



Attendee Policies

This document is an overview of Rocky Mountain Fur Con (RMFC or 'the Con') policies and its Code of Conduct. Everything listed herein is meant to describe known rules and expected behavior. However, nothing will replace healthy common sense. If you think that an action will negatively affect yourself or others enjoyment of the convention you should avoid that action.

When you receive your Convention Identification Badge, you agree to abide by these rules while attending RMFC events and while in the convention space. Where possible, these rules have been formulated so that following them is not confusing. If you are unable to determine whether an activity violates these rules, please consult an on-duty staff member or visit the operations desk. Hotel personnel are not RMFC staff, and are not expected to assist you regarding convention matters.

Badges and Convention Identification

The Convention Identification Badge provided to you by the Con is the property of RMFC and must be surrendered if requested. Convention attendees may retain their Convention Identification Badge at the conclusion of the convention should no staff member request the surrender of the badge.

The Convention Identification Badge is intended to identify you as a convention attendee, and is what allows you access to convention spaces and events. Your Convention Identification badge is to be worn and displayed visibly at all times that you are in the convention spaces and events. No one without a Convention Identification Badge will be allowed entry to convention space - inclusive of staff and Patron attendees (Yes, even if we know who you are.) Senior convention staff may waive this restriction under condition of escort while in convention space.

Acceptance of a Convention Identification Badge is symbolic of the agreement to these attendee policies, as well as other agreements provided. If at any time you object to the RMFC attendee policies, you must surrender your badge to the registration desk and let us know why you wish to surrender it. No refund will be provided for surrendering a Convention Identification Badge.

If you are asked to surrender a RMFC badge - surrender it. If you dispute the validity of the surrender request, ask at the Operations desk to speak with the RMFC Chairman. The Chairman will meet with the affected party (as available) to determine the validity of the accusation. The Chairman's decision is final. A request to surrender your badge for policy violation in two consecutive years will potentially result in your barring from the convention for a length of time determined by Rocky Mountain Fur Con. Failure to surrender a RMFC badge will result in Hotel Security being called, and your removal from RMFC and the Hotel premises.

Press Policy

Members of the Press are permitted inside convention space provided they are attendees of the convention. All non-staff attendees who intend to record events related to Rocky Mountain Fur Con must display a press badge at all times while recording unless doing so for personal use only.

Recording is defined as anything that can be perceived by any of the five senses at a later time on demand.

Staff who do not wear a press badge are recording for the exclusive use of Rocky Mountain Fur Con or its parent company: Mid American Anthropomorphic and Arts Corporation (MAAC), a non-profit organization. These recordings must be surrendered to the marketing department at the end of Rocky Mountain Fur Con or by agreement with the executive staff.

All recordings that are made without a press badge or staff badge on display cannot be disseminated or reproduced for profit or commercial use.

Press badges are available at the registration desk by signing a copy of this policy, as well as providing a description of your intended use of the recordings. Approval or rejection of this request will be handled by the Convention Chairman, Executive Director of Operations or Director of Communications. No other staff members can authorize a press badge request.

Retention of the press badge is subject to the same restrictions as an Convention Identification Badge, but may only be recovered by any staff member of RMFC with the approval of the executive staff, the Director of Marketing, or the Director of Special Operations.

Rocky Mountain Fur Con does not restrict or control any recordings done outside of designated convention spaces. Only events held in convention spaces and approved of or overseen by a RMFC staff member are considered sponsored events. Any gathering, party or event held outside of these spaces are considered non-sanctioned and are not endorsed or sponsored by Rocky Mountain Fur Con.

Special Operations

The Rocky Mountain Fur Con staff assigned the duty of enforcing the policies of the convention, monitoring convention space and reporting safety concerns are called Special Operations (SpecOps). They are present at all times in convention space.

If you...

- a) ...feel that a policy is being violated...
- b) ...are unsure where to go in the convention space...
- c) ...have a question regarding policies...
- d) ...need medical assistance...

...you can always ask a member of Special Operations to help.

Special Operations personnel are not at liberty to modify or waive policy. If asked to comply with a policy, please do so. While Special Operations staff are not security officers, they are in contact with the Hotel Security, Staff and RMFC Directors. Violations of state or federal law will be referred to the relevant authorities, hotel staff or RMFC Executives.

Our Special Operations staff are not certified medical personnel. If you are in need of emergency medical assistance, please contact Hotel Security - who will contact emergency personnel if needed. If you call 911 from a cell phone - PLEASE let Hotel Security know that you have done so. RMFC Staff can contact Hotel Security for you if you are on the phone with emergency personnel.

Lost and Found

If you lose anything in convention space, please check with our Operations desk to see if it has been found. You can also file a lost report identifying the item so that we can contact you if it is found. Items not claimed by the opening ceremonies of the next year's convention become the property of Rocky Mountain Fur Con and may be donated or disposed.

Children at the Convention

Rocky Mountain Fur Con is happy to welcome minors at the convention – as such the convention is held to a 'PG-13' standard of conduct. Minor attendees will be identified on their badge as such, and will not be allowed access to adult areas of the convention. Unaccompanied minors will need a parental consent form to be filed prior to event attendance.

RMFC is not a registered day care facility for children. An unsupervised minor badge-holder without a parental consent form will be asked to follow a Special Operations staffer to the operations desk. If we are unable to contact the responsible adult listed on the registration of the minor, local authorities will be contacted.

Dress Code

All attendees are required to wear shirt, shoes and leg coverings equivalent to dresses, pants or shorts while in the convention space. Please remember that the MPAA Rating equivalent of PG-13 is the general expectation of behavior and costume during the convention. RMFC Staff will request any attendee that have violated this rating to either change clothes, if relevant, or curtail the behavior involved. In general, if you feel that you have to ask about wearing something - take it to your room.

