



# **Cosplay Harassment Policy and Event Rules**

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At Colombo Comic Expo, we are committed to creating a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for everyone. Cosplay is for everyone, and all attendees, cosplayers, staff, and exhibitors are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Respect Boundaries
  - 1.1. Always ask for permission before taking photos or videos of cosplayers or any attendee.
  - 1.2. Avoid touching or handling any part of a cosplayer's costume or props unless explicitly permitted.
  
2. No Harassment
  - 2.1. Harassment of any kind, including but not limited to verbal comments, unwelcome physical contact, stalking, or offensive gestures, will not be tolerated.
  - 2.2. Examples include, but are not limited to:
    - 2.2.1. Comments about someone's appearance, race, gender, or costume.
    - 2.2.2. Unsolicited suggestions or criticisms about their cosplay.
  
3. Report Issues Immediately
  - 3.1. If you experience or witness any form of harassment, please report it to event staff or security.
  - 3.2. Our team is trained to handle such situations discreetly and promptly.
  
4. Zero-Tolerance Policy
  - 4.1. Individuals found violating this policy may be asked to leave the event without refund and, if necessary, reported to the authorities.

## **General Event Rules for Attendees**

5. Badges & Tickets
  - 5.1. All attendees must wear their event badges visibly at all times.
  - 5.2. Lost badges will not be reissued, so please keep them safe.
  
6. Costumes & Props
  - 6.1. Costumes must be family-friendly and comply with local decency laws.
  - 6.2. Props must be checked and approved at the entrance. No sharp, real weapons, or any items resembling firearms are allowed.
  
7. Photography & Videography

- 7.1. Photography is allowed in designated areas only.
  - 7.2. Flash photography should be avoided in certain areas to prevent discomfort.
8. Respect for All
  - 8.1. Respect your fellow attendees, vendors, staff, and the venue property.
  - 8.2. Do not block hallways, booths, or exits.
9. Health & Safety
  - 9.1. Follow any safety announcements or emergency instructions from staff.
  - 9.2. Keep walkways clear and avoid creating large congregations that may impede foot traffic.
10. Children & Families
  - 10.1. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
  - 10.2. Family-friendly zones will be marked; please adhere to guidelines in those areas.
11. Food & Drink
  - 11.1. Consumption of food and beverages is restricted to designated areas.
  - 11.2. Dispose of trash responsibly in provided bins.
12. Prohibited Behavior
  - 12.1. Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is prohibited inside the venue.
  - 12.2. The use of alcohol or illegal substances on event premises is strictly forbidden.

## **Acknowledgment**

By attending Colombo Comic Expo, all participants agree to abide by these policies and rules. Let's work together to make this event safe, inclusive, and enjoyable for everyone!