What time should our ceremony start?  
Guest access can begin at 5pm when the Museum closes to the public. We suggest having events start at 6pm. Early access for set up is permissible with preauthorization.

What time can we and our vendors begin set up?  
This depends on the use of the space during the day. Generally, you will be able to begin set up 2-4 hours before your event.

What are the limitations to décor?  
See your contract for specifics.

Can we throw rice or blow bubbles?  
Rice is not permitted. Small (two-ounce), handheld, biodegradable soap bubbles are acceptable outdoors only.

Can we have candles as part of the ceremony or décor?  
For the safety of our collections, building, and staff, no open flames are permitted inside the Museum. Battery powered candles are welcome!

What will we do if it rains and we have secured the Fisherman’s Sun Terrace?  
A tent during the rainy season is highly suggested; please plan accordingly. The Museum is happy to suggest tent rental vendors who are familiar with our space.

What kind of lighting and A/V options will we have?  
The Museum provides basic A/V setup, including microphones, projector, and limited lighting control. For more involved productions, please utilize our preferred vendors.

Will the Museum be able to close early for our wedding?  
No, the Museum must remain open to the public until 5pm.

When can our rehearsal take place?  
Rehearsals can take place the Wednesday before your event. You will schedule this with the Museum’s event coordinator.
What is the parking situation?
Parking is paid and available to the public. It is possible to reserve spaces; please coordinate with the Museum’s event coordinator.

Does the Museum recommend securing an event planner?
Yes, we recommend you hire an event planner. The National Nordic Museum wants to make every event a special and welcoming experience; we understand that we will not be able to think of everything for your day. To ensure you have everything you need, we recommend hiring an event planner.

Why do you recommend ending our event at 11pm, when the rental period ends at 12am?
Rental times include set up and cleaning; ending your event at 11pm gives your group an hour for cleaning and for your guest to depart. Additional charges will be incurred after 12am.

Can our guests access the galleries?
Yes! Packages are available. Please contact the Coordinator for more information.

What time is last call at the bar?
One (1) hour before the event end time as stated on your contract.

How is coat check handled for our guests?
Our coat check room is available to renters by prearranged request. Staffing is not included.

Can we drop off our client-provided alcohol before the event? How far in advance? Will the beverages be chilled?
Please coordinate with the Museum’s event coordinator about client-provided alcohol and chilling beverages. Deliveries must be scheduled for the day of your event.

Can we take photos around the Museum?
Yes, for personal use only. Professional photographers will need to sign the Museum’s waiver.

What are the capacities for a social gathering during the pandemic?
Please see state restrictions, located here: https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start/whats-open. Weddings and funeral services are approved at this time.

Please also see what the Museum is doing to keep staff and visitors safe at https://www.nordicmuseum.org/welcomeback.