

Code of Conduct

The following is the list of rules and regulations of Anthro Events Inc (AEI) conventions.

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The primary reason our conventions happen is for our attendees to have fun, and in order to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone, the following rules have been put in place. AEI welcomes all persons to our conventions but does reserve the right to deny or revoke the membership of any individual at any time for any reason.

Any action, behavior, or dress that causes significant interference with the convention operations, significant discomfort to other attendees, or affects the convention's relationship with the venue, attendees, or the public is strictly prohibited and may result in the removal of your person from the property and a ban from the current convention or future events that AEI hosts. This includes behavior pre-convention and not just on site.

Badges and Convention Identification

The convention badge provided to you at registration is considered property of AEI and must be surrendered upon request. You may keep your badge after the end of the convention unless requested back by AEI. Your badge must be visible at all times when you are in the convention space. This is your identification when entering events within the convention area. This badge does not grant you access to any non-convention spaces provided by the hotel.

By accepting your badge, you are agreeing to abide by all AEI policies as well as any other agreements that may be necessary or put in place at the time of the convention. Anyone who accepts a badge agrees to indemnify and hold harmless AEI from any claim for personal injuries or any other damages or equity arising out of any individuals activities at AEI conventions, even if the injury or damage is caused by negligence by or on the part of AEI.

Attendance by Minors

Children under the age of 18 are permitted to attend AEI conventions.

Children, 15 years of age or younger, are permitted to attend with a parent or guardian that is present with them at all times. A child under the age of 16 will not be permitted in the convention space at any time without a parent or guardian present; we are not babysitters.

A minor that is 16-17 years of age is permitted to attend the convention without a parent or guardian present; a signed parent/guardian waiver is required. This form must be completed or turned in with the parent or guardian present at the time of badge pickup.

The parents or guardians of a minor are responsible for the behavior and actions of their minor at any AEI convention, regardless of whether they are present or not.

Minors are not permitted to enter any areas that are labeled as 18+, adults only, etc., even with a parent or guardian present.

Convention "Rating"

AEI Conventions are considered "rated" at PG in all public areas before 8pm. After 8pm, PG-13 will be acceptable.

Any area with a rating above PG-13 will have controlled access and may require the display of photo identification along with convention badges to verify age before admittance. 18+ areas will be off limits to minors regardless of parental consent. These areas will be clearly marked as "Mature", "Adult", "NSFW", or "18+" rated in the schedule and event area, such as the 18+ areas in the Art Show, Dealer's Den, or mature panels.

General Rules

No sleeping in any public areas of the hotel or convention spaces.

Attendees are expected to follow any reasonable instructions given by a staff member. If you believe an instruction is not reasonable, address your concerns to the Lead of that department. Disputes are escalated as necessary, but the decision of the Directors or Convention Chair is final.

Convention spaces are open ONLY to registered attendees or visitors being escorted by staff.

Badges are issued only to one person and may not be shared at any time. If a badge is found to be shared, the badge and authorization to attend the event may be revoked, and the person who was originally issued the badge as well as any person using the shared badge will be removed from the convention.

Smoking and vaping are NOT PERMITTED in designated convention spaces or hotel spaces. There are designated areas for smoking/vaping.

Any act of vandalism or deliberate damage to the hotel or hotel property will result in immediate and permanent removal from AEI conventions. This also includes any interference with hotel staff in the performance of their duties.

Merchandise sales may only be performed in the Dealers Den, Artist Alley, or any area similarly designated by convention staff and only by parties who have prior arrangements with the convention or hotel to conduct business.

Regarding illicit and recreational substances, convention policy follows state and local legislation. This includes the use, distribution, and possession of various substances. Please stop by Con Ops if you have any questions.

Hotel and Rooms/Parties

The person(s) named in the room reservation is responsible for anyone staying in the room, visiting the room, or passing through, as well as any damages that occur.

Signs may not be posted to hotel walls, hallways, or elevators of the hotel unless otherwise approved by the individual convention. If allowed, this must be done with paper or 'painters' tape to prevent residue being left on the walls. If flyers are placed with improper hanging materials, the person named in the room reservation will be responsible for damages and payment to the hotel.

