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THE BIG NORTH TATTOO SHOW 2026



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Welcome

Event Organisers



Perry Rule



Martin McIver



Emma Whittaker



Jess Maciel

We can't wait to welcome you to The Big North Tattoo Show! Please let us know if you need anything or have any questions. If you see us at the show feel free to say hello! We're here to help!

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Before the show



 Parking

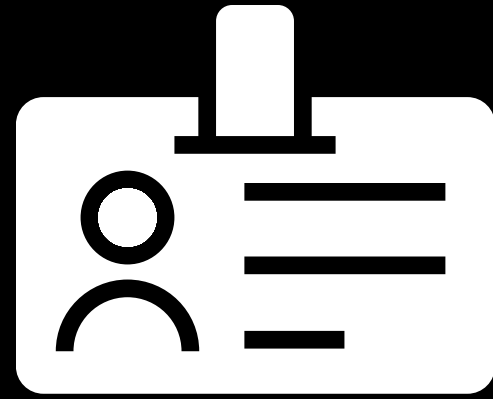
To get free exhibitor parking for the weekend you must register your vehicle registration with us in advance by using the QR code. The latest you can do this is Saturday morning by 10.00

VERY VERY VERY IMPORTANT: The car park is privately owned. We do not have jurisdiction there. If you do not register your vehicle and then leave the venue without registering your vehicle, you will receive a £100 fine unless you have paid for parking through the  on Google Play or the App Store. If a fine is issued, we cannot do anything about it - so please make sure you register your vehicle with us **BEFORE ARRIVING** for load in.



 Helpers

All Artists will be supplied with 1 Artist pass for the weekend and 1 FREE helper who must be registered using this QR Code. This means that they can bring the first load of equipment in whilst you park the car! These passes are not for clients, please direct them to the the ticket link on the website.



Trader Passes

Traders will be supplied with 2 passes for the weekend.



Payment Policy

All payments for artist or trader space must be paid in full. Please note: You will not be able to set up without full payment as this will cause unnecessary delays at registration for your fellow artists. It is always easier to check your spam/junk for your invoice before the show and if there is any doubt, please email Emma on: bignorthtattooshow@gmail.com and she will be happy to help.



Show Bedz

If you require a bed, arm rest, light or Ipad holder then please head to: www.showbedz.com to book and pay your deposit





 Consent

Consent Forms

Here is the QR Code for consent forms - As part of our council requirement your client must complete our consent form, your clients should scan and complete it before they get tattooed and a completed copy will be emailed to the artist. **You must not tattoo anyone under the age of 18 years old at the show. You must ask for ID if in doubt**



General Conditions

The Organisers are responsible for the control of the Exhibition Areas (public areas and walkways). Exhibitors (artists/traders) are responsible for the control of their own stands. Exhibitors must comply in all respects with the requirements of every appropriate authority, with the Terms of Agreement by which the Organisers may occupy the Premises and with policies of insurance affected by the Organisers.

For more details on of the Terms and Conditions that you have agreed to please see here:
<https://www.bignorthtattooshow.com/terms>



Competitions

All competitions will be using a token system.
For categories, times and rules, head to:

www.bignorthtattooshow.com/competitions

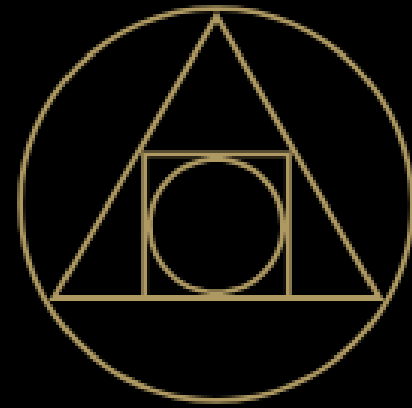
There will be awards for First, Second and Third

PARTIES

We have parties and get togethers every night, they are a great way to socialise, network, get your next guest spot booked in and your happy on!



Scan for venue locations



VENUE: The Alchemist,
ADDRESS: 5 Grey's Quarter, Eldon Square, NE1 7AP
TIME: Friday from 9pm
INFO: Meet and greet drinks: 20% off food, quoting The Big North Tattoo Show



VENUE: NQ64 Arcade Bar,
ADDRESS: 82 Pilgrim Street, NE1 6SG
TIME: Saturday from 9pm, Party Starts at 10pm
INFO: Half Price Gaming with a Wristband, £6.50 Cocktails all night!



