

Temporary Events Operator Reporting for County Fairs

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Applicable Laws and Rules



- Wis Stats 73.03(38) To require each operator of a swap meet, flea market, craft fair or similar event, as defined by rule, to report to the department the name, address, social security number and, if available, the seller's permit number of each vendor selling merchandise at the swap meet, flea market, craft fair or similar event that he or she operates. If any operator fails to comply with the requirements under this subsection, the department of revenue, after notifying that operator of its intent to do so, shall impose a penalty of \$200 for the first failure and \$500 for each subsequent failure. The department shall assess and collect the penalties under this subsection as it assesses and collects additional income and franchise taxes.
- Wis Stats 77.52(19) The department shall by rule provide for the efficient collection of the taxes imposed by this subchapter on
 sales of tangible personal property, ... or not having a permanent place of business, but who are temporarily engaged in selling
 from trucks, portable roadside stands, concessions at fairs and carnivals, and the like. ...failure of any person to comply with such
 rules constitutes a misdemeanor.
- Wis. Admin. Code Tax 11.53 Temporary events. (7) Operator REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. An operator of a swap meet, flea market, craft fair, or similar event shall report to the department for each event, the legal and business name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, tax account number, if available, social security number and federal employer identification number, if applicable, for each vendor selling merchandise at the swap meet, flea market, craft fair, or similar event as provided in s. Tax 11.535.
- Wis. Admin. Code <u>Tax 11.535</u> Operators of a swap meet, flea market, craft fair, or similar event. (1) Purpose. This section
 clarifies requirements and establishes a time standard for the reports required under s. 73.03 (38), Stats., which authorizes the
 department to require operators of swap meets, flea markets, craft fairs, and similar events to report to the department specific
 identifying information of each vendor selling merchandise at these events.

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Why is this important to you?

- As a county fair operator most of you are affiliated with a county.
- Currently all but four counties in the state have county sales tax and in 2025 it will be three.
- Most of your vendors are probably foreign to your county and possibly the state.
- We need to know where they are actively making sales to enforce county sales tax laws.
- In fiscal year 2024, DOR assessed nearly \$12M in county sales tax which was not reported by sellers, this includes sales in your county.
- All vendors local or foreign should have equal competitive opportunity.

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What is a Temporary Event?

- An occasion, activity or function where merchandise is sold, traded, or taxable services are provided
- Events may be one day or consecutive days and may reoccur on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis
- Examples include:
 - · Farmer's markets & roadside stands
 - Flea markets & swap meets
 - · Gun, coin, stamp, car shows, or other tradeshows
 - State and county fairs and carnivals
 - · Craft shows, art festivals
 - Similar type events

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Event Operator Requirements

- All event operators are required by law to report their events and participating vendors within 10 days of the close of the event
 - · There is no exception or minimum threshold for reporting events
 - Only use Form S-240 Wisconsin Temporary Event Report (revised 06-22 or later)
 - · Not acceptable:
 - · Versions of Form S-240 released prior to June 2022
 - Alternatives to Form S-240 (e.g., spreadsheets, lists, and modified forms)
 - · Penalties may apply for failure to report timely or failure to report accurate and complete information (\$200 for the first offense and \$500 for additional occurrence).
 - Current efforts are focused on education for voluntary compliance.
 - · When venues are leased it is the responsibility of the event operator to complete Form S-240. DOR appreciates if the fairground advises them of this obligation.

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Event Operator webpage



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1. Who is an event operator? An event operator:

- Arranges, organizes, promotes, or sponsors a temporary event.
 Can be an individual, association, partnership, corporation, non-profit organization, or other business entity.
 May also be referred to as an organizer, coordinator, exhibitor, or decorator.
 May or may not be the owner of the property or premises where the temporary event takes place.
 May be a seller at the temporary event.

Sign up at DOR E-NEWS, Temporary Event Operators for the latest notifications.