In most cases, hotel staff are required by corporate policy to inspect hotel block rooms once per day, even if the room is not to be serviced. Housekeepers will often bypass rooms with "do not disturb" signs on, but will return at the end of their rounds and knock on doors. Attendees must allow housekeeping to access the room if asked.

Doors to hotel rooms must be kept shut.

Room parties are allowed, but noise must be kept to a level to not disturb other attendees during night hours. Noise complaints will receive a single warning from the hotel staff. The member hosting the party is responsible for cleanup. Excessive trash, soiling, or damage to hotel property in the room may result in removal from the hotel and the convention. Housekeeping will ONLY clean up bagged trash.

Room parties hosted on the designated party floor are subject to different rules. Please see operations for any questions regarding party floor parties. This will change per convention.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found will be maintained in the Convention Operations Office. If you lose an item, check there first.

If the item has not been returned to Con Operations yet, you can submit a form describing the item and providing contact information so we can return the item to you.

Items will only be held for 30 days past the convention before they are either thrown away or donated.

Dress Code

Collars and leashes may be worn, but persons cannot be led around by them in public areas.

Public exposure of bare breasts, buttocks, or genitals is not permitted. Full-body fursuits are also required to cover genitals, buttocks, or breasts. Breasts that are built into fursuits are acceptable if they do not have nipples showing.

Fursuits are not permitted in the pool or hot tub. Hotels may ask that fursuiters not be in these areas at any time.

Military uniforms are not permitted with the only exception that the person wearing the uniform must be an Active Duty Service Member or veteran, with proper matching identification. An Active Duty Service Member or veteran who does wear their uniform should make themselves known to Con Operations.

Hateful, provocative, and clothing articles that imply harassment are NOT allowed. This is included, but not limited to, arm/head/tail bands, shirts, pants, fursuits, costumes, flags, props, or any other item at staff discretion.

Some items AEI does not allow at anytime:

- Military Costumes
- Paramilitary gear including tactical harnesses and/or webbing as well as plate carriers

- Military uniforms of any fashion from any era
- Military, police, and/or handheld radios on convention property
- Any racist cosplay
- Realistic prop weapons

Clothing must keep within the PG/PG-13 rating of the convention. Certain Mature clothing may be worn into 18+ panels or by vendors of 18+ booths, provided it is covered up while in public areas.

Harassment/Assault

AEI will never tolerate any conduct, dress, or speech that targets, threatens, intimidates, or is otherwise intended to cause distress to other attendees or members of protected classes. What someone identifies as is to be respected always. If someone corrects you, every effort to respect and identify the person correctly must be made. If you are found to be purposely misgendering or misidentifying someone to cause distress or upset, you will be immediately banned from all AEI conventions.

AEI will never tolerate any threats, harassment, and stalking. If these actions continue after you have been asked to stop once by a convention member, staff or hotel security; this will be grounds for immediate revocation of your convention badge and expulsion from the property.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to:

- Physical assault, battery, stalking, or unwelcome physical attention.
- Conduct, dress, or speech that targets, threatens, intimidates, or is otherwise intended to cause distress to other attendees, or members of protected classes (such as those based on but not exclusive to race, age, religion, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual identity).

All reports of harassment or assault are taken very seriously, whether the harassment is done in person or in any digital fashion; or happens prior to, at, or post event.

If you witness or are the victim of harassment or assault, report it to Convention Operations as soon as you are safe to do so. In the event of an active danger to yourself or others, please inform convention staff or hotel security.

It is not the job of AEI to solve interpersonal matters. These matters are to be handled between individuals and the relevant authorities. Additionally, AEI is not able to prevent attendance of person(s) unless they pose a specific, credible threat to the convention or its attendees. If you would like to make a report about an

individual(s), please have all applicable and pertinent information/documentation available. Senior Convention Staff will review the information and work to establish the necessary response. Communications can be sent to compliance@anthroeiou.org.

No matter the costume someone is wearing, this does not equal consent. Never touch anyone without permission, ever. ***Clothing is not consent.***

Weapons

Real weapons of any kind are not permitted in convention spaces, regardless of any local or state laws for concealed/open carry of such items. This also applies even if you possess a government permit that allows you to carry concealed or open in the state the convention is being held. An exception can be made for law enforcement officers or federal law enforcement officers, which must be approved prior to the convention. This includes, but is not limited to, firearms, tasers, stun guns, OC (Pepper) spray, knives with 4" or longer blades, and swords (anything that includes live steel or a live edge).

