

OFFICIAL RECLINATION RULE BOOK

Preamble

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hereat all persons (henceforth referred to as “reclinees”) who are engaged in participation of the RAA LA-Z-DUDE RECLINE-A-THON (henceforth referred to as “reclineathon”) ((henceforth henceforth referred to as “reclination”)) agree to abide by all rules as issued forth by the official reclination participatory code of conduct and regulation guide, let it be known that all principles of said guide be forthwith written hence.

Regulation 1

First and foremost, all official reclinees designated as non observer participants must, prior to commencement of all cinematic moving picture productions (henceforth referred to as “movies”), proceed to his or her designated reclining receptacle (henceforth referred to as “recliner”) and posture into a reclining position. This position (or one similar, subject to the constraint that some or all sections of all reclinees’ posterior hindquarters be affixed to his or her designated recliner) must be maintained throughout the duration of all officially sanctioned reclination movies.

Subregulation a

Immediately henceforth the cessation of any officially sanctioned reclination movie, all reclinees may, for a period not exceeding but not fully constrained therein to the period between the cessation of one movie and the commencement of another (henceforth referred to as “downtime”), relinquish and break form of recline on his or her designated recliner.

Subregulation b

During all reclination downtime periods, reclinees may leave the reclination arena, and proceed to locations including, but not limited to: designated lavatory areas, food serveries, beverage dispensers, or the area not encapsulated by artificially anti-entropic natural and artificial resources so designed to protect reclinees from climactic differences and precipitation (henceforth referred to as “the outside”). All reclinees must return to their designated recliners prior to the induction of the next movie.

Regulation 2

Anterior to the screening of a movie at any formal reclination, each movie must first be officially selected by the Reclination Organization Committee (henceforth referred to as “ROC”), so designated prior to the commencement of said reclination. The ROC is endowed with the penultimate scheduling authority

throughout the duration of the reclinathon, and rules issued by the ROC are considered final and not subject to appellate jurisdiction.

Subregulation a

Members of the ROC, by virtue of their copacetic cinematic selection deftness, are hereby granted unfettered powers of movie choice for all reclinathon events.

Subregulation b

Registered reclinathon members who are not selected as members of the ROC may act in an advisory role, proffering movie selections for reclinathons, provided these selections fall within acceptable genre parameters, enumerated below.

Subsubregulation i

The following genres (including but not limited to therein) are outrightly proscribed from all officially sponsored reclinathon events: romance, romantic comedy, single-mother, vegetarian, period-piece, period-romance, love, courtship, Georgian-romance, marriage-proposal, cancelled-wedding, marriage, high heels, or any other such genre falling within the broad category of “chick flick”.

Subsubregulation ii

The following actors (including but not limited to therein) are outrightly proscribed from all officially sponsored reclinathon events: Pauly Shore, Hugh Grant.

Subsubsubregulation α

The Hugh Grant Prohibition may be rescinded at an officially sponsored reclinathon event only in the intermitting juncture that the movie “Small Time Crooks” is formally selected by the ROC.

Subsubsubregulation β

Under no circumstances is Pauly Shore allowed in any form to be manifest at an officially sanctioned reclinathon.

Subsubregulation iii

All movies proffered for espousal must be available in Digital Versatile Disk video format (hereafter referred to as DVD format), and a minimum of one DVD must prominently feature the official THX audio assessment test at all officially sanctioned reclinathon events.

Regulation 3

Regulation 3 is hereby sacked.

Regulation 4

The persons responsible for sacking regulation 3 have themselves been sacked.

Regulation 5

While participating in officially sanctioned reclination events, all reclinees are required to comport themselves in a manner befitting the fundamental constituency of the reclination, and of the mantra of reclinations: “Always be a dude”, where the term dude is henceforth defined as “being dudely”. Furthermore, all reclinees must act in a manner consistent with their individual reclivative parameter designation (henceforth referred to as “reclining status”) and personal event devoir (henceforth referred to as “commitment level”). All reclinees will be ascribed a personal reclining status designation and commitment level subsequent their successful registration for an officially sanctioned reclination.

Regulation 6

Pursuant to Regulation 5, all reclinees must furthermore adopt and henceforth conform to the habitudes of proper movie viewing, a necessary but not sufficient condition of being dudely. Practices regarding proper movie viewing are henceforth described.

Subregulation a

When in the course of a reclination, a movie deemed of a popular or otherwise venerably regarded genre (described in broad terms as a “badass movie”) is viewed by reclinees, all reclinees are required, upon the termination of said movie, to visually and auditoraly approve of said movie by engaging in a clapping behavior.

Subregulation b

When in the course of a reclination, a movie deemed of an ethereal, non-mainstream, or otherwise theoretic genre (described in broad terms as a “artsy movie”) is viewed by reclinees, all reclinees are required, upon the termination of said movie, to visually and auditoraly approve of said movie by engaging in a snapping behavior.

Subregulation c

If in the course of a reclination, reclinees do not approve of a movie, and for whatever reason feel disinclined to undertake either action outlined in Regulation 6, Subregulations a and b, they may upon termination of said movie visually and auditoraly disapprove of said movie by engaging in a booing behavior.

Subregulation d

If in the course of a reclination, a movie of the genre heretofore described in Regulation 2, Subregulation b, Subsubregulations i and ii (described in broad terms as a “chick flick”) is able to subvert the security measures of the ROC and is viewed by reclinees, and all reclinees have assumed the positions heretofore described in Regulation 1, all reclinees are required,

upon the termination of said movie, to engage in a behavior outlined in Regulation 6, Subregulation c.

