

**NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA
REGULATIONS MANUAL**

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3-3010 Fireworks

The following regulations are promulgated regarding the authorized use, storage, or handling of fireworks and explosive pyrotechnics as defined below on all NCF property, to minimize the hazard potential for accidents, injuries and legal liabilities to students, employees, and visitors.

- (1) Definition of Fireworks and Explosive Pyrotechnics. The term “fireworks” and “explosive pyrotechnics” as defined by Chapter 791.01, Florida Statutes, shall mean and include a combustible or explosive mixture or any substance or combination of substances except sparklers or toy pistol caps, prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges (except those under NCF Police control). Devices used for signaling at sporting events (i.e., 22 or 32 caliber revolver starting pistols) are exempt.
- (2) All campus organizations or individuals considering contractual agreements requesting the use and/or storage of fireworks or other explosive pyrotechnics as defined above on the NCF campus shall request approval in writing from the Vice President for Finance and Administration or his or her designee, the NCF Police Department, and the local fire authority prior to entering into said contractual arrangement. Fireworks displays shall be conducted only by pyrotechnics companies licensed by the State Fire Marshall. Notice shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to any planned pyrotechnics display.
 - (a) The application must be submitted to the local fire department for review and approval at least sixty (60) days in advance of the event.
 - (b) Copies of Fire Department approved applications shall be delivered to the Vice President for Finance and Administration and NCF Police Department no later than thirty (30) days in advance of the event.
 - (c) Rescheduling of the event must be approved by the Vice President for Finance and Administration, the NCF Police Department and the local fire authority.
- (3) All contracts with firms/individuals must state that displays will meet the requirements of any and all applicable state, county, and city laws or safety standards pertaining to licensure and permits, certificates of competency, and display methods.
- (4) The Vice President for Finance and Administration or his or her designee or the NCF Police Department are authorized to suspend or terminate a pyrotechnics display at any time at their discretion or at the advice of the event sponsor or local fire safety officials.
- (5) Sponsors of pyrotechnic events or contractors shall furnish a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, naming NCF and the Board of Governors as additional insureds.
- (6) All fireworks displays shall be conducted by licensed and insured pyrotechnics vendors following the Standards of NFPA 1123, Code for Fireworks Display, and all state, local, and federal regulations and ordinances governing fireworks displays in Florida and the City of Sarasota.

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- (7) The display contractor is required to conduct an on-site safety assessment prior to and at the termination or the end of the display. Criteria will be utilized to ensure the safety of spectators.
- (8) Handling and launching of pyrotechnics shall only be done by the contractor. The contractor and/or sponsor shall provide adequate personnel to monitor perimeters of discharge and landing sites before exhibits begin, and continue monitoring until sites have been inspected after displays and an "all clear" signal has been given.
- (9) Use of remote ignition systems which are not under direct control of on-site operators shall not be permitted.
- (10) Discharge sites shall be positioned at distances meeting current National Fire Protection Association criteria. All displays shall be set up using methods for interrupting firing in the event any unforeseen safety problem arises.

Authority: Article IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution; Fla. Board of Governors Regulation 1.001

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