VENUE: No28,
ADDRESS: 27-29 Nelson Street, NE1 5AN
TIME: Sunday - 8pm till 3am
INFO: Great cocktails, great food 20% off ALL DRINKS AND FOOD with wristband. **food served between 8pm and 11pm

Set up and Break Down Times

The set-up is scheduled strictly for the following times:

Friday Registration and set up: 15.00 - 20.00

Saturday Registration and set up time: 08.00 - 10.00

****No children are permitted during set up or break down**

Doors open to the public at 10.30 on Saturday 10th May

All stands must be COMPLETELY set up by 10.30 on Saturday. This is a firm deadline.

Set up access points and registration will be closed at 10.00. If you arrive after this time to set up you will find your vehicle access restricted, anything larger than a suitcase will not be permitted onto the convention floor and you or your team may incur a lot of lifting that could have been avoided, so please take note.

The Saturday 10.00 set up deadline is in place, to prevent vehicle and access blockages as the public arrive for the show and as a professional courtesy.



Set up and Break Down contd.

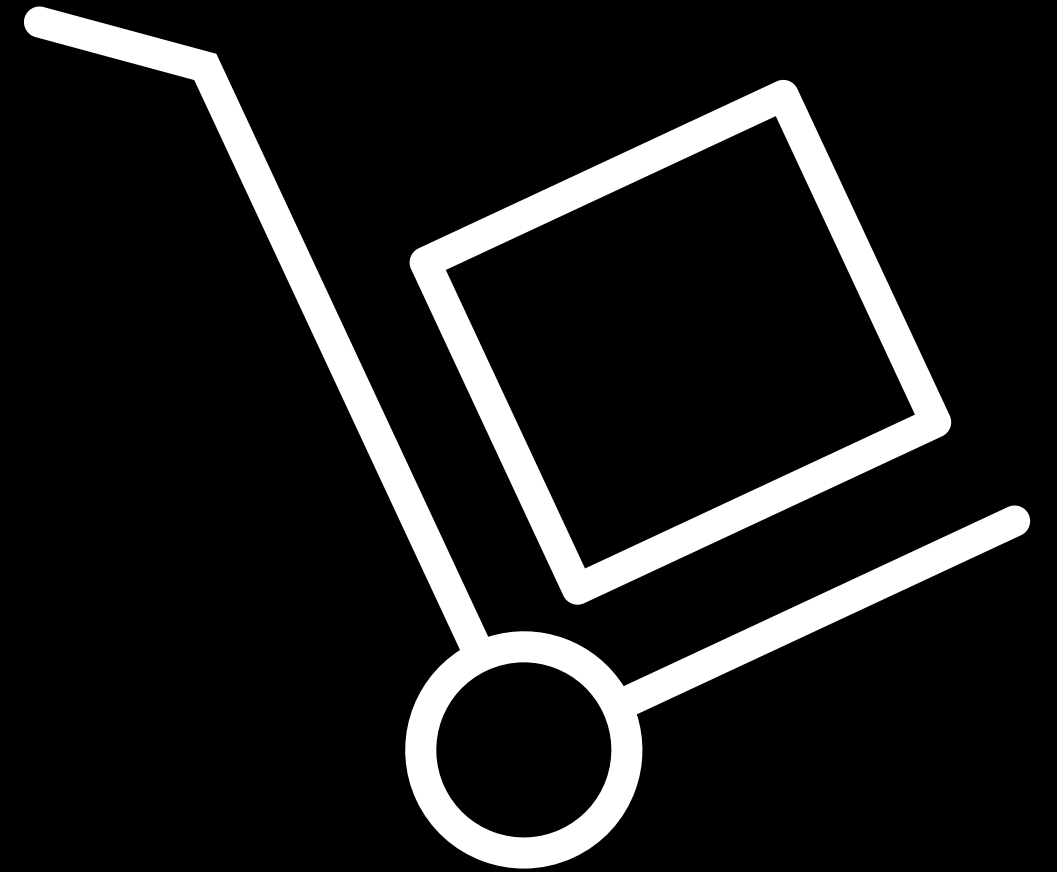
The show closes and tattooing must stop by 18:45 on Sunday The break-down is scheduled for 20:00 (artist/vendors/traders).

PLEASE NOTE.

Rear load in doors will not be accessible until 19:30 on Sunday after the general public has been cleared from the venue. Therefore anything bigger than a suitcase will not be able to leave until this point. You can exit through front doors until then.

