Event Tech & Equipment Checklist

Pre-Event Planning						
Task	Done?	Assignee	Due Date	Notes		
8–12 Weeks Before the Event: "Foundations & Forecast	ting"					
Define technical objectives such as live streaming, hybrid setup, or multi-room AV.						
Conduct a venue technical assessment, including power, rigging, and internet capability.						
Identify core equipment requirements for audio, video, lighting, and control systems.						
Decide what equipment will be rented versus provided in-house.						
Research and book AV, staging, and live production vendors.						
Outline software needs, including presentation tools, streaming platforms, and interactivity solutions.						
Estimate internet bandwidth demand and plan backup connectivity.						
Map camera positions, LED screens, and projection locations based on venue layout.						
Draft signal flow diagrams for audio, video, and lighting paths.						
Source specialized technology like PTZ cameras, wireless mics, or stage automation.						
Schedule an initial site visit with the lead technician or production manager.						

Build a preliminary budget covering all technology and equipment costs.			
Begin any required permitting for rigging, power distribution, or wireless use.			
Assign internal technical roles for show management and operations.			
Vet external vendors for credentials, references, and insurance coverage.			
4–6 Weeks Before the Event: "Specifications & Lock-in'	3		
Finalize all AV and staging equipment lists with exact models and specifications.			
Confirm all hardware and software orders with suppliers and rental partners.			
Lock in delivery dates and access times for equipment load-in.			
Share final floorplans and tech layouts with vendors and crew.			
Confirm all power requirements and distribution plans with the venue.			
Validate internet solutions, including main and backup connectivity sources.			
Finalize streaming platform setup and user permissions.			
Coordinate content formats and presentation compatibility for all speakers or media.			
Confirm all cable types, lengths, and connectors needed for signal flow.			

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Establish a storage and staging area plan for equipment at the venue.			
Schedule a logistics-focused site visit for placement, rigging, and access validation.			
Approve rigging plots and safety sign-offs for flown or suspended tech.			
Assign final responsibilities to each technical team member and department.			
Share a full tech contact sheet with vendors, crew leads, and internal staff.			
Confirm insurance coverage for all rented, custom, or high-value equipment.			
Finalize software licenses, logins, and access credentials for all tech platforms.			
Lock in on-site technical support hours and escalation procedures.			
Confirm rehearsal or early access dates for equipment testing and integration.			
2–3 Weeks Before the Event: "Testing & Technical F	Rehearsals	s"	
Conduct full dry runs of audio, video, lighting, and streaming workflows.			
Test all equipment for functionality, firmware compatibility, and calibration.			
Verify signal flow from source to output for all AV and broadcast systems.			
Run end-to-end streaming tests with platform, overlays, and encoder			

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Test microphone frequencies to avoid wireless interference or dropouts.		
Simulate lighting cues and transitions using programmed show files.		
Confirm latency, sync, and audio-video alignment in multi-camera setups.		
Validate presentation formats on venue screens and switching hardware.		
Load test the internet bandwidth with multiple devices and streaming load.		
Perform power-on tests for all backup systems, including UPS and generators.		
Stage and label cable runs to ensure correct lengths and routing.		
Review camera framing, coverage angles, and switching logic.		
Conduct comms checks for intercom and crew radio systems.		
Confirm final layout and gear positions with stage management.		
Reconfirm arrival times and responsibilities with all tech crew members.		
Finalize and distribute the technical run-of-show with cue points.		
Review rigging and weight loads for any suspended equipment.		
Audit inventory for all spare parts, consumables, and backup devices.		
Confirm transport logistics for gear not stored on-site.		
Rehearse speaker handoffs, content transitions, and screen switching.		

Document any failures or adjustments during testing for final implementation.			
Test file compatibility for final versions of videos, slides, or sponsor content.			
Prepare printed or digital cue sheets for AV operators and camera directors.			
1 Week Before the Event: "Final Prep & Contingence	y Planning	g"	
Confirm all gear delivery dates, access times, and on-site storage locations.			
Inspect and test all delivered equipment for damage or missing components.			
Label and organize gear for efficient setup and teardown.			
Prepare and pack backup devices, including microphones, cables, adapters, and batteries.			
Load final show files into presentation and playback systems.			

Confirm software licenses, login cr all platforms.	edentials, and account access for	
Recheck power distribution plans a electricians.	and circuit loads with venue	
Print or upload final cue sheets, ru equipment maps.	n-of-show documents, and	

Validate recording and streaming settings for resolution, bitrate, and storage paths.	
Inspect and tag all rigging gear and truss systems for compliance and safety.	

Prepare and test backup internet sources such as bonded cellular or 4G routers.			
Charge all wireless devices, including mics, tablets, intercom units, and control surfaces.			
Assemble an emergency toolkit with gaffer tape, tools, signal testers, and spare cables.			
Distribute tech crew briefings, including roles, timing, and escalation contacts.			
Walk through venue load-in and load-out paths with logistics leads.			
Review weather contingency plans for outdoor technical setups.			
Pre-label cable runs and drop points for power, video, and audio.			
Finalize camera blocking and operator notes for live or recorded video.			
Load and test pre-roll, holding screens, sponsor loops, and intermission media.			
Confirm tech support coverage for setup day and live show periods.			
Revalidate all tech-related permits and access credentials for the venue.			
Check all firmware versions for key equipment and apply updates if needed.			
Create offline backups of key files and media assets.			
Pre-program lighting desks, vision mixers, or switchers with show presets.			
Verify all vendor arrival times and confirm access points for gear delivery.			

