongful eviction;
4. Defamation, libel or slander; or
5. Invasion of privacy.

**Pollutants** means any solid, liquid, gaseous, or thermal irritant or contaminant, including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals and waste. Waste includes materials to be recycled, reconditioned, or reclaimed.

**Policy Territory** means the United States and its territories and possessions, Puerto Rico, Canada and cruise ships leaving from a port within these territories.

**Property damage** means physical damage to or destruction of tangible property. It includes loss of use.

**Set up and break down** means decoration and removal of decoration at the **event**

location that occurs no more than 24 hours prior to the **event** and 24 hours after the **event**.

**Volunteer worker** means a person who is not your employee, and who donates his or her work or service and acts at the direction of and within the scope of duties determined by you, and is not paid a fee, salary or other compensation by you or anyone else for their work or service performed for you.

#### **Section 4: What We Insure**

##### **1. Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury**

We will pay damages, including prejudgment interest, due to an **incident** for which you or an **organizational insured** is legally liable because of **bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury** arising out the **event**. We will defend any such suit seeking those damages, even if the allegations are false or groundless, with legal counsel of our choice. We may investigate any reported **incident** and may settle any claim for these damages as we think appropriate. We are not obligated to pay any claim or judgment, or defend any suit, if we have already exhausted the limit of liability set forth in the **declarations page** by paying judgments or settlements; or tendered to the court of jurisdiction the limit of liability set forth in the **declarations page**.

##### **2. Additional Payments**

In addition to the limit of liability for this coverage we will also pay:

- a. All costs we incur in the settlement of any claim or defense of any suit;
- b. Interest on damages awarded in any suit we defend accruing after judgment is entered and before we have paid, offered to pay, or deposited in court that portion of the judgment which is not more than our limit of liability;

- c. Premiums on appeal bonds and attachment bonds required in any suit we defend. We will not pay the premium for attachment bonds for an amount above our limit of liability. We have no obligation to apply for this type of bond;
- d. Loss of earnings of up to \$100 a day when we ask you or an **organizational insured** to attend trials or hearings; and
- e. Other reasonable expenses incurred at our request.

**Section 5: Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury Exclusions**

We do not cover:

1. **Expected or Intended Injury**

**Bodily injury** or **property damage** caused by the intentional act, or at the direction, of anyone seeking coverage under this policy even if the **bodily injury**, or **property damage** is different from, or greater than, that which is expected or intended.

2. **Motor Vehicles, Motorized Vehicles, Aircraft or Watercraft**

**Bodily injury** or **property damage** arising out of the use, ownership, maintenance, or entrustment of any motor vehicle, motorized vehicle, aircraft or watercraft. Use includes loading or unloading. Motor vehicle or motorized vehicle includes any attached trailer.

This exclusion does not apply to negligence that originates at the **event** and arises independently of the use, ownership, maintenance, or entrustment of any motor vehicle, motorized vehicle, aircraft or watercraft. However, we do not cover **bodily injury** or **property damage** that arises out of any imposed vicarious liability, the failure to supervise, or the negligent supervision, of any person, by you or an **organizational insured** in connection with any motor vehicle, motorized vehicle, aircraft or watercraft.

3. **Other Premises**

**Bodily injury, property damage** or **personal injury** occurring away from the premises or place shown in the **declarations page**. However, **bodily injury** occurring away from the premises or place shown in the **declarations page**, but arising from the negligent conduct of the **named insured** or **organizational insured** at the premises or place shown in the **Declarations Page** for which they are liable, and not otherwise excluded, is covered.

4. **Other Than On the Event Date**

**Bodily injury**, or **property damage** occurring on any date other than the date shown as the **event** date on the **declarations page**, unless occurring during **set up and break down**. **Personal injury** occurring on any date other than the date shown as the **event** date in the **declarations page**. For the purpose of this exclusion, if the **event** continues past 12:00 a.m., at the location named on the **declarations page**, such continuation shall be considered as the **event** date.

5. **Commercial Liquor Liability**

**Bodily injury** or **property damage** for which anyone may be held liable by reason of:

- a. Causing or contributing to the intoxication of any person;
- b. Furnishing alcoholic beverages to a person under the legal drinking age or under the influence of alcohol; or
- c. Violation of any law or regulation relating to the sale, distribution or use of alcoholic beverages.

However, part a. of this exclusion applies only if the person or entity seeking coverage is in the business of manufacturing, distributing, selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages.

## 6. Punitive or Exemplary Damages

We cannot be made to pay punitive or exemplary damages, fines or penalties.

