



AATS PRIORITY POINT POLICY AND ASSIGNMENT PROCESS FOR the AATS 107th ANNUAL MEETING May 2027– Los Angeles, California

Priority Point Policy

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) utilizes a priority point system to assign each exhibiting company a priority booth selection number. Your booth selection number is based on your company's history of exhibit participation at the AATS Annual Meeting, good standing in the Association, and the number of exhibit space units contracted. Only the past five (5) years (in-person or virtual) of points are used to determine booth selection (2022-2026).

Assignments for the 107th AATS Annual Meeting to be held May 1-3, 2026 (exhibit dates) at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, California will be held during the 106th AATS Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Points are accrued as follows for the in-person 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 shows.

- Three (3) points are given each year exhibited with a 100 square foot or more space contracted.
- One (1) point is given for each additional 10x10 booth unit.
- One (1) point is given for each 10x10 purchased for a Surgical Suite in the Exhibit Hall.
- One (1) point is given for completing and returning the exhibitor survey by the requested deadline.

Points are deducted for:

- Early Move-Out (Before the scheduled time on all notifications)
- Not booking in the AATS Housing Block (determined by # of rooms)

Exhibitors will forfeit priority points for each 10x10 space cancelled or reduced.

POLICIES

Mergers (Two previously separate companies, joined and exhibiting as one): AATS will combine the companies' points earned through square footage and add the participation point from whichever company holds the highest number. This total number represents the new entity's priority points from now on.



Multiple Divisions (A company with more than one division contracting for separate booths):

- Multiple subsidiaries or divisions of one parent company may select space at the same time using the highest-rated priority point total.
- Each party will submit a separate contract for booth space accompanied by the authorization form requesting that AATS combine their selection with the other party's.
- The parent company will designate one (1) representative to select space for all parties indicated on the authorization form.
- Parties booking under the authorization form must select spaces adjacent to one another.
- An exhibitor must purchase the square footage between the separate booths (such as an aisle), should they wish to utilize the space that is considered public and off-limits for activities such as exhibit activity, signage, or any decor which is prohibited until the space is booked as purchased exhibit space.
- Each party continues to accrue separate participation and square footage points.
- Each party is welcome to use unique identifiers on the exhibit floor and in the conference exhibitor listings.

Booth Assignment Process for 2027

1. All priority points companies exhibiting at the AATS 106th Annual Meeting will receive an invitation prior to the meeting being held in Chicago, Illinois.
2. Those companies not exhibiting in 2026 will be contacted after the 106th Annual Meeting if they are interested in exhibiting in 2027.
3. The preferred contact will meet with Show Management to book their space for the 2027 meeting.
4. After you have made your booth assignment selection, you will be asked to fill out and sign your application. To confirm your exhibit space, you must complete the application and pay a 50% deposit (of the total booth fee).
5. Companies with priority points who are exhibiting will have until May 15, 2026, to submit the application.
6. After May 15, 2026, all companies with or without priority points will be invited to sign up for exhibit space.