

Hazard Con Rules

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1. **Age Restrictions**

- A. At our all ages show, any children under fourteen (14) years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- B. Attendance at age restricted events, panels, presentations, etc. will require government issued identification.

2. **Badges**

- A. Badges are required for attendance at Hazard Con.
- B. **All Badge Sales Are Final except where otherwise noted.**
- C. Badge pricing will be posted at the Registration Counter and is subject to change at any time.
- D. Badges must be worn in a visible and appropriate location at all times.
 - i. Badges may be removed while actively performing on stage or temporarily for photographs.
- E. Lost badges will not be replaced. If it is lost, you will be required to purchase a new badge at the current price.
 - i. If the original badge is later found, it may be brought back to the registration desk to receive a refund.
- F. If an attendee is ejected from the event for any reason, a refund will not be issued for their badge.
- G. The production, sale, or use of counterfeit badges is prohibited. This also includes alteration of a purchased badge to gain access and/or knowingly purchasing and/or utilizing a counterfeit badge. Penalties may include:
 - i. Ejection from the event.
 - ii. Blacklisting from future events.
 - iii. Notification sent to other conventions regarding actions taken.
 - iv. Prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

3. **Standard of Dress**

- A. Genitalia must be reasonably covered at all times.
 - i. Any graphic or vivid outline of genitalia that is visible is not permitted. (i.e. if we can see the details of what's beneath your underwear, you will be asked to pad or cover it.)
- B. Footwear is mandatory at all times.
 - i. Clear/Invisible shoes are permitted.

- C. Garments with obscene or profane images and/or text are prohibited.
- D. Garments offering “Free Hugs” or similar are prohibited.
- E. Those who fail to comply will be asked to remedy the issue or leave the premises until they are properly attired.

4. **Standard of Conduct**

- A. A basic standard of decency towards those around you should be adhered to at all times.
- B. No running while attending the event.
- C. The use of skates, hoverboards, skateboards, heelines, trampoline shoes, and recreational mobility items is prohibited.
- D. Engaging in violence or fighting is prohibited.
 - i. Anyone who does so will be ejected from the event.
- E. When in line for events, please wait in a single file line.
 - i. You may not save a spot in line for a friend, leave the line and come back to the same spot, or “cut” in line.
- F. The sale of any item(s) or service(s) is prohibited unless you are an official event Vendor or Artist and you are in the designated area.
- G. Visible intoxication is prohibited and violators will be escorted to security unless otherwise specified.
- H. **Consumption of alcohol at the event is prohibited.**
- I. Alcohol is prohibited in events spaces.
- J. There is to be no smoking inside of the event venue.
 - i. This includes, but is not limited to Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes, E-Cigs, and Vaporizers.
 - ii. Chewing tobacco is also prohibited.
- K. All local, state and federal laws apply inside the confines of the event.

5. **Harassment**

- A. Harassment of any kind is not tolerated at Hazard Con.
- B. Harassment is defined by the victim.
- C. Harassment can include but is not limited to:
 - i. Intentionally making another uncomfortable.
 - ii. Physical or verbal assault.
 - a. This could include offensive jokes or comments that you may believe to be ultimately harmless.
 - iii. Bullying or discrimination of any kind.
 - iv. Intimidation, stalking, and/or unwelcome physical attention.
 - v. Non-consensual flirtation or sexual advances.
 - vi. Non-consensual photography or recording.
 - vii. “Bathroom policing”
 - a. Hazard Con does not discriminate against gender identity. All persons attending Hazard Con can use the restroom of the gender they identify with, without harassment.
- D. Reporting
 - i. We encourage you to make reports as soon as possible so that the situation can be dealt with immediately.
 - ii. If you feel that you are being harassed by anyone (attendee, staff, guest, press, venue personnel, etc.), please report it immediately to a member of our security staff.
- E. Consequences of Harassment
 - i. At the discretion of the security department head and in no specific order:
 - a. Verbal warnings may be issued only once.

- b. Immediate ejection from the event with no refund.
- c. Placement upon a blacklist for all future events.
- d. Law enforcement authorities will be notified where appropriate.

6. Disabilities

- A. If your disability requires special accommodations, please contact our staff. Staff will review and address these needs on a case by case basis.
 - i. Onsite please go to Convention Operations
 - ii. Pre-Show please Email registration@hazardcon.org
- B. The use of motorized and non-motorized wheelchairs, crutches, canes, and other personal mobility items for those who are permanently or temporarily disabled are permitted at all times.
- C. Service animals such as guide dogs are permitted at all times.

