

## **General and Interactive Cosplay Rules**

- Players who are interactively participating in the Interactive Cosplay experience must wear their “Participation Ribbon” at all times. If your ribbon is off, you are in “normal” mode.
- No running in the convention hall/hotel, boo-boos hurt!
- No overly aggressive behaviors.
- Volume control may become enforced if in excess. In short, no screaming.
- All battles must take place in the arena. Fighting with fists/weapons outside the Battle Arena will get your badge revoked. Poses with clashing weapons for pictures are OK.
- No damaging other cosplayers outfits, they put a lot of money into them!
- No projectiles of any kind (foam, water, paper, silly string, plastic, food, metal, etc).
- No touching other cosplayers at any time unless they are wearing their “Participation Ribbon”. If they are, keep touches and glomps to a friendly light touch.
- Keep profanity to a minimum, there are children walking around. Absolutely no racist/sexist/intolerant slurs may be used at any time.
- When interacting with others, make sure your actions are PG-13 during the day. When our night events happen, actions may be bumped up to an R rating (but still, keep it tasteful).
- No lewd outfits are allowed. All clothing must be street legal. No “naughty parts” may be exposed (and please don't ask us to explain “naughty parts”).
- You must wear at least flip-flops when walking around the convention center.
- No live steel weapons. No real guns. All realistic weapons must be peace-bonded and may not contain any sharp (injury causing) edges/points. All questionable weapons must be checked in at Security (at the Lansing Center in the “Coat Room”).
- No more than 80% of your costume may be made of wood. Sorry Wooden Bender!
- Excessive harassment of any form will be dealt with. And you don't want to be dealt with.
- No excessive harassing/pestering Interactive Cosplay judges while they are performing their judging duties. Attendees may interact with judges at any time to gain points towards the “King /Queen of Cosplay” title, but will be marked down if interactions become excessive. The same will apply if harassment/pestering is aimed towards Shuto Con staff members and volunteers.

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## **General Rules**

- *Absolutely NO* outside food and beverages. The convention hall/hotel has several great food choices, and we are around several great restaurants like the City Market which is less than a city block away! Check your swag bag for area food options (but you must eat it there).
- Shuto Con officially starts at 9am Friday morning and ends at 6pm Sunday afternoon. All attendees must evacuate the convention hall at this time so the convention hall staff can prepare for Monday's scheduled events.
- No lewd outfits are allowed. All clothing must be street legal. No “naughty parts” may be exposed (and please don't ask us to explain “naughty parts”). If staff deems your outfit inappropriate, you will be asked to change.
- Children under 12 must be with an adult at all times, no exceptions.
- Entrances/exits may not be blocked and the hallways must be clear. If you would like to take pictures of anyone, please try to do so out of the way of crowds.

- No loitering in the narrow hallways of the hotel, traffic must remain flowing. We would suggest if you would like to hang out with a group of your friends that you do it in the larger common areas of the Lansing Center.
- No drugs and/or alcohol may be brought into the convention hall. No drugs/alcohol may be brought into the common areas of the hotel. If you are 21+ and are going to drink, we ask that you keep the alcohol at the hotel's bar or confined your rooms. Any 21+ individuals that are overly intoxicated will be escorted to their rooms and asked to remain there for the rest of the day, or if they do not have a room at the hotel will be asked to leave the convention (if you refuse to go to your room or leave the convention your badge will be revoked and you will be escorted out by the police). If you are caught intoxicated and you are underage, your badge will be revoked, police will be notified, and you will be asked to leave our convention.
- Our convention has a no-smoking policy. If you must smoke, please do so outside away from the convention hall/hotel.
- TAKE A SHOWER EVERY DAY, fanboy/girl funk will not be tolerated, and you will be asked to remove yourself from the public until the problem is resolved.
- Signs are OK to have at our convention, however they may not ask for money, sell anything, and/or ask for sexual services (which includes kisses, but hugs are OK).
- If you are going to glomp someone, please do it gently. If you are going to touch someone cosplaying, please refer to our General/Interactive Cosplay rules.
- No sleeping in the convention hall or common areas of the hotel, that's what hotel rooms are for. If you are caught sleeping in the convention hall or hotel common areas you will be asked to return to your room (or leave if you don't have a room).
- No didgeridoos over 12ft (we don't want a repeat of last time).
- If security or a Shuto Con staff member asks you to do something (within reason) please do so.
- Keep all activities in the convention hall within a PG-13 range. If you are in an 18+ event, go wild (but still please still be respectful).

In addition to our General Rules we ask that everyone remain constantly aware that our convention is now a Safe Space, and we absolutely WILL NOT tolerate any harassment and/or bullying of any kind. We ask that our attendees check all negativity and hate at the door and be respectful of all attendees of ALL walks of life at all times. We understand that not every one may like a certain type of fandom, but we do want everyone to be respectful of their choices and their love of said fandom. For more info on our Safe Space initiative please visit <http://www.shutocon.com/safespace.html>

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