Magnetometer wands and other checks may be performed randomly by the AEI Staff and Hotel Security to ensure compliance with this policy.

Any violation will result in law enforcement being contacted and badges revoked for the duration of the convention.

Reasonable replicas of firearms are also prohibited in convention spaces.

Prop weapons are allowed, but must have no sort of "firing mechanism." The prop weapons must be obviously fake to be approved, cannot represent a real firearm in any way, and must be approved and marked by Con Ops staff before they are permitted in con space. If you have something you wish to submit to Con Ops for consideration, please bring it to Con Ops staff before wandering the convention.

Pets

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), recognized Service Animals are permitted. Attempting to falsely claim an animal as a Service Animal may result in revocation of membership and local law enforcement involvement. If a service animal is seen to cause disruption of any kind, report it to Con Ops immediately. Any validity of a service animal will be handled through the venue and through local law enforcement if a service animal is causing a disruption.

Emotional support animals and therapy animals are not considered service dogs by the ADA, and are not permitted in convention space. Pets are not permitted in the convention space.

Media Relations, Photography, and Videography

All journalists, media photographers, and other members of the press are required to display an official badge provided by the convention. These persons must be prescreened and submit their credentials and intent prior to the event.

Any member of the press who has not received an official convention press badge may not conduct interviews, take photos, record audio, or take video without a staff member present and with consent given from all parties involved, including the convention.

Photos and video may be taken in the convention space by attendees for personal use only. Any commercial use of the images or video must be approved by AEI. At any time, AEI may request that all photos and video footage that are not in compliance with the digital media policy be deleted in the presence of staff and hotel security.

AEI does not allow the use of Smart Glasses of any kind. If you are seen to have these devices, you will be asked to leave them outside of convention space. Subsequent issues will result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to, the removal from the convention.

Payments to AEI

AEI accepts most major credit cards and debit cards, as well as cash.

Charge-backs that are made for the sole purpose of avoiding payment, that are made without sufficient cause, or that are made without first attempting to resolve the dispute will result in a permanent ban from AEI conventions.

Sales, Flyers, and Solicitation

Do not place flyers, signs, or business cards in any non-convention spaces, such as tables, bars, and hallways. Any such items must be distributed in convention space in designated areas. Do not adhere anything to the walls of convention spaces.

No adult materials or implied adult activities or items may be placed in convention space.

Nobody, unless approved by the convention, may sell raffle tickets or host a drawing of any kind.

We can not allow hand held signs advertising anything in exchange for anything else. Signs offering free items are permitted.

Music

Portable speakers must be turned off in convention space that is enclosed or where people cannot walk away from your speakers. This includes, but is not limited to, any elevators, lines, dealers den, stages, or panel rooms. Music played otherwise must be quiet enough that you can talk over it without raising your voice. The same rules apply to live musicians, and they may not obstruct any walkways or disrupt a scheduled event.

Musicians may not play with an open case to ask for money or imply that they are asking for tips.

Accessibility

AEI is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, and activities. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made no later than one month prior to the convention start date. Accommodations may also be made by the venue or hotel, so prior notification is important. Every effort to make your accommodation requests possible will be made. Please see the convention specific website for more information and to contact us with any questions.

Additional Policies and Modifications

The above does not restrict the authority of the convention to remove or add any necessary policy or procedure at any time without any prior warning.

Any modifications to these policies or procedures will be accompanied by immediate notification via social media and the convention website whenever practical.

State and local municipal law as well as hotel policy supersedes all convention policies.

Please be mindful that these rules involve "worst-case" scenarios and are put into place to ensure the safety and comfort of our members. They are also not all-inclusive; in all cases, the singular rule that supersedes all others is: Any action or behavior that causes significant interference with convention operations, excessive discomfort to other attendees, or adversely affects AEI or convention's relationship with its guests, its venue, or the public is strictly forbidden and may result in revocation of membership privileges.