

PCX Austin Cosplay & Weapons Policy

To help ensure a safe and enjoyable event for all attendees, all cosplay costumes and prop weapons are subject to inspection and approval by PCX Austin staff and event security. These policies are in place for attendee safety, venue compliance, and overall event operations.

1. Cosplay Guidelines

PCX Austin welcomes and encourages cosplay! Attendees may dress as characters from comics, anime, film, television, gaming, and original designs, provided costumes comply with event and venue policies.

Costumes of all styles, including armor builds, performance costumes, and stylized or revealing cosplay, are welcome, provided they offer appropriate coverage of private areas, comply with applicable public decency laws, and do not create safety hazards for attendees or staff.

The following are not permitted:

- Costumes that expose genitalia, buttocks, breasts, or otherwise fail to provide adequate coverage of private areas
- Costumes containing offensive, hateful, or discriminatory imagery
- Costumes that create safety hazards or obstruct walkways, aisles, exits, or event spaces
- Costumes that emit liquids, smoke, powders, aerosols, or substances that may impact attendee safety or venue operations
- Costumes or materials that shed glitter, confetti, rice, sand, loose debris, or similar materials

***Important:** Materials that create excessive cleanup or venue damage may result in removal from the event and financial responsibility for any associated venue fines or damages.*

Oversized & Elaborate Costumes

Attendees wearing large or elaborate costumes must:

- Be able to move safely
- Maintain awareness of their surroundings
- Avoid blocking aisles, exits, panel rooms, or common walkways

Event staff may request adjustments or modifications if necessary for safety and operational purposes. PCX Austin reserves the right to deny entry or require modification of any costume deemed unsafe, disruptive, or non-compliant.

2. Weapons & Prop Policy

For the safety of all guests, the following policies apply to all weapons and prop items.

Mandatory Inspection & Peace-Bonding

All cosplay props and weapons must be presented for inspection prior to entering the event. A designated Prop & Weapons Check area will be located near Registration for all attendees bringing prop weapons, regardless of costume or age. Approved items will be peace-bonded with a visible tag or marking and must remain peace-bonded at all times while inside the event. Removal, tampering, or alteration of a peace-bond may result in confiscation of the item and removal from the event. PCX Austin staff, venue security, and event security reserve the right to inspect props at any time during the event.

Prohibited Items (No Exceptions)

- Real firearms
- Ammunition
- Explosives or explosive replicas
- Airsoft guns
- BB guns
- Pellet guns
- Slingshots
- Functional bows with drawstrings
- Real blades or sharp metal objects
- Metal bats, clubs, or blunt-force weapons
- Tasers
- Stun guns
- Pepper spray
- Props that are excessively realistic or could reasonably be mistaken for a real firearm

Permitted Prop Weapons (Subject to Inspection)

- Clearly fake or non-functional prop firearms
- Foam props
- Plastic props
- Resin props
- Lightweight prop weapons
- Lightweight wooden props (subject to staff approval)

All permitted prop weapons must:

- Be non-functional
- Be carried in a safe and non-threatening manner
- Be presented for inspection before entry
- Be peace-bonded before entry
- Remain peace-bonded throughout the event

Props may not be brandished, swung, aimed at others, or used in a threatening, aggressive, or disruptive manner. Event staff and/or security reserve the right to deny entry to or remove any item deemed unsafe at their sole discretion.

3. Compliance & Enforcement

Failure to comply with this policy may result in:

- Confiscation of the item for the duration of the event
- Removal from the event without refund
- Potential involvement of venue security or law enforcement where applicable

PCX Austin reserves the right to amend or update this policy at any time as necessary to ensure the safety of attendees, guests, exhibitors, and staff.

We know how much time, effort, and creativity go into creating your cosplay, so if you're not sure, don't guess. Reach out to us. We're happy to answer your questions and help make sure your costume or prop is good to go before the show!

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