

2026 PickleCon - Vendor Information

1. Event Overview

- Dates: July 24-26 at the Kansas City Convention Center
- Event Hours: Fri-Sat 8am-10pm, Sun 8am-5pm
- Recommended Vendor Hours: Fri–Sat 10am-3pm & 5-7pm, Sun 10am-4pm (tear down may not begin before 4pm on 7/26)
- Schedule of Events
- Vendor Village is located at the top of the main escalators; the area is open during all event hours. The expo floor is secured overnight.
- Tentative Expo Layout: Available to review and reserve/purchase February 1, 2026

2. Move-In/Set Up (Thursday, July 23, 8am-6pm)

- Use North Dock (305 W. 12th St.) for unloading; move vehicles quickly after unloading.
- Vendor credentials will be provided onsite at the Vendor Check In table on this day for all working staff
 members. Please complete <u>this form</u> to identify how many vendor credentials you are requesting (no
 more than 4 maximum unless communicated & approved by Kelsea Thompson)
- This is a non-union building; vendors must set up their own booths. Dollies/carts are recommended. TCS will have a forklift & golfcart on site to assist if needed and communicated.

3. Booth Setup

- Booth includes: 8' pipe & drape behind your booth with some storage space and 3' pipe & drape on either side to separate booths. 1 table & 2 chairs are also included (and optional).
- Corner booths are open on two sides.
- Concrete flooring—bring carpet/rugs if desired.

4. Shipping Information

Ship items to arrive on July 22–23 only (earlier arrivals may not be accepted or incur holding fees).

• Shipping Address for Freight:

ATTN: PickleCon – Vendor Name Bartle Hall Convention Center, North Dock 305 W. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 Contact: Kelsea Thompson (970-672-0529)

Shipping Address for Boxes (UPS/FedEx):

Bartle Hall Convention Center 301 W. 13th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 ATTN: PickleCon – Vendor Name + Vendor Phone Number

Ensure all shipments are labeled with vendor/booth name so we know where to take them

- Any boxes shipped early will most likely be held at the business center (on the first floor of the convention center) for you to pick up please note, there will be a <u>fee per box</u> if they have them
- Shipping to your hotel is another option if you only have a few to be shipped. (call & confirm with them)
- If you need to ship earlier or are worried about your product being accepted at the convention center, you may use the company FERN and they will accept your products and deliver them to your booth at the convention center by setup day (their fees will apply)

 If interested, please reach out to Gary Bates at Gbates@fernexpo.com

5. Move-Out/Tear Down (Sunday, July 26 after 4pm, and Monday, July 27 by 4pm)

- Pallets ship from North Dock (address above); vendors are responsible for providing shipping labels
 and ensuring their products get picked up. TCS will provide forklifts to move pallets to the North Dock
 once boxes are wrapped and have a shipping label on them.
- Business center (on the first floor of the KCCC) is available Sun 4–8pm and Mon 8am–5pm for small box shipments (fees apply).

6. Parking

- Walking is recommended if you stay downtown at one of our <u>partner hotels.</u>
- If driving is necessary, vendor parking will be available at the South Dock (308 W. 16th St.) by showing security your vendor credential. There is also a free lot at 16th & Central.
- Otherwise, please review the Parking Map for other options around the venue <u>here.</u>

7. Lodging

Hotel partners available at a discounted rate can be found <u>here.</u>

8. Internet & Electricity

• Can be purchased directly through the convention center. <u>HERE</u> is the direct ordering link, <u>HERE</u> is the Internet Order Form, and <u>Here</u> is the Electrical Order Form.

9. Marketing

• Vendors are encouraged to promote the event and tag PickleCon. Feel free to use any information from our <u>Brand Central</u> page.

10. Booth Location

• Vendors will be able to view their own booth location & numbers; If you forgot that number or where it's located, you can review it once available on the PickleCon website come February 2026.

11. Vendor Postcard Challenge

• Daily postcards will be available to attendees. They will be encouraged to visit booths and learn more about your products to increase the foot traffic in Vendor Village. Those who visit your booth with a postcard can receive a stamp/sticker as a "check-in". Daily and weekend prizes will be provided to those that hit a certain number of "check-ins."

12. Product Donations

 All product donations (marked yes on your vendor application form) can be turned in at our PickleCon Info booth during your setup on Wednesday – a separate email will be sent to those specific vendors closer to the event

13. Onsite Contacts

- Kelsea Thompson (event operations): 970-672-0529
- Jessie Hill (media/marketing): jessie@triplecrownsports.com
- Casey Schermerhorn (vendor/sponsor info): 970-672-0553