Children

Children are not permitted on the site during set up and breakdown for Health and Safety reasons. Children are only permitted during the times we are open to the public and must be supervised at all times, this is a strict rule and needs to be followed please.



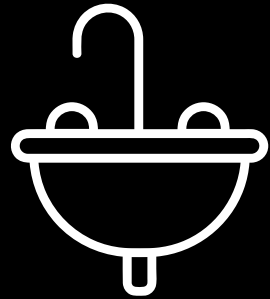
Your Booth

Below is a list of what we supply to your booth, and also a check list of things we advise you bring. You will need to bring anything with an X

Furniture and Booth ✓	Blu Tack ✗	Scissors ✗
Kitchen Roll ✓	Table Cloth ✗	Velcro ✗
Water ✓	Lamp ✗	Extension Lead / adaptors ✗
Hand Sanitiser ✓	Clingfilm ✗	Tattoo Equipment ✗
Clinical Waste Bag ✓	Tape ✗	Business Cards, Stickers, Merch ✗
General Waste Bag ✓	Banner Clips ✗	Sorry to state the obvious!
1 x Power Socket** ✓	Gloves ✗	**There is no power for traders who have booked the foyer



Facilities and Provisions



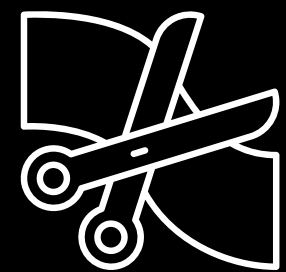
Artist Supply and Dedicated Wash Rooms

These are located at the further most exit on the left hand side as you look at the main stage. You will find dedicated 'Artist Only' wash rooms here. There will also be dedicated sinks marked on the floor plan.



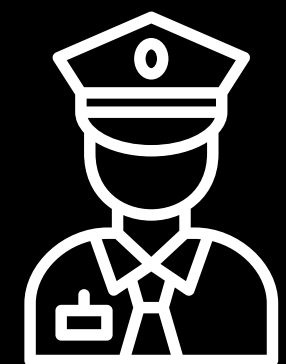
Artist Green Room

We have a 'green room' for artists to unwind, chill out. Teas, Coffees, soft drinks and light snacks will be available throughout the day. The Artist Green room is located through a door on the right hand side of the stage (looking at the stage from the main arena).



Stencil Station

Preparation is key, if you can bring ready made stencils for walkups then you are golden. We do have a self service station where you can use stencil machines, PC, printer etc. This area will to the left hand side if you are looking at the stage. The area can get very busy, if you have your own portable stencil machine, bring it to avoid queues.



Security

Due to increased security at venues in the UK. The public are **NOT ALLOWED BACK PACKS** or **BIG BAGS** into the show. Whilst you may bring them into the show as part of your load in, once doors open to the public, you will be stopped by security if you walk around with this type of bag during show times. Be warned, the venue will be extremely strict on this, and we have no control over the consequences, which can include searches and confiscation. Sorry for this inconvenience, but it is a venue policy we cannot change.

Clinical Waste Info

MIXING YOUR BAGS

Please do not put your general waste in your clinical waste bag. Yellow bags are for clinical waste only, black bags are general waste - mixing them up is really not cool!

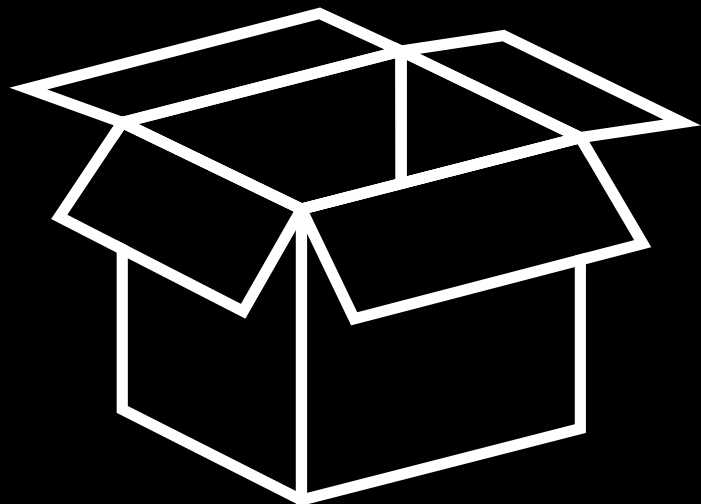
CLINICAL WASTE REMOVAL / COLLECTION POINTS

