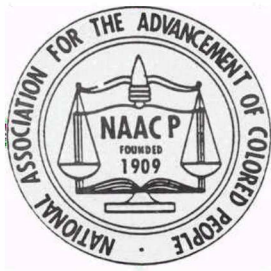


NAACP LEGAL DEPARTMENT
POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING REQUESTS FOR
CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

1. To obtain an insurance certificate for an event, the unit must complete the Special Event Application.
2. The unit must submit the application, along with event contracts, approval from your State Conference and other relevant documents to the Special Assistant to the General Counsel of Legal Department or her designee, at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled event.
3. The NAACP Legal Department will submit the request to the insurance broker. The Legal Department will provide the unit with a copy of the Certificate of Insurance via email.
4. If you do not receive a prompt response to your request, please contact:

Lanita Ross
NAACP Legal Department
4805 Mount Hope Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215-3297
(410) 580-5795
lross@naacpnet.org
5. Please be advised that the certificate of insurance only applies to the individual event described therein. However, units may apply for certificates of insurance to cover regular events, such as monthly meetings for a specified period.
6. To further protect unit and national assets and to enable the NAACP to fulfill its mission, we strongly encourage all units to obtain and maintain their own individual insurance policies.



Special Event Application

Branch Name:			Branch #:
Contact person:			
Address:			
City and State:		Zip Code:	
Telephone #		Fax #	
Email address:			

The Event

Event Name			
Event Description			
Event Dates		Number of Days	
Event Times		Number of Hours	
Coverage Term		Limit Desired	\$
Coverage Type	Claims Made Occurrence Based		
Existing Coverage	No	Yes Broker: Carrier(s) : Type(s) of Coverage:	

Additional Insurer (Must provide complete name, address city and state)	
Venue/Facility Name Address and telephone number (Must provide complete name, address city and state)	Indoor Outdoor

Indoor Events

Sidewalks	Free of potholes? yes no
	Free of significant cracks? yes no
	Free of uneven conditions? yes no
Exit Signs	Are all exits marked and illuminated? yes no
	Are doors that can be mistaken for an exit marked as “not an exit”? yes no
Exits	How many exits to the building? _____
	Where are the exits located: _____ _____
	Are all exits from the building clear and unobstructed? yes no
Exit Doors	Do the exit doors open outward? yes no
Entry Mat	Is there an entry mat? yes no
	Is the mat at least six feet long? yes no
	Does the mat lay flat? yes no
	Are mats curled at the corners or raveled? yes no
	Do the doors smoothly pass over the mat or carpet? yes no
Steps	Are the steps into the building in good condition? no yes
	Is there a handrail on at least one side of the steps or stairs? yes no

Flooring/Carpeting	If there is carpeting, is it free of ravels, bunching or sever wear? ☒ yes ☐ no Is the flooring in good condition? ☒ yes ☐ no Is the floor surface slippery? ☐ yes ☒ no
Tables	Are the tables in good condition? ☒ yes ☐ no
Chairs	Are the chairs in good condition? ☒ yes ☐ no
Restrooms	Are there any plumbing leaks? ☐ yes ☐ no Any broken toilet seats? ☐ yes ☒ no Are the grab rails secure? ☒ yes ☐ no
Sidewalks	Are the sidewalks in good condition? ☒ yes ☐ no If not, please provide details. _____ _____ Are the sidewalks properly illuminated at night? ☒ yes ☐ no If not, please provide details. _____ _____

Admissions and Seating

Admissions/Attendance	Admissions Per Day		Total all Days	
	# Tickets Printed		# Tickets sold to date	
Seating	☐ Permanent ☒ Bleachers ☒ Festival ☒ General Admission ☐ Reserved ☐ Other (Describe)			

Liquor

Liquor Liability is needed:

☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, advise type(s):* ☐ Beer ☐ Wine ☐ Full Bar

What are the anticipated Liquor receipts?

☐ Wristbands Used ☐ Local liquor laws governing sales to minors/intoxicated are followed

Security

Name of Outside Security Firm:	
Outside Firm – # of Guards	
City Police – # of Officers	
Venue Employees # of Guards	
Other: Please Explain	

Protection

First Aid: ☐ City Paramedics ☐ Venue Staff ☒ None ☐ Number
Fire Protection: ☒ Extinguishers ☒ Municipal ☐ Volunteer ☐ Fire
☒ Emergency lights ☒ Fire Sprinklers ☒ Alarms

Parking

☐ None ☐ Venue responsible ☐ Insured is responsible ☒ Patrolled by security
☐ Illuminated

Is the parking area in good condition? ☒ yes ☐ no

If not, please provide details. _____

Is the parking area properly illuminated at night? ☒ yes ☐ no

If not, please provide details. _____

Vendors/Concessionaires

Attach a list of vendors and/or concessionaire booths along with a sample copy of the contract required by the applicant.