2. What must an event operator report?

The event operator must complete and submit (2) Form S-240, Wisconsin Temporary Event Report. An alternate version (1) Form S-240-Alt) offers space to add information for up to 100 vendors in a single file. No other alternate forms are approved for use.

Refer to Form S-240-INSTR, Wisconsin Temporary Event Report Instructions, for more information.

3. How does the event operator collect seller information?
The event operator can use the method of their choice to get the required information from each seller. An event operator who fails to obtain information about each vendor may be assessed a penalty for an incomplete report.

4. When is the event operator's report due?
Event operators should send their report within 10 days of the close of the event either electronically through the department's secure file transmission application, or by U.S. mail. Do not email event reports to maintain the confidentiality of seller information.

- Secure File Transmission Instructions U.S. mail--Send completed S-240s to

Wisconsin Department of Revenue Temporary Events Program P.O. Box 8902 Madison, WI 53708-8902



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Part A: Event Operator

- · Wisconsin Event Operator Number filled in on Part A
- All event operators are issued a 15-digit Wisconsin Event Operator account number, in this format: 640-XXXXXXXXXXXXXX. No fee is charged.
- If not known, you can contact DOR Temp Event Project or use your sales tax number (456-), or business tax registration number (600-). Not CES (008-)
- An event operator is a business, an organization, or an individual.
 - An organization or business must report a FEIN if assigned by the IRS.
 - · An individual must report an SSN.
 - If you are representing a business or organization, we do not want your SSN.
 - We want to identify the business/organization by there FEIN.

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How to Submit Reports



The fastest, free, and most secure method is to report electronically. Plus, you receive a confirmation number we can look-up.

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S-240 Filing Tips

This is a tax document. When filing, please DO NOT:

- · Use staples, colored, or disfigured paper.
- Cut the pages into smaller pieces must be 8 ½ by 11 to be processed
- Use labels, shrink pages, or eliminate vendor spaces or bar codes.
- · Combine events (except as provided for multiple events in same month)

When filing, please DO:

- Complete Part A & B only once.
- Repeat Part C as needed for the number of vendors at your event.
- If you have more than 100 vendors and you cannot combine PDF pages, submit multiple S-240 Alt files. Make sure each file has Part A and Part B completed.
- Complete all boxes on the form as applicable
- Use blue or black ink if completed by hand

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Reporting Repetitive Events

The operator has the choice of reporting individual events or repetitive events in a calendar month as one event.

When reporting once:

- The event operator, name and venue must be the same
- · When completing the form use:
 - Event Start Date: 1st of the month
 - · Event End Date: Last calendar day of the month not last event
 - · Reports cannot exceed one calendar month
- · List each vendor ONCE, even if they did multiple events in the period

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Vendor Requirements

- Individuals and businesses selling at these events must have a seller's permit if they sell taxable goods/services and do not qualify for an exemption.
- Vendors should report their WI seller's permit identifying information for the business not the sales representative attending the event, if different.
- A seller's permit number Only begins with 456-, do not report other numbers.
- Exemptions are:
 - Vendor's sales are all exempt (nontaxable) or vendor is only displaying products or services.
 - 2. Vendor's tax is already paid by multi-level marketing company
 - 3. Vendor qualifies for nonprofit occasional sales exemption (see Publication 206)
 - Exempt occasional sales taxable sales are less than \$2,000 per year (restrictions do apply, see <u>Publication 228</u>)

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If Vendor Have Questions:



- Please direct vendors to DOR if they have questions (608)264-4582 or DORTempEvents@wisconsin.gov
 - DOR can provide guidance on if a seller's permit is needed
- Publication 228 Temporary Events
- Publication 201 Wisconsin Sales and Use Information
- DOR's website for Event Vendors is https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/HTML/tempsell.aspx



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Request to Deny Participation Letter

Occasionally we ask operators to deny a vendor participation in an event.