7. Photography

- A. The use of tripods must not interfere with traffic flow of the convention attendees.
- B. Video/audio recordings of panels will only be permitted with consent from individual panelists.
- C. Hazard Con's guests, attendees and staff have a right to deny photos, and audio or video recordings.
- D. Photography within the Artists' Alley is at the discretion of the individual artist.
- E. Request or approach of attendees for paid photography is prohibited during the event. Only prior, advanced-booking photography will be permitted.
- F. Any video or audio recordings of Hazard Con-sponsored events are not to be uploaded to the internet, and posted in their entirety. These events include, but are not limited to: panels, concerts, guests, fashion shows, masquerades, etc. Only brief clips are permitted.
- G. Hazard Con is authorized to use photos, videos, and audio recordings made by Hazard Con staff for promotional works. Attendees can deny photos, videos, or audio recordings of themselves.

8. Props/Weapon Policy

- A. **All props must follow all other rules (i.e.: Nothing vulgar).**
- B. Any prop may be asked to be stored or removed from the floor at any time by event or facility staff.
- C. You may be asked to store large props which impede traffic flow.
- D. **All prop weapons or large props must be checked by event staff.**
 - i. This will be done at designated Prop Check areas.
 - ii. Prop Check will follow these guidelines:
 - a. If it is illegal in the City of Erie and/or State of Pennsylvania it is prohibited.
 - b. NO EXPLOSIVES or CHEMICALS of any kind including, but not limited to: smoke powder, sparklers, or fireworks of any kind.
 - c. No functioning projectile weapons of any kind will be permitted including:
 - Airsoft guns.
 - BB and other pellet guns.
 - Bows, crossbows, dart guns, and blowguns.
 - Water guns and/or pistols.
 - Stun guns and tasers.
 - Nerf guns or similar.
 - iii. Non-functioning weapons will be permitted.

- iv. Props must have no way to load or fire any type of ammunition. All realistic guns are required to have an orange safety tip and have no ammunition inside.
 - a. Anyone found carrying a prop with ammunition in it will be immediately removed from the convention and have their badge revoked.
 - v. Prop bows may be carried in the convention space.
 - a. They must not be strung with authentic bowstring, and any alternative material (twine, yarn, any other non-functioning material) used must not be attached to the bow in a taut (tight) fashion.
 - b. All bows must comply with all other general policies.
 - c. Prop or toy arrows clearly marked as such are allowed.
 - d. Authentic arrows (tipped or non-tipped), including crossbow bolts and other projectiles, will NOT be permitted.
 - vi. No exposed live steel or sharp edges of any kind is permitted.
 - a. Live steel is defined as swords, knives, or any other object, which can take an edge or point.
 - vii. Weapons will be peace bound at the convention's discretion.
 - viii. Fake, prop, or made-up weapons (i.e. made of plastic, cardboard, tissue paper, plaster of Paris, cloth) are permitted.
 - ix. These items must not impede traffic flow or be dangerous to others.
- E. Behavior with Weapons/Props:
- i. Misuse of a weapon or prop, such as swinging it in a public area or posing a hazard to others, will result in the weapon or prop being deemed unsafe for the convention, and you will be asked to remove the item from the conference center.
 - ii. Any edged or other non-permitted weapons purchased from a designated event vendor must be either peace bound or boxed and removed from the event immediately.
 - iii. Any item that poses a potential safety hazard may need to be removed from the event.
 - a. This includes any costume, prop, or accessory that obstructs doors or hallways, or otherwise poses any kind of danger to other attendees, staff, or conference center property.
- F. When in doubt, check with event staff.

9. Violation of Rules

- A. Minor Infractions
 - i. A three strikes policy will be enforced.
 - ii. "Strikes" may be issued by members of the event Security, Operations, or Executive staff.
 - iii. Violators with three strikes will have their badge confiscated without refund and will be ejected.
 - iv. Strikes may be appealed to our Convention Operations Staff and Event Planning Committee, however EPC decisions are final.
- B. Severe Infractions
 - i. Violators shall have their badge confiscated without refund and will be ejected.
 - ii. Ejections may be appealed to our Convention Operations Staff and Event Planning Committee, however EPC decisions are final.
 - iii. Violators shall be turned over to Facility Security Staff when warranted.
 - iv. Public authorities will be contacted when warranted.