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Please take a moment to read the Admission Policy below.

Completing any Global SOF Foundation (GSOF) event registration constitutes your signature and consent to the Admission Policy as stated below.

General*

Global SOF events are open to professional representatives from the defense and security sector, including but not limited to, U.S. and partner nation military, U.S. and partner nation government civilian personnel, non-profit organizations, relevant industry partners, think tanks, academia, and media.

Admission is restricted to relevant professional and government visitors. Visitors should be involved in or have legitimate connections to special operations forces and associated industries. All exhibitor personnel, visitors, academics, guests, contractors, and service providers are subject to a multi-layered security verification process, including, but not limited to, identity validation, sanctions and watch-list screening, and affiliation verification to confirm eligibility.

Anyone wishing to attend any portion of an event must pre-register via the event website. Registration should be completed as early as possible to ensure adequate time to process the registration before the event.

GSOF organizers reserve the right to deny access to, or remove from the event, any individual who is found to be violating this policy or reasonably deemed to pose a security risk or a likelihood of non-compliance.

**Please note, some GSOF events have an event-specific Admission Policy (i.e., SOF Week) that overrides this general policy. For event-specific Admission Policies, please refer to the event policy found on the event's website.*

Standard Dress Code

Military: Uniform of the Day / Duty Uniform

Civilian: Business Casual

Specific event dress codes may vary; consult the event's FAQ page for more information.



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Age Restrictions

No person under 18 years of age, including dependents of speakers or exhibitors, will be admitted to any GSOF event unless the organizers have granted written permission. In the event of an exception, minors will always require an escort within event spaces.

Alcoholic beverages may be served at events. Drinks will only be served to individuals who can provide proof of age. It is strictly prohibited for anyone under the age of 21 to possess, consume, or be supplied with alcohol at the event. Violations can lead to consequences such as being asked to leave the event, having one's access revoked, or facing legal repercussions.

Codes of Conduct

- As an attendee, you agree to abide by the [GSOF Event Code of Conduct](#).
- As an attendee, you are expected to follow the rules and regulations set by the event venue. This includes respecting policies, such as not bringing outside food or beverages, if the venue prohibits them. It's always good practice to familiarize yourself with a venue's guidelines to avoid inconvenience.

Cancellation and Substitution

GSOF Events: Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing; telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Please email your cancellation request to info@gssof.org.

- **Up to three weeks prior to an event start date:** Refunds will be issued minus a \$75 administrative fee.
- **Three weeks or less before the event start date, including no-shows:** No refunds will be provided.

SOF Week: Cancellation requests will be honored; however, no refunds will be provided. Please contact Customer Solutions at sofweek@jade.mcievents.com to initiate a cancellation.

Registration substitutions are not permitted. To maintain the integrity of our security protocols, every SOF Week attendee must register individually and successfully complete the mandatory security vetting process. If you have any questions, please contact sofweek@jade.mcievents.com



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Prohibited Weapons/Items at All GSOF Events

The following restricted weapons/items and guidelines are in effect for all GSOF events and their corresponding venues.

- Firearms (including concealed carry), explosives, knives, stun guns, handcuffs, brass knuckles, sticks, batons, martial arts instruments, pepper spray, tear gas and knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, aerosols, air horns, noisemakers, flares, dangerous or hazardous items, illegal substances, laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles, or any article that may compromise public safety or which may pose a hazard or nuisance to any other person, are strictly prohibited. The possession or attempted introduction of any prohibited item will result in confiscation, removal from the premises, and possible referral to authorities.
- Weapons storage is not available for personal firearms. The weapons storage options for each specific event will be provided to exhibitors upon completion of the exhibition contract.
- Guests may be subject to a search upon entry. Anyone possessing prohibited items will be asked to remove them from the venues or dispose of them. GSOF Security reserves the right to deny entry for refusal to comply with screening or suspicion of concealed prohibited items.
- **Off-duty law enforcement, private security contractors, or foreign protection agents are strictly prohibited from carrying weapons on site, regardless of credentials, unless explicitly approved by GSOF Security for protective detail purposes.**
- Signal jammers, RF interference devices, or mobile surveillance technology (e.g., IMSI catchers, packet sniffers) are strictly forbidden and subject to federal reporting.

Geofencing and Unauthorized Data Collection

Geofencing and unauthorized data collection are strictly prohibited. Any individual or organization found participating in geofencing or unauthorized data collection will be immediately ejected from the event and barred from participating in any GSOF events.



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No Unauthorized Aircraft or Drone Activity

Flying or operating any unauthorized manned or unmanned aircraft, including drones, is strictly prohibited inside the venue, in outdoor event spaces, and within the surrounding area. Such activity poses significant safety and security risks, causes unnecessary alarm to attendees, and will result in immediate intervention by security personnel and potential legal action in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Admission and Identification

Identification Badge: All exhibitor personnel, visitors, guests, contractors, and service providers acknowledge that the official event identification badge is their admission ticket to all GSOF event activities.

Attendees must always display name badges during the event. No registered person may permit another person to wear their given badge. No badge should be defaced, altered, transferred, or reproduced. Any discovery of counterfeit badges will result in immediate removal and referral to law enforcement.

GSOF security personnel reserve the right to conduct random badge audits and identity verification checks at any time during the event. Attendees are required to comply promptly with such requests. All individuals participating in GSOF functions must carry a valid photo ID and be prepared to present an official form of photographic identification, such as a passport, driver's license, or national ID, upon request.

