

Policies and Procedures

BRATS Maryland Hamfest and Computer Fest

General:

Date and Time: The grounds open for tailgating at 6 AM Sunday. Arrangements for overnight camping (if available) must be made with the Fairgrounds; their telephone number is 410-442-1022. The show will go on, rain or shine.

No smoking inside any of the Fairgrounds structures.

No electric hookups are permitted in the outdoor tailgating area (exception: you may use your own generator). Extension cords shall not cross aisles in the tailgating area lanes or the driveway.

Sales Policy:

What you may sell: Merchandise should be related to the amateur radio, computer, or electronics fields. BRATS reserve the right to limit or prohibit the display and/or sale of offensive or hazardous merchandise. Fairgrounds rules and Health Department regulations prohibit food and beverage sales by other than their approved caterers.

Sales Tax: Vendors must comply with all applicable Maryland state sales tax laws and regulations. Some circumstances require a sales tax number. Please bring your Maryland sales tax number with you. If you do not have a Maryland tax number, the Maryland Retail Sales Tax division will issue you a temporary one. Contact them at 1-800-492-1751 with any questions.

Payment: Admission and tailgating spaces are paid for at time of admission. Sorry, we are not able to accept credit cards or electronic payments.

Show Logistics:

Security: Although BRATS workers are on duty overnight, we can not accept liability for your merchandise. Any losses by fire, theft, acts of God, or any other cause, whether before, during, or after the show, are not our responsibility; be sure that you have adequate insurance coverage if you need it. (Notwithstanding the above, we have not heard of any overnight problems at our past shows.)

Door prizes: If you'd care to donate merchandise for door prizes, we'll announce your name and location on the PA system. Prize donation forms are available by the BRATS drawing drum.

Shutdown: We do not enforce a strict shutdown time; if for some reason you wish to leave early, you are free to leave. Depending on traffic, we will make a PA announcement thanking everyone for coming and telling them to go home. This usually happens between 3 and 4 PM.