

# AmiKon 2023 Policy Guide

May 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

## General Convention Rules:

- If you are sick, do not attend Amikon. If you test positive for Covid-19, do not attend Amikon. Free antigen tests are available at the Front Desk. Please be considerate of the health and wellbeing of the attendees, staff, and guests.
- Zero tolerance harassment policy: This includes but is not limited to: Verbal abuse, physical abuse, following, stalking, unconsented photography, unconsented recording, inappropriate physical contact and inappropriate sexual attention. Harassment of any kind will result in being escorted out of the convention and having your entry badge confiscated.
- Do not touch people or take photos of them without their consent. Ask for permission first. Respect a “No”. Anyone found doing this behavior will be escorted out of the convention and have their entry badge confiscated, and may potentially be blacklisted from future Amikon conventions.
- Please report harassment to a committee member or volunteer, They will be wearing purple and yellow t-shirts.
- Accessible toilets are to be used for their designated purposes and not as changing rooms.
- You are required to have your weekend pass/day pass wristband on you at all times. Anyone found without a wristband will be asked to leave the convention.
- Children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times. If children under this age are found to be unaccompanied then An Garda Síochána will be contacted.
- Wristbands: blue bands are Saturday passes, purple are weekend passes, silver indicate the wearer is 18+ and green is for staff members.
- To obtain an 18+ pass, attendees must prove their age using a passport, driver's/provisional licence, student ID, Garda age card, European identity card or some other equivalent. Attendees without a silver band cannot attend 18+ events and will be asked to leave if they do.
- Anyone caught stealing will be reported to An Garda Síochána, escorted out of the convention, have their entry badge confiscated, and be blacklisted from all future Amikon events.

- No signs, eg, “Hug Me”, “Step on me”.
- No throwing of any objects.
- No pushing or shoving in queues.
- No running.
- No imagery that is politically promotive in its nature.
- No pornographic imagery (including on clothing).
- No smoking or vaping indoors.
- If you heavily damage your wristband, you must bring it to the helpdesk and exchange it for a new wristband.
- No art can be sold outside the designated vendor areas. Any artist found doing so will receive initially a verbal warning and in the case of a second incident, they will be escorted out of the convention and have their entry badge confiscated. Only those approved to sell in their wares at the convention are authorised to sell. Any person found selling without a vendor's pass will be escorted off of the premises.
- Attendees may not be permitted to use photography and/or video equipment during panels and events, unless otherwise approved. If you do use photography equipment during one of these events you will be escorted out of the convention and have their entry badge confiscated.
- Attendees should note that they may be photographed or filmed while in attendance of the convention by our staff. These images and videos may be used for promotional purposes.
- Amikon committee, volunteers, security, and university staff may need to issue additional instructions not included in these rules. Warnings may also be issued to attendees. Refusal to follow these will result in being escorted out of the convention and having your entry badge confiscated.
- The organisers of Amikon reserve the right to refuse admission to anybody.

### **Ticketing terms and conditions:**

By attending these events you are subject to the following terms and conditions and agreeing to be bound by them and to comply by all applicable laws and regulations:

- \*Please note that we reserve the right to ask you to leave the convention and refuse to refund your money if you are acting in an inappropriate fashion

- \*Please note that a ticket does not guarantee re entry if we hit maximum capacity for the convention hall and cordoned outdoor area then you may be turned away until there is more space available.
- As an attendee there you are not allowed to sell items at the convention, especially counterfeit / knock-off / unlicensed materials. Failure to comply with this will result in removal from the convention. If you wish to sell at the convention the please see our Seller FAQ or contact us directly.
- Please be aware that handcarts, trolleys, oversized strollers, rolling luggage, and wheeled backpacks are not allowed in the convention hall as they are a health and safety hazard.
- There are no childcare facilities available at AmiKon so please keep an eye on your children.
- Amikon accepts no responsibility for possessions lost or stolen on the premises.
- Participants in the event must adhere to the Cosplay Rules and Regulations.

