

## POLICY ON MINOR CHILDREN AT TMS EVENTS

TMS is committed to providing a professional atmosphere at society events in order to provide a positive experience for all participants. TMS is also committed to assisting members in overcoming challenges that may prohibit them from attending TMS events.

In consideration of this, attendees are permitted to bring minor children under the age of 18 to TMS events, although it is not encouraged. A notable exception is that mothers can take their nursing babies anywhere within an event, in accordance with state laws. It should also be noted that Material Advantage or other university student attendees can access the full conference, regardless of their age.

Attendees choosing to bring minor children, including nursing babies, with them to any aspect of an event, agree to the following:

- The child's care, feeding and safety is the full responsibility of the attendee. TMS does not offer onsite childcare services and assumes no liability for the child's wellbeing.
- Children must not be left unattended by the attendee for any period of time, under any circumstances.
- Children must not create any disruptions.
- Minor children are not allowed on the exhibit floor, with the exception of a nursing baby with their mother. Other exceptions may include chaperoned student groups where pre-arrangements have been made.
- All attendees, including those with minor children, must comply with all rules and regulations of the host facility.
- Notify the society prior to the event by filling out the "Minor Children at TMS Events: Notification Form."
- After submitting the aforementioned form, attendees will receive event-specific instructions for registering minor children onsite. Attendees and children must follow these guidelines.

Failure to comply with this policy could lead to a TMS chairperson/staff member requesting that both the adult and minor child leave a particular room or function at the event or the entire event. If such a request is made, it must be acted upon, or the attendee risks expulsion from the meeting. There will be no refund to a registrant who is requested or required to leave an event by an authorized representative of the society.

Attendee agrees to defend and indemnify TMS and its agents and employees from any claims, liabilities, and/or expenses arising out of an attendee bringing any children to the event. To the extent that the attendee has insurance to cover such claims, TMS shall be named as an additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis.

It should be noted that for the TMS Annual Meeting & Exhibition, attendees may apply for a Family Care Grant from the society to help offset the cost of childcare and alleviate the need to bring a child to the meeting. The grant application can be found on the TMS Annual Meeting & Exhibition web page.