- At the end of your working day, tie up your clinical waste bag and place towards the corridor side of your booth so it can be collected safely
- Bags will be collected and restocked Saturday night, so please adhere to this show guideline
- **PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not do this, your waste won't be collected, and you will need to contact us to ask how it can be done – how embarrassing! So please tie your bags up and leave at booth edge



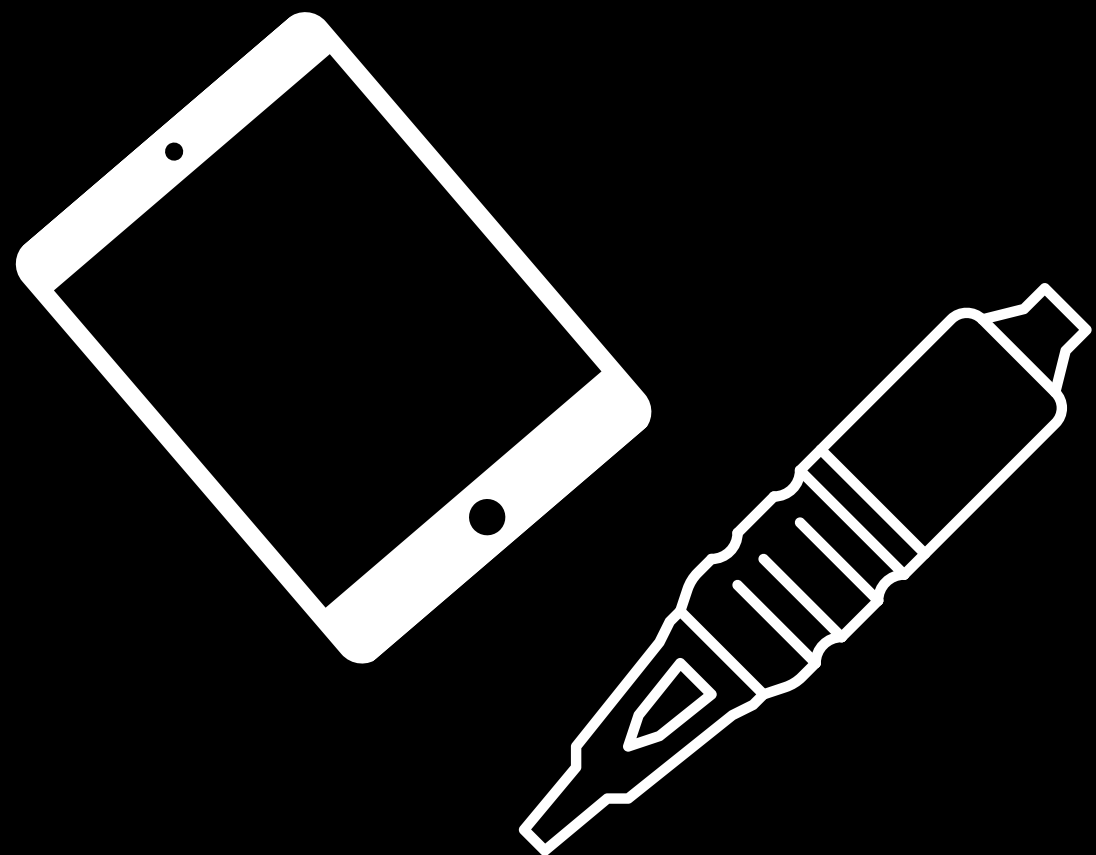
GENERAL WASTE REMOVAL / COLLECTION

If your general waste bag is full at the end of Saturday night, please tie the bag and leave it outside your booth and we will leave a new bag for you.



Storage

Exhibitors are advised to make their own arrangements for removal and storage of all cartons, crates, containers, packing materials, etc, which are necessary for re-packing. There is no room inside the venue for this.



Equipment and Personal Belongings

Please do not leave any machines, laptops, phones or other expensive equipment unattended at the show at any time. The Big North Tattoo Show accepts no responsibility for your belongings.

Thanks for your time

After reading this you should have completed the following if required:

Registered your car for parking



Registered your helper



Checked you are fully paid up



Booked your bed/arm rest or lights




 Parking



 Helpers



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Enjoy the show and make sure you see our sponsors for cool stuff and deals