Type(s) of concession(s) sold:

Estimated receipts: \$

Outdoor Events

Is facility needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No *If yes, describe:*

Does the event end prior to sundown? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, is there adequate lighting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any swimming pools, lakes or bodies of water? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is swimming allowed? ☐ Yes ☐ No Life guard on duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is water hazard fenced? ☐ Yes ☐ No Give details

Evacuation/Egris plan arranged with civilian authorities? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Overnight camping? ☐ Yes ☐ No *If yes provide details, layout, security, etc.*

Adequate drinking water & portable toilets? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Responsibility Chart

	N/A	Venue	Applicant	Promoter	Certs. Provided
Security	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Liquor	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
First Aid	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vendors	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Concessions	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
Pyrotechnics	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rides	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Live Animals	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tents	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bleachers	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
Temporary Stage	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Temporary Lighting	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stunts	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐

Has same event been held before? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, have there been any losses? ☐ Yes ☒ No Attach details.

Name of previous carrier:

Required attachments:

☒ Copy of "rental agreement or venue contract"

☒ Copy of flyer, press release, advertising

☐ Facility diagram (outdoor events)

☐ Copies of certificates if applicant is responsible for security, transportation, animals or pyrotechnics

☒ List of required additional insured(s)

Signing this application does not bind the applicant to purchase the insurance, but the information contained herein shall be the basis of the contract should a policy be issued. If any of the above questions have been answered fraudulently or in a way as to conceal or misrepresent any material, fact or circumstance concerning this insurance or the subject thereof, the entire policy shall be void.

Contact Name:

Title:

Signature: _____

Date:

For Office Use Only

Date Received

By:

Approved ☐

Not Approved

Reviewed by

Brief Explanation for non approval:

DIRECT ACTION, DEMONSTRATIONS, PICKETS AND RALLIES

Written approval from General Counsel must be obtained **before** you can lead, participate, or endorse any form of direct action, including: demonstration, picket, rally, or coalition.

A direct action is a campaign designed to withhold patronization of a business, service or establishment until the business meets the specific demands for which the direct action has been requested. Well organized direct action can be effective tools in pursuing civil rights goals. Direct action should always be a “last resort” tactic, to be used when negotiations have failed. A demonstration is a march, rally, sit-in or a picket. Careful research and a well-planned publicity campaign are essential to a credible, effective direct action.

Bear in mind that any direct action is intended first, to educate the public and second, to advocate change. If your activity maintains an educative and informative tone, and if it is designed to impress upon the public that they can and should use their resources to assure fair play in the marketplace, then the direct action will be a long range success even if it fails to gain all of its immediate objectives. Moreover, any direct action that is seen as an educative initiative is very unlikely to result in a lawsuit. Even the targets of such a direct action will respect us for the way we carried the activity out.

You have a constitutional right to picket, demonstrate or rally against establishments that discriminate. If you lead or participate in a demonstration, picket, or rally; your activity generally is constitutionally protected.

However, in some states, secondary direct action may be unlawful. A secondary direct action occurs when concerted, coercive, pressure is directed toward customers, to cause them to withhold or withdraw their patronage from the establishment. You must check your state's statute.

The following procedures apply to demonstrations pickets and rallies:

1. The unit must obtain a sworn statement of facts from a complainant. This statement shall contain all pertinent facts, including dates, and the nature of the problem. If there is no complainant, i.e., the unit generated the investigation on its own, then an NAACP unit resolution reflecting the facts should be duly passed.

2. The unit, through its legal redress committee, should undertake a thorough investigation of all the facts surrounding the complaint. The unit investigation should reveal each version of the facts as alleged by the complainant and the target of the complaint.

3. The unit must obtain permission from the President & CEO as well as all required permits. All city ordinances and state statutes for the protest must be in compliance.

4. The demonstration protest must be of a nonviolent nature, and any and all signs, if permitted, must carry nonviolent messages. Signs should not call for the termination of an

employee. The unit should seek an open investigation of the occurrence, demand that disciplinary action commensurate with the seriousness of the offense be imposed, and request that training reforms be implemented to prevent future recurrences.

5. The NAACP must have complete charge and control of the demonstration/protest strategy. In other words, the unit cannot join other coalitions unless it has been approved by the President & CEO and the General Counsel. Also the NAACP is in a position to direct all activities under the supervision of the NAACP.