## 7. Workers Compensation and Similar Laws

Any obligation of any person under any Workers Compensation, disability benefits, occupational injury or unemployment compensation or similar law.

## 8. Employer's Liability

Any **named insured** or **organizational insured** against **bodily injury** or **personal injury** to:

- a. any employee whose injury arises out of and in the course of their employment by you or an **organizational insured**; or
- b. The spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that employee as a consequence of paragraph a. above.

This exclusion applies:

- a. Whether you or the **organizational insured** may be liable as an employer or in any other capacity; and
- b. To any obligation to share damages with or repay another entity that must pay damages because of the **injuries incurred**

## 9. Property in Care, Custody or Control

**Property damage** to property owned by, loaned to, rented to, or in the care, custody or control of you or any **organizational insured**. But this exclusion does not prevent coverage for liability for **property damage**, if otherwise covered, to the premises, fixtures or contents which a **named insured** or **organizational insured** rents or hires for use at, or as the location of, the **event**.

## 10. Contract or Bailment Liability

Damages for which any person seeking

coverage under this policy is obligated to pay by reason of assumption of liability in a contract or agreement or by bailment. However this exclusion does not eliminate coverage for **property damages**:

- a. That any person seeking coverage under this policy would have in the absence of the contract, bailment or agreement, and which are otherwise covered under this policy; or
- b. Assumed by a **named insured** in a contract or agreement that is an **insured contract**.

## 11. Bodily Injury or Personal Injury;

- a. To a **named insured**;
- b. To your partners or managers; a co-employee while in the course of his or her employment or performing duties related to the conduct of your business, or **volunteer workers** while performing duties related to the conduct of your business, if such **bodily injury** or **personal injury** is caused by a co-employee or another **volunteer worker**;
- c. To the spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of an employee injured as a consequence of paragraph b. above;
- d. For which there is any obligation to share damages with or repay another entity that must pay damages because of an injury described in paragraph b. or c. above;
- e. Arising out of the transmission of a communicable disease by you or an **organizational insured**; or
- f. Arising out of actual or threatened sexual abuse or molestation, corporal punishment, or physical or mental abuse.

## 12. Material Published With Knowledge of Falsity

**Personal injury** arising out of oral or written publication of material, if done by or at the direction of anyone seeking coverage with knowledge of its falsity.

### 13. Material Published Prior to Event Date

**Personal injury** arising out of oral or written publication of material whose first publication took place before the date of the **event** shown in the **declarations page**.

### 14. Criminal Acts

**Personal injury** arising out of a criminal act committed by or at the direction of anyone seeking coverage.

### 15. Breach of Contract

**Personal injury** arising out of a breach of contract.

### 16. Electronic Chatrooms or Bulletin Boards

**Personal injury** arising out of the use of an electronic chatroom or bulletin board.

### 17. Professional Services

**Bodily injury, property damage or personal injury** arising out of the rendering or failing to render professional services.

### 18. Pyrotechnics, Fireworks, and Laser Light Shows

**Bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury** arising out of the preparation or presentation of a pyrotechnic show, firework display, or laser light production.

### 19. Act or Omission of Provider

**Bodily injury, property damage or personal injury** arising out of the acts or omissions of any provider of goods or services in conjunction with the **event**, whether or not a paid contractor or vendor.

### 20. Pollution

**Bodily injury, property damage or personal injury** arising out of the presence of or the actual, alleged or threatened release, discharge, escape, dispersal, seepage or migration of **pollutants**. This exclusion does not apply to **bodily injury, property damage or personal injury** caused by heat, smoke or fumes from a hostile fire. As used in this exclusion a hostile fire is one which is unintended, breaks out from where it was intended to be, or becomes uncontrollable.

### 21. Pollution Expense

Any loss, cost or expense arising out of any governmental direction or request that you or any **organizational insured** test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralize **pollutants**.

## Section 6: Limits of Liability

1. The limits of liability shown in the **declarations page**, and the following provisions, establish the most we will pay regardless of the number of:
  - a. **Named insureds or organizational insureds**;
  - b. Claims made or suits brought;
  - c. **Hosting facility insureds**, if any;
  - d. Persons injured; or
  - e. Items of property damaged.
2. The general aggregate limit is the most we will pay for all damages to which this insurance applies regardless of the number of **incidents** occurring within the scope of this policy.
3. The each occurrence limit is the most we will pay for the total sum of all **bodily injuries, property damage or personal injuries** arising out of any one **incident**.

