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MAGIKA COSPLAY RULES & SAFETY GUIDELINES

MAGIKA and its authorized representatives reserve the right to inspect all costumes and weapons on an individual basis in order to ensure that the event remains safe and family-friendly. Individuals who violate these rules will assume all responsibility in the event of injury or death.

In the case that you do not wish to have your costume weapons and/or props inspected, or if you do not consent to comply with these policies, please choose to leave those items at home. Failure to comply with MAGIKA's official rules and safety guidelines may result in ejection from the competition and/or convention with no refund and/or potential legal action if necessary.

A. GENERAL DISCLAIMER

- i. All events are subject to local laws and customs. Any behavior or activity deemed illegal and/or inappropriate outside of event context remains so within the event context.
- ii. Any facilities and/or services provided by the event and its organizers shall be used in good faith. Unless stated otherwise, it is expected that such facilities be used with consideration and shared with fellow participants/attendees.
- iii. MAGIKA and its affiliates will not be held responsible for any incidents that occur outside the event venue.
- iv. The rules and regulations stated in this document are subject to change without prior notification at the discretion of MAGIKA and its affiliates.

B. COSTUMING AND PROPS

- i. All military, law enforcement and other emergency service costumes should be easily distinguishable from official uniforms.
- ii. Overly-revealing costumes are not allowed; these include, but are not limited to, body-paint costumes and/or a mankinis.
- iii. No functional props or weapons are allowed in the venue. Simulated or costume weapons are allowed as part of your costume, subject to approval by security and compliance with the following:

1. *All costume props and weapons must be inspected at the bag check counters before entry into the convention venue. Fake or prop weapons are permitted if they are in no way dangerous to fellow convention attendees.*
2. *All prop firearms must be incapable of firing projectiles. Projectiles or any type of ammunition are forbidden. BB guns, paintball guns, dart guns, blow guns, water guns and their accompanying ammunition is NOT permitted. NO ACTUAL FIREARMS ARE PERMITTED INSIDE THE CONVENTION VENUE AT ALL TIMES. Nerf guns and plastic air soft guns are permitted as long as no ammunition or projectiles are accessible.*
3. *All weapons must be easily distinguishable from real weapons and must be constructed from safe materials. Approved materials include: rubber, plastic (PVC, etc.) foam, cardboard and papier-mâché.*
4. *Metal weapons of any kind are prohibited. This includes hammers, scissors, screwdrivers, saws, chains, nun-chucks, brass knuckles, shields, claws, handcuffs, etc. Metal swords, knives, blades of other weapons of any kind are not allowed in the event premises.*
5. *Swords/daggers made from approved materials are allowed as long as they do not possess any sharp edges. Such props must not have sharp edges or tips and must be zip-tied for security for entry into areas such as the concert areas.*
6. *Props such as bullwhips, ropes and lassos are allowed, but must be rolled and secured when not in use for posing.*
7. *Staves are allowed but must not possess sharp edges or tips and be made of lightweight material.*
8. *Incendiary or flammable weapons are not allowed, including items that can ignite sparks or flames, or can burn, explode or combust.*
9. *Radioactive and/or toxic materials are right out.*
10. *Bags and backpacks are allowed but may be subject to a bag check at the organizers' discretion.*

C. POSING & PHOTOGRAPHY

- i. Participating cosplayers are free to pose and take pictures across the event with the following exceptions,
 1. *Limited Entry Areas (e.g. Organizer's rooms)*
 2. *No Photography Areas*
 3. *Toilets/Changing Rooms*
 4. *In front of booth spaces/locations with heavy foot traffic*
- ii. Participants have the right to refuse any photography requests from the public.

- iii. Unwanted and persistent photography (or other) requests may constitute as harassment. Any individual subject to such experiences may approach the nearest helper/organizing member/security personnel for assistance.
- iv. Participants are required to maintain a passable walking area when posing for photos. Organizers reserve the right relocate any shoots that may be disruptive to crowd flow.