6. If possible, all demonstration participants should sign a waiver of liability and receive a disclaimer form.

7. The unit must ensure that there is adequate security so that protestors/demonstrators are free from harassment.

It is important that you keep the State/State Area Conference and Regional Director updated on all activities when any considering any form of direct action, per Article II, Section 2(a) of the Bylaws for Units.

Once you have responded in writing addressing each of the aforesaid, the General Counsel may issue authorization to proceed. You must request such permission in writing from the General Counsel.

HOW TO ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATION, PICKET, OR RALLY

DO'S:

1. Each unit must pass a resolution approving involvement in the direct action, demonstration, picket, or rally.
2. Notify the State Conference President. Notify your Regional Director. Request permission and obtain approval from the Office of the General Counsel before using the name of the Association in conducting direct action.
3. Provide station/store watchers, pickets, and legal observers (such as lawyers, law students or paralegals) at sites.
4. Encourage people to join the common cause through public speeches and private solicitations.
5. Provide transportation to alternative businesses providing comparable products, foods, and services.
6. Provide literature that thoroughly explains the direct action.
7. Educate the participants on the laws of the jurisdiction.
8. Make sure that you have proper security, necessary permits, and sufficient insurance if required.
9. Obey orders from law enforcement officials, even if the order is clearly unlawful. Report the matter to the NAACP Legal Department. The matter can be resolved later through a lawsuit or restraining order.

DON'TS:

1. Do not engage in unauthorized demonstrations, pickets, or rallies using the NAACP's name.
2. Do not use defamatory, demeaning, threatening, or obscene language to or about any person.
3. Do not engage in, or be seen as threatening, physical force or violence against customers, prospective customers, or proprietors.
4. Do not intimidate, threaten, ostracize, or degrade those who may cross the picket line.
5. Do not agree with anyone to use force against any person or property.

6. Do not organize a demonstration, picket, or rally to advance private economic interests.
7. Do not authorize, ratify, or even discuss illegal conduct at meetings or anywhere else.
8. Do not make speeches likely to instigate lawless action.
9. Do not take part in coalitions unless prior approval from the National Office has been obtained.

CIVIL DISTURBANCES

Civil disturbances are violent protests which lack constitutional protection. On the other hand, civil disobedience is nonviolent and rests on the central tenet that members are willing to protest unjust laws and accept the punishment, including jail.

The NAACP does not condone civil disturbances and advises all units that they should not become engaged in such activity. A hallmark of the NAACP has been its effectiveness in using peaceful or civil remedies to right wrongs.

In the event that a peaceful protest turns violent, the following steps should be taken:

1. Immediately notify the Regional Director and seek guidance and support;
2. Provide safe assistance to prevent the loss of life and property;
3. Provide solace, consolation and support to any victims and members of their families;
4. Immediately assist in obtaining legal representation;
5. Publicly issue condemnations of any violations of law, whether committed by police or by citizens;
6. Provide information viable, nonviolent protest alternatives for the community; and
7. Obey the orders of law enforcement personnel.

Checklist

- _____ Has the Unit passed a resolution or obtained a sworn statement?
- _____ Has the Unit submitted this Request to Take Direct Action to the Director of Field Operations for the recommendation?
- _____ Has the Director of Field Operations recommended approval?
- _____ Has the Unit obtained all necessary and required permits?
- _____ Is the Direct Action in compliance with local and state statutes?
- _____ Has the Unit obtained event insurance?
- _____ Have the participants received training on NAACP policies and procedures?
- _____ Have the guardians/parents received and signed a waiver and disclaimer form for participants under the age of 18 years?
- _____ Will individuals “off the street” be able to participate in the direct action?
- _____ Does the NACP Unit have complete charge and control of the direct action?
- _____ Has a coalition been formed? (Please provide a list of coalition members)
- _____ Is the Direct Action of a nonviolent nature?
- _____ Will there be any signage? (Please provide the language on the signage)
- _____ Will there be chants? (Please provide the language used for the chants)
- _____ Will there be speakers? (Please provide a list of the speakers)
- _____ Is there adequate security for the Direct Action?
- _____ Has law enforcement been notified and will they participate?
- _____ Will there be NAACP Marshals?
- _____ Have you notified your State Conference President and Director of Field Operations?
- _____ Have you provided your Director of Field Operations with an Agenda or Plan of Action, which outlines the planned activities/events of the Direct Action?

- _____ Have you provided the General Counsel with an Agenda or Plan of Action which outlines the planned activities /events of the Direct Action?
- _____ Have you provided your Director of Field Operations with all documents that support your answers to these questions?
- _____ Have you provided the General Counsel with all documents that support answers to these questions?