Subregulation e

Prior to the induction of any movie at an officially sanctioned reclination, all reclinees must cease use of operative functions relating to or containing therein auditory alerts for all electronic communication devices, including but not limited to: cellular mobile telephones, personal pagers, two-way radios, covert listening devices with playback functionality, or personal satellites. Said devices may be left in an operative state, and in tenuous fashion used, provided said devices operate under the tenets of inaudible alert status, and do not prove to be, in any fashion, an aberration, distemperance, vexation, or other negatively connoted emotional state, in accordance with Regulation 5.

Regulation 7

Pursuant to Regulation 5, if one reclinee in a position heretofore described in Regulation 1 is in want of a particular item including but not limited to: food, drink, coverings, pillows, or other broadly defined personal items, and explicitly excluding but not limited to field lavatories, exercise equipment, or other items that promote physical activity, other reclinees are obligated to provide abetment to said reclinee, in a manner not contravening any of the heretofore regulations, subregulations, subsubregulations, or subsubsubregulations.

Regulation 8

While in attendance of any officially sanctioned reclination, all reclinees must strive to embody a state of cognizance for as maximum a duration as possible, in accordance with Regulation 5 and the timbre of the event. If, however, during the course of a reclination a reclinee feels compelled to lapse into a state of oblivion, he or she may freely do so, without fear of penalty, provided that the execution of that act does not constitute a violation of any heretofore or hereafter regulations. If a reclinee does lapse into a state of unconsciousness, he or she may be subject to an amended set of regulations, enumerated as such.

Subregulation a

If any reclinees lapse either voluntarily or involuntarily to a state of unconsciousness whilst within the temporal confines of a movie, regardless of the specific instant of said lapse, said reclinees are hereby exempt from Regulation 7.

Subsubregulation i

Under no circumstances may a reclinee in a conscious state rouse or otherwise intentionally disturb a reclinee in an unconscious state, except in the causatum of dire cataclysm, including, but not limited to therein: fire, severe injury, apocalypse, or the emergence of a film encapsulating a genre enumerated by Regulation 2, Subregulation b, Subsubregulation i.

Subsubregulation ii

Upon full arousal from a benumbed state, all reclinees are duly resubjugated under the constraints of Regulation 7.

Subregulation b

If any reclinees lapse either voluntarily or involuntarily to a state of unconsciousness whilst within the temporal confines of a movie, and embody said state at the termination of the given movie, said reclinees are hereby exempt from Regulation 6.

Subsubregulation i

If the reclinees enumerated in Regulation 8, Subregulation b remain in this state during and throughout the duration of any downtime periods, said reclinees forfeit their rights of the given downtime period, enumerated by Regulation 1, Subregulations a and b, in accordance with Regulation 1.

Subsubregulation ii

Said reclinees, if surceased from the torpid state avowed in Regulation 8 at the period of the proceeding downtime, are regranted the privileges accorded therein.

Subsubregulation iii

Upon full arousal from a benumbed state, all reclinees are duly resubjugated under the constraints of Regulation 6.

Subregulation c

A minimum of one registered and fully accredited reclinee must be in a supraliminal state at the terminus of any given movie at an officially sanctioned reclination (hereafter referred to as “designated reclinee”. Said reclinee is hereby entrusted with advancing the scheduled agenda of said reclination, and alerting any other conscious reclinee to the manifestation of downtime. Failure to comply with the entrusted task will constitute a rule violation, and will be subject to a penalty assessment.

Subsubregulation i

If an individual reclinee is specified to be the designated reclinee, failure to comply with Regulation 8, Subregulation c will constitute an individual violation, and said reclinee will be subject to disciplinary actions conferred and assessed by the ROC.

Subsubregulation ii

If no individual reclinee is specified to be the designated reclinee, the position is hereby considered vacant and entrusted to all reclinees writ large. Failure to comply with Regulation 8, Subregulation c will constitute a Breach of Reclination, and the

potentiality of en masse blacklisting of all reclinees present, or invalidation of said reclination, as assessed by the ROC.

Regulation 9

Seating for all officially sanctioned reclination events shall be hereby appropriated in a hierarchical fashion, based upon esteem, panache, and overall paramountary of a given reclinee, henceforth ordered as such: the Founding Fathers (hereafter referred to as “Discovering Dudes) of the Reclination shall hereby be given penultimate seating choice at all reclinations. Immediately proceeding the Discovering Dudes direct choice, any supplementary appropriations requested by the Discovering Dudes shall immediately and without pettifoggery take effect. Following these selections, be all non-founding reclinees of the ROC shall be allowed to chose their positions accordingly, followed ultimately by all registered members, on an initial arrival, initial selection basis.

Regulation 10

In the event that an occurrence of the nature described in the second qualifier of the fourth line of the first paragraph contained within Regulation 8, Subregulation a, Subsubregulation i is manifest at any officially sanctioned reclination event, the ROC is hereby granted the power to temporarily remit and or hold in abeyance all official reclination rules, until said occurrence has come to a satisfactory conclusion. Once said occurrence has come to a satisfactory conclusion, the ROC shall immediately reinstate all rules, and the reclination will proceed unfettered.

Regulation 11

Any reclinee found in violation of the above rules is subject to immediate disciplinary action by the ROC including the possibility of blacklist from the current reclination or any future reclinations.

Regulation 12

Any inconsistencies, abstractions, or disagreements within this document or in areas subject to the jurisdiction of this document are hereby authorized to be arbitrated by the ROC. Any and all such decisions rendered by the ROC are to be considered final and not subject to appellate jurisdiction.

Regulation 13

This document is hereby placed under the care of the ROC, and may be interpreted or edited as necessary by the current manifestation or any future manifestations of said body.

So written this day, the 27th of December, Ano Domini 2003 by the lawmaker,

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