

CHILD & TEEN RULES

The Norwescon convention committee welcomes young and future fans. Please refer to the pocket program guide for information about programming for children, tweens and teens. Children attending Norwescon must be registered convention attendees and wear their convention badge. Parents must have a permission slip on file at registration. Parents or adults guardians must accompany children under 13 years of age at all times.

WEAPONS POLICY

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1. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT AND REJECT ANY WEAPON AT ANY TIME.
2. VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY IN PART OR IN WHOLE MAY LEAD TO YOUR REMOVAL FROM THE CONVENTION BY CONVENTION EXECUTIVE STAFF AND FROM THE HOTEL BY HOTEL SECURITY OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
3. This policy includes all real and replicated weapons of any type that may be construed as a projectile weapon or any extension of the human hand.
4. Peacebonding will be available next to the Information Table during open registration hours and in the Security Office when the Peacebonding table is closed.
5. Peacebonding is required on all weapons worn/carried on the hotel property including parking areas and indoor spaces. The only type of peacebonding allowed is that provided by the convention. Fashion coordinated substitutes are not sufficient.
 - a. NO unsheathed weapon allowed in ANY public space (unless approved in advance for Masquerade or programming event in which bonding ties will be removed for such an event and replaced immediately afterward).
 - i. All bladed/pointed weapons will be appropriately covered in all public areas and function spaces. This includes but is not limited to: Daggers, Swords, Pikes, Axes, and Polearms, be they made of steel, plastic or any other hard material.
 - ii. Polearms, Spears, Staves and other such weapons shall be kept upright at all times and have weapon heads sheathed and bonded. The ends of said weapons must never project more than 12" from the bearer's body.
 - b. Some weapons are not allowed at all: Tazers and batons, real guns, pepper spray, crossbows, slingshots, pellet guns, water pistols, blowguns, catapults, or any type of functioning projectile weapon.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- i. "Airsoft-style" or "Nerf-style" weapons:
 1. At NO time is ammo allowed, on person, in weapon or in magazine.
 2. Empty magazines are NOT allowed in the weapon, but allowed on the belt or in a pouch for costume purposes (again NO ammo allowed).
- ii. Bows (again, crossbows are NOT allowed):
 1. Arrows must be proven to be secured in such a manner as to be unable to be removed from their container and be secured by Peacebonding the same as all other weapons.

- c. Any obvious appearing toy “side arms” such as Disruptors, Phasers, Laser Tag pistols/rifles, laser pointers, or any other item that can project/ emit light or sound shall be peacebonded and remain in an appropriate holster at all times or held in an appropriate manner.
Exemptions must be authorized by qualified Security personnel.
6. Special consideration will be granted by the Convention Services Executive or a select designee by said Executive to Merchants or Dealers who display or show for the purpose of sale. Any weapons removed from Dealers Room will fall under above guidelines.
7. No weapons are allowed in the Lounges and Restaurants open to the public.
8. This policy complies with hotel policy and local, state, and federal laws.
9. THERE WILL BE NO APPEAL TO ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES.
10. This policy supersedes all previous versions.

PARTIES

Guest rooms in Wing 5b and suites will be available for social events. A “social event” is a reception or open house type event held in a guest room in Wing 5b or a hotel suite. Food and beverages may be served in compliance with hotel, state and local regulations. Maximum occupancy guidelines will be enforced. Service of alcohol must be in accordance with Washington State Liquor Control Board provisions. A special occasion license or banquet permit must be obtained and posted in the suite. Events that do not qualify for a special license or permit must not serve alcohol. Alcohol service times must be in accordance with state regulations. Social Event guidelines will be posted on the Norwescon web site by October prior to the convention.

SMOKING

Washington State law states that smoking is prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of twenty-five feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited so as to ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter the area through entrances, exits, open windows, or other means. Smoking areas at the hotel are clearly marked.

ANIMALS

Service animals only are allowed in Norwescon function space. Service animals will be issued convention identification at registration. Contact the hotel for their rules about animals in the guest rooms and public hotel areas.

FLYERS

Flyers may be posted only on the paper or cloth covered kiosks that we have provided. Check at the Information Table for locations. Do not attach anything to walls, windows, or doors. The hotel and/or the convention will remove any flyers found in unauthorized places.