### **Cosplay Rules and Regulations:**

#### **General Cosplay Rules:**

- No offensive/overly revealing clothing or costumes are permitted. Any cosplays worn must cover at least the same as a modest bikini/swimsuit.
- Anyone who violates this rule will be asked to cover up. Failure to do this will result in you being asked to leave the premises.
- Cosplays must be suitable for a general audience - There are a lot of kids around the convention after all!
- Nudity is not permitted.
- Suitable footwear must be worn at all times; bare feet are not permitted. Wheeled footwear (heellies, roller blades, roller skates etc) is not permitted inside the convention centre. They may be carried as a prop of but cannot be worn.
- Anyone who has a cosplay that will inhibit movement/vision/or impede the senses are recommended to have a 'buddy' to help escort you around the convention.
- Cosplayers may not be connected/tethered/tied together in any manner.
- Costumes associated with illegal activity; e.g. Pedobear, will not be permitted.

#### **Cosplay and Harassment:**

- Harassment will not be tolerated in any form.
- This includes but is not limited to: Verbal abuse, physical abuse, following, stalking, unconsented photography, unconsented recording, inappropriate physical contact and inappropriate sexual attention.

- Cosplay is not Consent.

### **Cosplay Masquerade:**

- To enter the masquerade for judging your cosplay must be from a known published source. (i.e. Anime, Video game etc). Original characters can be entered to showcase an individual's work but they will not be judged.
- Anyone under the ages of 13 years old who wishes to enter the masquerade must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18 years old.
- The origins of your cosplay must be specified. You must state, truthfully, on sign up if your cosplay is bought, hand-made, commissioned (this includes if a friend or parent/guardian has made it for you) or if it is a combination. If entrants provide false information and place in the competition they will be stripped of their title and prizes.
- Judging will be based on the quality of the costume, the accuracy of the costume and the stage presence of the cosplayer. (You can't forget the 'play' in cosplay!)
- There will be two categories: Best overall Cosplay and Best Group.

### **Props:**

- All props will be inspected on arrival at the convention. Only approved props will be allowed to be carried around. Any props deemed to be too hazardous will be stored in the cloakroom and will only be allowed to be used in photo shoots and the Cosplay Masquerade.
- If anyone is found to be miss-using props in a manner deemed dangerous to other attendees will have their props confiscated with no guarantee of the prop being returned.
- If you wish to use airsoft guns/pellets guns as props they must be unloaded and shown to be non-functioning.
- Please refer to our prop/weapon guidelines for more details.
- Cosplay Skit Rules:
  - The maximum number of people allowed on stage at one time is 6 people.
  - Performances should be no longer than 5 minutes.
  - The skit needs to be suitable for a PG 13 audience. This means no offensive language or no sexual themes. (Let's keep groping to a minimum!) Any material to be used on stage will be screened prior to the skits.
  - Any music/audio visual material required for the skit must be provided by the performers and submitted at the time of sign-up.
  - Props that will delay the flow of the other performances are not permitted. Anything that will require a long setup/take down will not be permitted.
  - Any fight scenes must be slowed to half speed.
  - Props such as confetti, flower petals, water or anything that will litter the stage is not permitted.

- Fire props (e.g. lighters, flash paper etc) will not be permitted.
- The judging will be based purely on the quality and of the performance and the creativity of content.

### **Amikon Vendor Policies 2023**

Before filling out the vendor application form, please note the following:

- We reserve the right to refuse the admission of any products that are deemed unsafe or unsuitable for sale.
- Amikon will not be responsible for any product that is lost or damaged on the day.
- All 18+ NSFW stock must be kept away from public view, however, can be sold upon request of customers.
- Any competition held by vendors must be approved by the Trade Coordinator. If a vendor is found conducting any competition unauthorised you may be asked to leave.
- All table locations are decided on a first come first serve basis.
- The Table setup starts at 9am Saturday morning on the 20th may and both the trade hall and artist alley will open at 11. If you need extra time to setup or a volunteer to help you, we can accommodate as long as we are given notice.