## **Section 7: Duties in the Event of Loss or Damage**

In the event of an **incident** you (or someone acting for you) must inform us, or our authorized representative, as soon as reasonably practicable. The notice must give:

1. The time, place and other facts; and
2. The names and addresses of all involved persons and witnesses.

In addition to providing us with notice, anyone claiming coverage under this policy must:

1. Cooperate with and assist us in any manner concerning a claim or suit;
2. Cooperate with us to enforce any right of contribution or indemnity from any person or organization who may have liability arising out of the **incident**;
3. Promptly send to us any legal papers received relating to any suit or claim; and
4. Submit to examinations by us, under oath, as we may reasonably require.

## **Section 8: Other Insurance**

The insurance we provide in this policy is primary.

## **Section 9: General Conditions**

**Conformity to State Law.** When any policy provision is in conflict with the applicable law of the state in which this policy is issued, the law of the state will apply.

**Declarations.** By accepting this policy you agree that:

1. The statements on the application for this policy are your own;
2. This policy is issued in reliance upon the truth of those representations; and
3. This policy form, the **declarations page** and any endorsements listed on the **declarations page** include all agreements existing between you and us.

**False or Fraudulent Acts.** Any fraud, intentional misstatement or concealment in the application, or in making of a claim or otherwise howsoever, shall render this

insurance void, and all claims hereunder shall be forfeited. Submitting, or knowingly aiding or abetting another in presenting a claim under this policy will also render the insurance void and payment will be denied.

**Assignment.** This policy may not be assigned in whole or in part without our consent.

**Change or Waiver of Policy Provisions.** If we make a change that broadens coverage under this edition of our policy without additional premium charge, the policy will automatically provide the broadened coverage when effective in your state. However, changes implemented through introduction of a subsequent edition of our policy forms will not be automatically provided. A waiver or any other change of a provision of this policy must be in writing by us to be valid.

**Our Right to Recover from Others.** After we have made payment under this policy, we have the right to recover the payment from anyone who may be held responsible. You and anyone we indemnify must sign any papers and do whatever else is necessary to transfer this right to us. You and anyone we indemnify must do nothing to affect our rights.

**Suit Against Us.** No action will be brought unless there has been compliance with the policy provisions and the action is started within one (1) year after the alleged loss.

**Non-Cancellation.** This insurance cannot be cancelled except for non-payment of premium. In the event of non-payment of premium, we may cancel this insurance upon fifteen (15) days written notice to you by certified or registered mail at the mailing address shown in the **declarations page**.

**Currency.** Unless otherwise agreed to by us in writing, premiums and losses due hereunder shall be paid in United States Dollars at the rates of exchange ruling when and where the loss occurs.

**Bankruptcy.** We are not relieved of any obligation under this policy because of the bankruptcy or insolvency of any person or entity otherwise entitled to coverage under this policy.

**Section 10: Hosting Facility Liability Coverage Option**

This coverage option provides primary liability insurance coverage for a **hosting facility insured**, subject to the definitions, exclusions, conditions and limits of liability of this policy. This option does not increase the limits of liability afforded by this policy.

**Hosting facility insured** means any facility, entity or site (including hotel, restaurant, hall or reception center) identified in the **declarations page** with Hosting Facility Insured Extension or on a certificate of insurance issued by us or our agent.

We will pay damages, including prejudgment interest, due to an **accident** for which a **hosting facility insured** becomes legally liable because of **bodily injury** or **property damage** arising out of the **event**. The liability coverage provided to a **hosting facility insured** applies only to liability of the **hosting facility insured** which results solely from fault or wrongdoing on the part of a **named insured** or **organizational insured**.

We will defend any such suit seeking those damages, even if the allegations are false or groundless, with legal counsel of our choice. We may investigate any **accident** and may settle any claim for these damages as we think appropriate. We are not obligated to pay any claim or judgment, or defend any suit, if we have already exhausted the limit of liability set forth in the **declarations page** by paying judgments or settlements.

**Additional Exclusions Applicable to Hosting Facility Insureds**

The exclusions of Section 5 of this policy apply and in addition:

1. No coverage is extended to a **hosting facility insured** for fault or wrongdoing

related to, arising from, or resulting from, in whole or in part, acts or omissions of the **hosting facility insured**, its employees or agents.

2. We do not cover any **hosting facility insured** against **bodily injury** to any employee of the **hosting facility insured** arising out of or in the course of their employment by the **hosting facility insured** or performing duties relating to the **hosting facility insured's** business.

This policy is signed at the Home Office of the company by its secretary and president.

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