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MBSMA SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ARTS, CRAFT & SERVICES STALLS

The following information has been extracted from the MBSMA Rules & Regulations, page 13 to 15.

H. SELECTION CRITERIA ART CRAFT/SERVICE STALLS:

1. Consideration will be given to applications according to the originality and uniqueness of the goods/services being offered by the new applicant(s).
2. Consideration shall be given to applicants who have previously operated a Arts, Craft and service stall at MBSMA and have had to miss a season of trading due to health or other acceptable reasons agreed to by the Committee after due written notice has been given, providing that all other criteria have been met.
3. When deciding between applicants offering similar goods, the goods will be inspected by the Operation Team and preference will be given to applicants with goods of local origin or goods manufactured locally or goods of superior quality.
4. Preference will be given to applicants selling self-made or genuine artefacts and items of arts or craft, especially Northern Territory made.
5. Applicants will be required to verify their residential status or working visa status.
6. Consideration shall be given to applicants wanting to sell products not currently available or heavily represented at the MBSMA where all other criteria have been met.

Essential and Desirable Criteria

Essential Criteria to include:

- Must fall within category of stall
- Must not exceed any quota or criteria imposed regarding number of items already available in the market
- Second-hand products must not be mechanical, electrical or subject to copyright
- New electrical and/or mechanical products must meet the required Australian Standard
- One stall per immediate family Member only

Desirable Criteria to include:

- At variance with existing provisions.
- Self-made/local.
- Imposes no further power requirements on market.
- Utilisation of local materials.
- Congruent with existing products available on the stall.

I. CASUAL STALLHOLDERS

1. Casual Stallholders are those who are required to register at each market and whose trade is subject to availability and selection criteria.

J. REQUIREMENTS FOR CASUAL STALLS

1. All casual stalls must comply with these rules and regulations of the MBSMA and cannot trade until they have been granted approval following a written application.
2. Casual stalls must apply and complete an "Application to Trade" form detailing the products they intend to sell, their origin and other required details. Casual stalls' products must be available for inspection by the Operational team at the MBSMA office location prior to trading approval.
3. The Operation Team may refuse a permit to trade at the outset where the product offered for sale is already widely sold across the Markets.
4. Applicants will be notified by written correspondence of their application status. Applicants that are successful will receive an approved product list and letter of acceptance to trade.
5. All Casual stalls are required to make a weekly booking with the MBSMA office (08)89813454 *subject to availability. The information booth opens at 3:00pm on Thursday and Sunday. Casual stalls must prepay in advance make payment at the information booth or in the office and will be issued a permit and site allocation by the Stall Coordinator. **Fees must be paid in advance before a trading booking will be made. A receipt and casual trading permit will be issued which must be displayed on the stall.**
6. The receipt must be kept by casual Stallholders on the day and be available for inspection by MBSMA staff.
7. Sites for casual Stallholders will be allocated with preference given to self-made products. Consideration will be given to the availability of sites as well as compatibility to surrounding stalls. Casual stallholder positions will rotate from week to week.
8. If a permanent Stallholder has an objection to a product introduced by a casual stall they must approach the information booth and notify the Operational staff to settle the matter. At no time is it acceptable for a permanent member to approach the casual trader directly. If the matter is not resolved the Member may then fill out an official complaint form.
9. Assessments will be made on a case by case basis with regard to the issue of over-supply or duplication of products.
10. While the minimum stall size is two (2) metres, and maximum three (3) metres the Craft Co-ordinator may approve casual stalls sharing a site (i.e. an informal partnership) with a maximum of two per site (e.g. Two card tables)
11. Shoulder and Peak Season rates apply as per schedule of fees. Shoulder season months are: May, September and October; Peak season months are: June, July and August.
12. All electrical items of the stall must be inspected for current tagging and testing upon receiving the trading permit.
13. Preference is given for goods sold within the market to be principally made, manufactured or produced by the Stallholder. The Stallholder must produce sufficient evidence to satisfy the Operation Team of these matters and the decision shall be final.
14. Exceptions may be approved by the Operation Team, in their sole discretion, on the grounds of meeting customer needs and/or the Stallholder's demonstrable and significant involvement in the design and/or manufacturing of the product. The onus of proof in all such instances is on the applicant.

15. Only the goods described and approved in the acceptance letter may be sold from the stall. Any material misstatement or deliberate concealment of fact regarding product origin, personal involvement in the design and/or manufacturing process or any part of the registration information, may result in immediate termination of trade Agreement.
16. If any Stallholder wishes to significantly change their product during the term of this agreement, they must apply in writing to the Operations team on a Product application form.
17. The Operation Team may delay a decision in order to seek a recommendation from a meeting of the Market Stallholders Membership in making his/her final decision.

Essential Criteria to include:

- Must not exceed any quota imposed regarding number of items already available in the market
- 2nd hand products are neither mechanical nor electrical nor copyright
- New electrical and/or mechanical products must meet the required Australian Standard

Desirable Criteria to include:

- At variance with existing products already available
- Self-made – not bought wholesale
- Imposes no further power requirements on market
- Utilisation of local materials
- Congruent with products line
- Creativity, uniqueness and professional image