

COSPLAY SOCIAL RULES: SEPTEMBER, 2019

General-

- Your name badge is proof of your participation and must be worn at all times to guarantee admission to convention events. Lost badges should be reported promptly to the Staff members.
- Please make sure your badge is on and visible at all times.
- The Cosplay Social is intended for those 18 years old and older. A 17 year old may attend if accompanied by a legal parent or guardian. Parents/guardians are responsible for the well-being and behavior of their teen. The parent or guardian must also register and pay to attend the event.
- Laser pointers are not harmless toys; they are capable of inflicting serious eye damage. Irresponsible use of a laser pointer will result in loss of membership and expulsion from the convention.
- Please remember talking during performances, such as the costume contest is disruptive to other attendees and save your comments for outside. Please also turn off the sounds on your cell phone and any other noisy devices during said performances.
- Glomping (aggressive hugging, often without warning) can be disruptive and even cause harm to unsuspecting targets or bystanders being jostled in a crowded space. Please do not Glomp or hug anyone without asking permission/consent first. Repeated problems may be considered disruptive behavior and result in warnings and loss of convention membership. Also please keep safety in mind and do not glomp someone from behind.
- Failure to follow the rules may result in loss of badge and expulsion from the convention. We (AFA) reserves the right to remove anyone in violation of these rules. No refunds will be given to anyone removed from the convention.
- Regardless of fandoms please treat each other with respect, we are all here to enjoy ourselves.
- Have fun, enjoy yourself, be courteous to staff and fellow attendees but please remember, the impression you make reflects on all of us.

FOOD-

- No outside food or drink are allowed into the convention center. Food and soft drinks will be provided.
- No food or drink near the tech equipment.

VENUE SPACE-

- Event Staff will be wearing distinctive badges. If you need any assistance just ask, if you see any problems, report it promptly.
- Seating is first-come, first-served. Due to fire regulations, seating beyond a room's capacity is not allowed, and we are bound by law to strictly enforce this.
- The Hormel Historic Home is a smoke free building. Smoking is prohibited except where venue policy permits.

-Panhandling (begging for money, with or without performing music or other entertainment) will not be allowed in convention space.

-Water guns and projectiles are not allowed in convention space, any use of them in public will result in loss of participation and removal from the convention. All involved parties will be required to pay the cost of any property damages suffered by individuals, dealers or the HHH.

- Event staff WILL NOT tolerate any illegal alcohol or drug use, sales or possession. You will lose your convention badge, the authorities may be called.

-Theft and Vandalism should be reported promptly to the convention staff.

-If you willfully damage the tech equipment you will be held responsible for repairs or replacement.

SIGNS-

-Signs that advertise services in exchange for goods or other favors (ie Will Glomp for Pocky, Hugs for \$1) may be against local soliciting and/or panhandling bylaws and will not be allowed.

-Signs with slogans that would be unacceptable on a t-shirt are also unacceptable.

-Signs that outwardly insult another convention attendee, staff member or guest are not allowed.

-Signs that are of political nature that have no bearing on the anime convention are not allowed.

-We have the right to ask you to put signs away if staff finds them inappropriate.

COSPLAY-

-All attendees must wear clothing and footwear at ALL times, even when you're in costume. The following costume elements are not allowed because of safety reasons, whether you are in costume or not: Stilts (wooden and metal), Bare Feet, Roller Skates and rollerblades, and Skateboards.

-Wear a comfortable costume of your favorite anime or manga character, or make one of your own.

-Be aware that not everybody (including parents, and staff) are anime and manga fans, so they may have questions about your costume.

-Real weapons are NOT allowed as part of your costume.

-Nudity and body paint are NOT costumes. Neither is just underwear.

-We (AFA and HHH) do not hold any responsibility if your prop or costume is damaged at the convention.

-The skimpiest costumes must follow these rules: Nipples and genitalia must be fully covered. The butt must be covered from the top of the intergluteal cleft (butt crack) to 2 inches below bottom of the cheek. The full curvature must be covered.

-If you're asked to cover up by staff, please comply.

-Masks should be worn ONLY in the Convention Venues.

-Cosplay is not consent.

PROPS-

-Weapons/props **NOT allowed**: Any form of Live Steel. (Sheathed steel weapons are still considered live steel), knives, bayonets, shuriken, star knives, swords, objects made of metal that could hold an edge, regardless of whether it is sharp.

-Any form of firearm with moving parts. This includes: air soft guns, pellet guns, water guns, BB guns, dart guns, blow guns, crossbows, No explosives of any kind, Nunchaku are not allowed

-Exceptions: prop weaponry that contain no moving parts and are marked with an irremovable orange tip, allowing them to easily be recognized as toys.

-Weapons/props that **ARE allowed**: Fake or prop weaponry- Items made of tissue paper, plaster of Paris, cardboard, plastic swords, wood, etc. as long as they pose no danger to you and other convention attendees.

-Any misuse of a weapon (swinging it around in a public area, causing a hazard to others) will result in staff requiring you to remove the weapon from the convention area.

-All weapons and props that may be deemed dangerous or inappropriate must be temporarily taken by staff to be inspected.

-Approved weaponry will be marked by the Staff

-If a weapon is or is deemed inappropriate, you will be asked to remove it from the convention area.

-If you are found carrying a questionable item, Staff will ask you for it so it may be inspected for safety purposes.

-If you are unsure if your prop/weapon is allowed, please bring it to a staff member for approval.

-All decisions made by Staff are final.

PHOTOGRAPHY-

-Flash and Non-flash Photography of individuals in cosplay is allowed ONLY when permission is given and it does not obstruct others' view of the stage during performances.

-Please be considerate and ask first before taking pictures of guests, convention staff, other attendees or the general public.