Collars and leashes may be worn while they are discreet. Public displays of BDSM-type costumes may not.

Body painters should have a shirt ready to wear while passing through the hotel or general convention areas. Hotel furniture should not be used by body painters while painted. Please remember that while we are using the convention space of the hotel, we do not have claim to the hotel lobby or other public areas; so please refrain from painting in those places.

Public exposure of genitalia, bare buttocks or breasts is not permitted. If your costume has these parts, follow the same rules.

Harassment and Assault

Attendees may express emotional connections with each other in many ways, such as kissing and holding hands, is considered appropriate behavior in convention space. More explicit expressions such as groping and passionate kissing are not.

Generally if you think that you need to ask whether something is appropriate, or you have to think twice about whether you should do something, you probably should not.

Harassment is defined as "to disturb persistently; torment, as with troubles or cares; bother continually; pester; persecute." Assault, likewise, does not only mean violence - but also physical contact without consent. Harassment or assault is unacceptable in convention space.

If you have a harassment or assault-related concern, please consult a Special Operations staffer immediately. The event(s) will be reviewed and appropriate action taken – including the possible revocation of the violators’ badge and convention and/or hotel attendance. Relevant matters will be forwarded to law enforcement.

Drugs and Alcohol

Attendees of Rocky Mountain Fur Con are not permitted to bring any legally controlled substance inside the convention space unless it is a emergency medical appliance. This is inclusive of over-the-counter or prescription drugs. Non-prescription items that have a purely therapeutic use, such as cough drops, are permitted – although any items that violate the law by their transfer, use or possession do not. Other exemptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

Alcohol is a legally controlled substance, and as such is restricted from being brought into convention areas from outside. Some convention events (restricted by age via local law) may offer alcohol as a part of the event. If so, the alcoholic item must be consumed during the event, and may not be removed from the event area.

Public displays of intoxicated behavior are considered a violation of the RMFC Code of Conduct whether it is at a convention served event or in other convention spaces. Special Operations staff may request any such violators to leave convention space. Failure to exit, or attempted re-entry after such a request while still intoxicated, may result in the revocation of the attendee’s badge. Continued attempts may result in law enforcement or hotel security involvement.

Weapons and Props

RMFC and staff want all attendees to have a safe and fun convention. In many cases, props (theater properties) such as tool belts and other items are part of attendee costumes. In order to allow our attendees to represent the traits of the characters they may be costuming as we ask that all attendees follow these prop guidelines.

- No edge-exposed metal items, including armor.
- No guns, gun replicas (see below) or projectile launchers (such as air-soft weapons or cap-guns)
- No projectile ammunition (whether live, fake or disabled)
- No explosive devices or chemicals of any kind.
- No other weapons of any kind.

A weapon is any object that is swung or used in an aggressive manner. This definition intentionally ignores that capacity to inflict damage. Even foam-padded bats swung slowly count.

Many props that are allowed may have the potential to become a weapon. Some such cases are listed below. Props are handled on a case-by-case basis – so if a special operations staff member identifies that your prop must be approved please take the item out of convention space and speak with the operations desk to get the prop approved.

Props that may not be automatically considered a weapon, but must be approved are:

1. Wooden practice items
2. Toy guns, when...
 - a. they have an orange tip
 - b. they have no moving parts
 - c. they are easily identifiable as a toy
3. Fake weapons, if...
 - a. they are shorter than 6 feet, 6 inches in any dimension
 - b. do not weigh more than 50 pounds
 - c. are not made of metal
4. Metal chains
 - a. when shorter than 3 feet
 - b. If a chain does not fit this definition please ask at the operations desk – some items may be exempted if peace tied.

Any prop that may be considered a weapon must be taken to the Operations Desk to be reviewed. Items approved for entry into convention space must be identified with a ‘peace tie’ that will be applied by special operations. This non-permanent tie must be present for the item to be in convention space.

Please be responsible with your props. If the item could be considered under the rules it will be considered a weapon until it has been approved and peace tied by special operations. If a special operations staff member identifies that you are carrying a prop that this policy would apply to, you have several options:

1. Remove the item from Convention Space to a personal area (Car, Home, Hotel Room)

2. Take the item to the Operations Desk for approval

While this process may seem tedious, it is in the interest of reducing interference with your enjoyment. If there was no policy other than 'no weapons' we would be forced to talk to every attendee with props every time they were seen. This lets us identify that your item is not a concern so that you can be left to enjoy the convention.

If any item, whether approved or not, is swung (by **any person**) or used in an aggressive manner (such as prodding someone else), the item becomes a weapon. This requires the immediate and permanent removal of the item from convention space. Special Operations staff that identify an item that has become a weapon will document the item with the Operations Desk – at which point any person bringing in that item will be asked to leave con space until it is put away. If the item is brought in again after that point the carrier faces revocation of their badge.

Commercial Activities

Rocky Mountain Fur Con restricts the transfer of goods or services for profit to areas designated to commercial operation, such as the Dealers Den. Those seeking to sell goods or services must gain prior approval from the convention by registering as a dealer. If you are intending your sales to be for the RMFC charity please notify RMFC staff before the sales activity begins.

The RMFC Vendor Group Policy applies to all sales transactions that occur inside Rocky Mountain Fur Con space, inclusive of commissioned art.

Advertisements may not be posted unless approved by a RMFC director or chair.

Final Notes

The Rocky Mountain Fur Con Staff hopes that you enjoy your time at our convention. If you have any questions regarding these policies, please contact us – whether at the operations desk during the convention, or at information@rockymountainfurcon.org.