



# 200 YEARS *of* AMERICAN RAIL

## Event Listing Community Guidelines and Approval Rules

### Community Guidelines

To maintain a positive, inclusive, and respectful environment for all users, we ask event organizers and community members to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Respectful Behavior:** All events must be planned and promoted with respect to the community's values, including but not limited to belief, diversity, and respect. Discriminatory or offensive content will not be tolerated.
2. **Accurate Information:** Event organizers must provide truthful, clear, and accurate details. This includes the event's name, date, time, location, description, ticket information, and contact details.
3. **No Spam or Self-Promotion:** Listings that are overly promotional, spammy, or unrelated to railroading are prohibited. Events must be relevant to this platform's purpose and the community served.
4. **Safety and Compliance:** Events must comply with all applicable laws, including health and safety regulations, permits, and any restrictions related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, where applicable. Safety measures must be clearly outlined if relevant.
5. **Appropriate Content:** Events that promote or are related to illegal activities, hate speech, violence, or explicit content will be removed immediately. This includes events involving dangerous activities, discrimination, or harm to others.
6. **Clear and Honest Descriptions:** Event descriptions should be clear, transparent, and not misleading in any way. Misleading information, including false representations of event details or sponsors, will result in event removal.
7. **Respect for Intellectual Property:** Ensure that any event content, including images, logos, and descriptions, does not infringe on intellectual property rights.

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### Rules for Event Approval or Rejection

We strive to ensure that events listed on our platform meet the highest standards of quality and relevance. We reserve the right to reject any event without explanation. We will use the following criteria to inform our decision-making. Each event submission will be reviewed against the following criteria:

1. **Completeness of Information:**
  - o **Approval:** The event submission includes all necessary details: event name, date, time, location, description, ticketing information, event image and organizer contact details.

- **Rejection:** The event submission is incomplete or missing key information, such as the event date, location, time, etc.
- 2. **Relevance to the Platform and Community:**
  - **Approval:** The event is relevant to the interests and values of this platform's community. It matches the platform's purpose of celebrating the history and contributions of American railroading.
  - **Rejection:** The event is unrelated to the platform's purpose or falls outside the purpose as described above.
- 3. **Legality and Safety:**
  - **Approval:** The event complies with applicable local laws, safety regulations, and community standards. This includes necessary permits and safety measures for public health.
  - **Rejection:** The event violates local laws, regulations, or poses risks to attendee safety, such as lack of permits, no COVID-19 safety plans, or illegal activities.
- 4. **Non-Offensive Content:**
  - **Approval:** The event's content is free from offensive language, hate speech, explicit content, or discriminatory themes.
  - **Rejection:** The event's content includes discriminatory language, hate speech, explicit content, or promotes violence or illegal activities.
- 5. **Quality and Professionalism:**
  - **Approval:** The event listing is presented in a professional and appealing manner, with clear, well-written descriptions and proper formatting.
  - **Rejection:** The event listing contains poor grammar, irrelevant or unclear descriptions, or unprofessional images (e.g., low-quality, inappropriate, or misleading visuals).
- 6. **Previous Violations:**
  - **Approval:** The event organizer has no prior history of submitting misleading, offensive, or non-compliant events.
  - **Rejection:** The event organizer has previously violated guidelines or submitted inaccurate, misleading, or offensive content.
- 7. **Duplicate Events:**
  - **Approval:** The event is not a duplicate of an existing listing.
  - **Rejection:** The event submission is identical or highly similar to an existing event already listed on the platform, unless specified as recurring.
- 8. **Event Frequency and Size:**
  - **Approval:** The event is a single occurrence or a regularly scheduled event that fits the platform's requirements for frequency and size.
  - **Rejection:** The event is deemed too small, insignificant, or inconsistent with the platform's focus. For example, a large-scale commercial event may require additional review.

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## Process for Event Submission Review

### 1. Notification of Approval or Rejection:

- Approved events will be listed on the platform upon being reviewed and accepted.
- Rejected events will be notified via email. Organizers may receive feedback as to why they were rejected and may have the opportunity to revise and resubmit.

**2. Right to Appeal:**

- Organizers have the right to appeal a rejection by contacting us on the contact form. Appeals will be reviewed, and a final decision will be made.

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These guidelines and rules are in place to ensure that our community remains safe, respectful, and engaging for all. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to providing valuable events for the community!