- · We will communicate directly with the vendors in these situations
- There is a reason we need to speak with them
- Direct these vendors to contact DOR to resolve
- You can show them a copy of your letter, a copy was also sent to them

DOR will send the event operator a Notice to Allow Participation letter when the vendor has resolved matters with DOR

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DOR References



- Temporary Events https://www.revenue.wi.gov/events
- Publication 201 Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Information: https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb201.pdf
- Publication 206 Sales Tax Exemptions for Nonprofit Organizations: https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb206.pdf
- Publication 228 Temporary Events: https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb228.pdf

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Questions ???

Temporary Event Program (608) 264-4582

<u>DORTempEvents@wisconsin.gov</u> www.revenue.wi.gov

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Revenue



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAIL STOP 3-80 PO BOX 8903 MADISON, WI 53708-8903

Contact Information:

2135 RIMROCK RD PO BOX 8903 MADISON, WI 53708-8903 ph: 608-261-5161 email: Michael.Ude@wisconsin.gov website: revenue.wi.gov

Letter ID

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK 640 S 84TH ST MILWAUKEE WI 53214-1438

Request to Deny Participation

Notice information

Vendor

Notice Date October 3, 2024 Event Name Wisconsin State Fair

> John Doe Concessions Doe's Hot Dogs and More

Important information

- Why did I get this notice? The vendor listed above is scheduled to participate in your event and must contact the Wisconsin Department of Revenue before selling at this event.
- What do I need to do? We request that you deny this vendor participation your event until we notify you
- main Sharper S Who should I contact if I have a question? You may contact us by sending an email to DORTempEvents@Wisconsin.gov or by calling (608) 264-4582.

cc: John Doe Concessions

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Part A: Event Operator Information

Wisconsin Temporary Event Report L

(Completed and submitted by the Event Operator)

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MADE-UP COUNTY FAIR			640-1	234567890-03	
Legal Business Name (if not sole proprietor)				Full FEIN (Business)	
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Part B: Temporary Event Information					
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City	State	Zip	County		
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Signature		-		Date	

Common Questions

What is a temporary event?

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How are recurring events reported?

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Who is a temporary event operator?

The organizer or planner of an event is the event operator.

What must a temporary event operator report?

Temporary event operators must complete and submit Form S-240 with information about each event vendor to the Department of Revenue (DOR) within **10 business days** after the close of the event.

Note: Operators may be assessed a \$200 penalty for the first offense and \$500 for subsequent missing, late, or incomplete reports.

What are temporary event vendor requirements?

Temporary event vendors must have a Wisconsin seller's permit unless their sales are exempt from sales and use tax.

Where can I find more information on temporary events?

- Publication 228, Temporary Events
- revenue.wi.gov and search 'Temporary Events'

More information about completing this report is on our website revenue.wi.gov and search 'Event Operator'

Completing Form S-240

The event operator is **required** to complete all sections of Form S-240, to include all vendor information.

Part A is the event operator information.

Part B is the temporary event information.

Part C is used to report all vendors attending the event. Do not submit a vendor list without Page 1 (Parts A & B) of Form S-240. If the event operator is making taxable sales, they should complete a vendor report for themselves.

An operator may be assessed a penalty for an incomplete report for failure to obtain information about each vendor.

Submit the report by any of the following:

- Online through our Secure File Transfer web page at: revenue.wi.gov and search 'wteptran'
- Mail: Wisconsin Department of Revenue Temporary Events Project MS 3-80 PO Box 8902 Madison, WI 53708-8902

Important: Do not email reports or other confidential information.

Questions

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Part C: Vendor Information

If the vendor does not have a Wisconsin seller permit number and claims their sales are tax exempt, enter the exemption code number provided by the vendor.

- 1 Exempt sales only or display only
- 3 Nonprofit occasional sales exemption
- 2 Multi-level marketing company pays sales tax
- 4 Exempt occasional sales

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