Label flight cases, equipment zones, or racks for faster on-site deployment.								
Event Day: "Execution & Live Operations"								
Pre-Event Setup								
Arrive early and verify venue access for tech teams and vendors.								
Unload, inventory, and stage all gear in assigned zones.								
Power up all core systems and verify stable voltage and signal flow.								
Complete a full AV line check, including microphones, mixers, speakers, and playback.								
Test video switchers, cameras, monitors, and output feeds.								
Confirm that lighting cues and transitions are responding from the control desks.								
Validate internet connection stability and failover response.								
Run a final stream test including overlays, lower thirds, and output monitoring.								
Place and test intercoms or crew comms systems across all zones.								
Test and sync all wireless devices, including frequency and battery health.								
Reconfirm presentation media and cue points on playback machines.								

Double-check the alignment of camera framing, angles, and operator notes.			
Review the final run-of-show with the tech crew and signal callers.			
Confirm all backup gear is staged and powered.			
Clean lenses, screens, projectors, and camera housings before go-live.			
Start pre-show media or holding slides on venue displays and live feed.			
Run last-minute firmware reboots on switching or streaming hardware.			
Verify real-time clock sync across all recording and streaming devices.			
Place signage or physical barriers to protect cable runs and camera tripods.			
During Event Operations			
Actively monitor audio levels and EQ in real time for all speakers and feeds.			
Switch video sources live per run-of-show and cue sheets.			
Monitor camera signals and coordinate framing adjustments via comms.			
Control lighting scenes and adjust intensity or focus based on the presenter's movement.			
Watch the stream health dashboard for bitrate, resolution, and viewer access.			

Respond immediately to tech issues or signal dropouts with backup			
gear.			
Manage transitions between sessions, speakers, or media content.			
Trigger pre-programmed cues for lighting, video, or audio elements.			
Maintain battery levels and perform hot swaps on wireless gear if needed.			
Document tech issues and resolutions in real time for post-event review.			
Keep the tech crew in constant communication for cues and changes.			
Monitor recording integrity for all capture systems.			
Ensure the on-site tech team rotates breaks to maintain alertness.			
Log timestamped cue markers for post-editing alignment of video and audio.			
Monitor environmental noise that may interfere with the mics or speaker clarity.			
Confirm remote audience access and interaction (for hybrid or streamed events).			
Wrap-Up & Post-Show Strike			
Stop live streams and ensure recordings are properly saved and backed up.			
Power down all systems in the correct sequence to avoid damage.			

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Label and repack all equipment in assigned cases with a full inventory check.						
Safely dismantle rigging, trusses, lighting, and projection gear.						
Coil and secure cables, avoiding tangles or strain.						
Return wireless gear to chargers or storage after battery removal.						
Perform basic surface cleaning of equipment before storage or transport.						
Collect and archive all show files, recordings, and media assets.						
Create an initial post-event tech log including issues, resolutions, and gear notes.						
Confirm gear pick-up or return with the rental vendors.						
Debrief with the tech team on performance, feedback, and improvements.						
Tag any damaged or malfunctioning gear for repair or replacement.						
Transfer show recordings to the cloud or external backup drives.						
Collect all venue-specific tech credentials or access passes for return.						
1 Week After the Event: "Teardown, Archiving & Review"						
Return rented or borrowed equipment to vendors with inventory verification.						
Inspect all owned gear for damage, wear, or missing components.						

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Schedule any necessary repairs, cleaning, or firmware updates for equipment.			
Restock all consumables used during the event, such as gaffer tape, batteries, or adapters.			
Archive all show recordings, cue sheets, and presentation files in structured cloud storage.			
Organize media assets and documents into clearly labeled folders for future access.			
Transfer all recordings and key files to an external drive or secondary cloud backup.			
Remove or deactivate temporary software licenses, platform access, or device registrations.			
Export and review analytics from streaming platforms, audience tools, or engagement systems.			
Log all technical issues encountered, along with resolutions and time stamps.			
Collect and compile internal crew feedback on gear performance and operations.			
Update the technical run-of-show to reflect what actually occurred on show day.			
Close out all vendor support tickets or pending service requests.			
Evaluate internet performance and backup system usage, if applicable.			
Tag and isolate any gear requiring replacement, warranty claims, or further inspection.			
Clean all equipment surfaces before placing them into long-term storage.			

Collect all venue-specific access passes, codes, or ID badges for return.		
Compile a post-event tech debrief report summarizing challenges and outcomes.		
Send thank-you notes or feedback to vendors and the technical crew for outstanding service.		
Update internal SOPs or checklists based on what worked or needs improvement.		
Schedule an internal review meeting to align on learnings and next steps.		