- Your **identity documents** will be used for security vetting and identity verification purposes.
 - Data is collected in the form of image data for ID purposes. This data is held in the database as a binary large object (BLOB) and is subject to database encryption and security.
 - By collecting and uploading an individual's personal ID documentation, you have obtained the appropriate consent from your employer.
 - Digital copies of event badges, QR codes, or mobile credentials may not be shared or displayed on unauthorized platforms (e.g., social media). Unauthorized duplication or transmission is strictly prohibited.



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- Your **verification photo** will be used for security vetting and access control purposes, but will also be associated with your profile in the Global SOF Mobile App. Your photo and profile will only be visible in the App once you give explicit consent, which will be requested upon your initial login to the App. You will also have the option to change your photo upon login to the App, if desired.
- Any person found to be registering to attend a GSOF event using false information or credentials or deliberately withholding information will have their application automatically denied and may be subject to prosecution.
- The organizers reserve the right to exclude any person(s) without prejudice.

Multimedia

Photography / Filming

- Photography of booths and/or exhibits is only allowed with the expressed permission of the booth manager.
- Closed-Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) and Advanced Identity Verification Systems will always operate during GSOF events. The organizers reserve the right to deliver archived video media to the Police or other competent authorities as evidence upon request. The contents of such media may be used as evidence in a court of law.
- GSOF will have photographers and videographers at this event, both internal to the Staff and approved third parties. As an attendee, you hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by GSOF of all photography and/or videography taken on this day for any purpose without compensation. All digital images and/or video files are wholly owned by GSOF, which reserves the right to use these images and/or videos for publication on our digital and print platforms.
- Attendees may not take pictures in the exhibit hall. Exceptions are made only when permission is obtained from the exhibitors whose booth/product is being photographed/ videotaped, and all individuals appearing in the photo/video. Attendees' commercial use of photographs is prohibited.

Multimedia Products

No sponsorship, promotional, marketing, political, or prohibited materials may be brought into, used, or displayed by any person inside a GSOF event without the expressed written permission of the organizers. Any person possessing non-permitted items may be refused entry to or ejected from the venue and site. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Products that include hate speech toward any race, culture, ethnic group, or religion



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- Material endorsing or disparaging a political figure, U.S. government official, or foreign nation
- Material with lewd or nefarious content
- Products with language that implies endorsement by the event organizer

Security

Badge Scanning and Data Collection

- As an attendee, you acknowledge that your badge will contain a QR code. Event staff may scan your badge at the event entrance. This is purely to identify your badge type and event access eligibility; no data is transferred because of badge scanning.
- All attendees must strictly adhere to the access limitations defined by their badge type. Attempting to enter restricted exhibition or conference areas without proper authorization violates GSOF security policy and may result in removal from the event and revocation of credentials.
- The QR code on your badge may also be scanned using a “lead retrieval” device. As an attendee, you agree that by allowing your badge to be scanned by an exhibitor at the event, you consent to the following information being shared with the scanning organization:
 - Rank / Prefix
 - First and Last Name
 - Title
 - Company / Organization
 - Registration Type
 - Email Address
 - Work Location (City, State, Zip Code, Country)

This is like providing them with your business card. Any attendee may decline to have their badge scanned for lead retrieval purposes.



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Export Control

- Visitors should be aware that export control regulations may apply to exhibits based upon both U.S. legislation and legislation from the territory of origin of the exhibitor. Such legislation or regulations may cover the export of goods, the transfer of technology, the provision of technical assistance overseas, and activities related to the trade in controlled goods. Exhibitors whose activities may be impacted by such legislation or regulations must ensure they have the necessary licenses and mechanisms in place.
- Any visitor who, at the sole discretion of the organizer, is deemed to be engaging in controlled business or activity during the exhibition and who does not have relevant trade control licenses may be subject to action on the part of the organizers, including revocation of the application to attend and expulsion from the event. The relevant authorities will be informed of any such activity, which may result in legal action being taken against the visitor. Visitors expelled from the event will have no claim for redress against the organizers, nor any refund of lost fees.

Liability

By attending this event, you accept that GSOF is not responsible for any accidents, illnesses, or injuries incurred. While GSOF provides a professionally managed security environment, attendees acknowledge that participation in defense-sector events may inherently include exposure to physical or cyber threats. GSOF is not liable for incidents caused by third parties or nation-state threat actors.

Wellness Agreement

Any public space where other people are present holds an inherent risk of exposure to communicable diseases. GSOF or any of its affiliates, including partners and sponsors, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, volunteers, or sponsored venues, will take all legal, prudent, and advisable measures to reduce the risk of virus/illness transmission between people while attending this event. Despite our best efforts, we will be unable to reduce the level of risk to zero.



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By attending this event, I agree to assume all risk related to exposure voluntarily and agree not to hold GSOF or any of their affiliates, including partners and sponsors, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, volunteers, or sponsored venues liable should I contract an illness or should anything else happen to me during my participation in this event. I will take necessary precautions while at the event, including, but not limited to, engaging in appropriate social distancing, minimizing face touching, and frequently washing hands.

Questions or Concerns

In the event that you wish to make a complaint about anything listed in this policy, or how any violations have been handled, you have the right to lodge a complaint directly with the supervisory authorities.

The details for each of these contacts are below:

	Supervisory authority contact details	Alternate authority contact details
Contact Name:	Stuart Bradin	Sean Mahabir
Address line 1:	3690 W Gandy Blvd.	3690 W Gandy Blvd.
Address line 2:	#140	#140
Address line 3:	Tampa	Tampa
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