

TIFT Vendor & Exhibitor Information Packet

Setup, event schedule and Convention Center guidelines

Welcome to TIFT! We are excited to have your organization join us during tournament week. This packet includes the information you need to prepare your exhibit, plan staffing and understand the flow of tournament activities.

Location	South Padre Island Convention Center 7355 Padre Blvd, South Padre Island, TX 78597
Tuesday Setup	1:00–5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Setup	10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Wednesday Exhibit Hours	3:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Exhibit Hours	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday Exhibit Hours	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Final Move-Out	Convention Center must be completely cleared by 5:00 p.m.

Setup and Check-In

Exhibitors may set up during either of the following windows:

- Tuesday from 1:00–5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

All exhibits must be completely set up and ready by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Loading and Unloading

The South Padre Island Convention Center loading dock is located at the rear of the building. We kindly ask that all exhibitor loading and unloading take place through the loading dock.

A limited number of carts will be available, and TIFT volunteers will be on hand to assist when possible.

Before unloading your vehicle, please check in with a TIFT volunteer or visit the TIFT Central Office in Room 203 near the rear of the north hallway. A volunteer will confirm your exhibit location and provide any necessary instructions before you begin unloading.

Tournament Week Schedule

Wednesday

Registration is open from 3:00–7:00 p.m. The TIFT Sponsor VIP Cocktail Party begins at 6:00 p.m., creating a light but steady flow of registrants, sponsors and guests throughout the afternoon and evening.

Thursday

Exhibit hours are 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

The day's activities begin with the ever-popular PlayDay at 10:00 a.m. During PlayDay, the exhibit hall is transformed into a giant playground for TIFT's junior anglers, and the Convention Center fills with children and their families.

PlayDay concludes at 1:00 p.m. Registration continues throughout the afternoon, although traffic typically slows briefly before the Captains Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m.

The Thursday Social begins immediately after the Captains Meeting. Bill Miller Bar-B-Q will be served as anglers, friends and families reconnect and celebrate the official start of the tournament.

Friday and Saturday

Friday and Saturday are TIFT's fishing days, and tournament activities move to Sea Ranch Marina in Port Isabel.

Exhibitors may pack up their displays Friday morning or leave their exhibits in place through the weekend for Sunday's Awards Ceremony. There will be no access to the Convention Center on Saturday.

Sunday

Convention Center doors open at 10:00 a.m. Lunch service begins at 11:00 a.m., with the Awards Ceremony following shortly thereafter. The event concludes at approximately 3:00 p.m.

All displays, materials and equipment must be removed promptly. TIFT must completely vacate the Convention Center by 5:00 p.m.

Your Exhibit Space

Exhibit spaces will be piped and draped with navy blue draping. Tables provided by TIFT will also be skirted in navy blue.

Exhibitors are welcome and encouraged to personalize their spaces with:

- Branded tablecloths
- Banners and signage
- Backdrops
- Product displays
- Other branded materials

All displays and materials must remain within the assigned exhibit space and may not block aisles, neighboring exhibits or emergency access points.

Tables, Chairs and Electricity

Please provide your table, chair and electrical requirements in advance through your personalized Exhibitor Information Form. Electrical access should not be a problem, but advance notice is required so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Selling Merchandise

Exhibitors planning to sell merchandise are responsible for having the appropriate Texas sales-tax or resale documentation available during the event. Exhibitors are also responsible for processing their own sales, collecting applicable taxes and providing any equipment or internet access needed for transactions.

Security and After-Hours Access

Security will be present throughout the event and during the Convention Center's operating hours. There will be no exhibitor access after hours or on Saturday.

Exhibitors may leave displays in place through the weekend; however, TIFT and the South Padre Island Convention Center cannot accept responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items.

We recommend:

- Removing cash, electronics and other valuable items
- Securing merchandise whenever possible
- Covering unattended displays with tablecloths or other coverings
- Keeping aisles and emergency access points clear

Support the TIFT Bucket Auction

Exhibitors are invited to support TIFT's popular Bucket Auction by donating merchandise, gift certificates or other items. Proceeds help fund TIFT's Kids 12 & Under Fish Free program, allowing young anglers to participate in the tournament at no cost.

If you would like to donate, please let us know in advance so the TIFT team can properly package and prepare your item as part of one of the auction buckets.

Submit your donation through the [Bucket Auction Donation Form](#).

Thank You

Thank you for being part of TIFT. Your participation helps create a welcoming, engaging experience for anglers and families throughout tournament week. We look forward to seeing you at the South Padre Island Convention Center!