

The Rule of 5

An individual may submit a maximum of five proposals to be considered for the NCA Annual Convention. Individuals should strive for no more than five participations across all programming. “Participation” refers to giving a presentation as a first author/presenter or serving as a presenter/panelist. Multiple submissions that are redundant or substantively similar are not permitted. Each proposal must be submitted to only one division for consideration. Any submitter who exceeds five submissions may have scheduling issues with any/all submissions.

Exemptions from The Rule of 5 Participation Count

Not included in the "participation" counts are individuals who serve as chairs who do not present, non-presenting coauthors, business meetings, general sessions, or NCA wide programming (e.g., NCA group-sponsored sessions, NCA presidential programming, NCA awards ceremony, or NCA special-series programming).

Why the Rule of 5?

When a presenter is associated with numerous proposals, it can create scheduling difficulties and conflicts. Managing a large number of proposals from a single individual increases the chances of overlapping presentation times, which can be challenging to resolve. The Rule of 5 is being implemented to educate submitters in advance about scheduling conflicts that arise when individuals have numerous program participations. Though NCA cannot guarantee an individual will have no scheduling conflicts, the Rule of 5 is designed to aid in their reduction.