

**Federation Insurance Q & A
2016-2017**

What does the Federation insurance cover?

The insurance is a third party liability policy. The insurance company "will pay on behalf of the Club(s) for bodily injury or property damage to others." The insurance company will defend the Club(s) for injuries that occur during a Club event, due to the negligence of the Club.

There is a special floater policy that provides \$ 50,000 for damage, theft or destruction to personal property such as tables, display cases, stones and gems. On a per occurrence basis, a \$1000 deductible applies. A maximum limit of \$5000 per item for tables, display cases and coverings. A maximum limit of \$3000 per item for gems, stones, polished rocks and minerals.

Scope and Intent of Coverage

The intent of the policy is for event coverage such as shows, meetings and low risk field trips, including museum visits for the Club members and their guests. The policy is not intended for hazardous digs, caving or climbing trips. If you have a question about a specific event, please contact the insurance agent.

Club members should not offer participatory classes in activities involving grinding, polishing or instruction in the use of special equipment to guests or visitors. Such activity should be exclusively for Club members or if offered to the general public, for demonstration purposes only. A separate policy should be purchased if a Club intends to offer classes to the general public involving participation. Please contact the insurance agent.

Does our insurance cover the staff of rented facilities?

If a venue, school, hall or other facility arranges for security guards, janitorial support or set-up workers for your event, the landlord must assume the responsibility of any injury to staff employed. Midwest Federation Clubs should not pay service staff directly. A fee paid to the venue for services rendered must include the landlord paying for independent contractors or permanent employees. Do not sign a contract agreeing to cover injuries to hired help.

Does our insurance cover items on loan to our club?

NO! Coverage only applies to contents owned by the club. If you are taking possession of a valuable item on loan to the club, special coverage needs to be added and the club must pay the required premium to Midwest Federation. Be sure to notify Midwest Federation at least 2 weeks in advance of your event so that a quote can be obtained.

What if the Club hires people to help with the event?

Midwest Federation does not carry Workers Compensation. Clubs should not agree to "hire" anyone unless the individual for hire shows evidence of a workers compensation policy.

What if the venue arranges for someone to prepare or clean up the location on behalf of a Club?

Do not sign any document or agree to cover any claims for injuries to those persons in a contract, whether written or verbal. They are not your employees, contracted laborers or volunteers. As a reminder, Midwest Federation Clubs are not employers.

Shared Limits of Liability

The liability policy provides for limits of \$ 1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury or property damage. There is an annual aggregate limit of \$ 2,000,000. This is a shared limit of liability for all participating clubs.

QUESTIONS?

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