**Code Of Conduct**

**General Rules and Info**

1. Please wear your badge at all times, in plain sight; you need it to access convention spaces.

2. Bear in mind that we're a family-friendly event; there will be children around. Keep it PG-13.

3. We're not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property, or for injuries sustained during the convention. We can offer sympathy though.

4. We reserve the right to ask attendees to leave the convention, without refund, if they are behaving inappropriately.

5. Events and guests are subject to change and cancellation. We'll do our best to warn you of changes via our website, Twitter, and Facebook, but sometimes changes will happen without notice.

6. We love photos, but please ask your subjects for their permission first - it's only polite. Also, please be aware of the traffic around and do not block the corridors for extended periods. Please do not block doors at any time.

7. Under-13s must be accompanied by their adult at all times. We want children to enjoy themselves, but we are not a crèche.

8. Assistance animals are permitted in all public areas and at all times. No other animals will be permitted in the hotel.

9. The hotel and convention rooms are a public space and it is therefore illegal to smoke indoors. If you want to smoke, the hotel has a shelter in the car park for that purpose. This also includes e-cigarettes and similar equipment which the hotel classes as smoking.

10. If you have any problems or requests with regard to the convention, your first contact point is the convention Registration Desk. If you have any problems or requests with regard to the hotel, your first point of contact is the hotel Reception Desk.

**Anti-Harassment Policy**

ArmadaCon is dedicated to providing a great convention experience for everyone, whatever their gender, sexuality, disability, physical appearance, body size, race or religion. For this reason, we will not tolerate any form of harassment of convention participants. Con participants found to be engaging in harassment may be sanctioned or expelled from the convention without refund.

**Harassment can include:**

- offensive verbal comments about gender, sexuality, impairment, physical appearance, body size, race or religion

- showing sexual imagery in public spaces

- intimidation, stalking or following

- photographing/recording someone without their permission

- sustained disruption of talks or other events

- uninvited physical contact or sexual attention

**What should I do if I am being harassed?**

In some cases you may find the harassment stops if you clearly say ‘no’ or ‘please leave me alone’, or simply walk away. We would appreciate it if the safety desk was still informed to help us identify any repeat offenders.

If you continue to be harassed or notice someone else being harassed, please visit the registration desk, or contact a member of the convention committee. Staff can help participants contact the hotel or law enforcement (if that's what they'd like to do), provide a listener, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe during the convention.

**Costumes and Weapons Policy**

We love costumes at ArmadaCon, and are very much looking forward to seeing all your amazing cosplays! Here are the cosplay rules to help keep things fun and safe for everyone.

* NO REAL weapons may be carried or worn except as part of a costume in the Masquerade and its sub-categories or as part of an authorized display or panel.
* No weapons should be carried or brandished off the Convention Premises unless they are obviously not real. As the hotel is a public place, we would ask you to consider the effect that carrying a weapon may have one the other patrons.
* Weapons may be displayed (with consideration for others) and you can have your “my weapon is bigger than yours” contest in the Main Hall and Games/Model Room, but must be stowed away safely at all times whilst in public areas. We know they are not real; a member of the public may not.
* The Committee reserves the right to confiscate any weapon not complying with the above and remove from the convention any attendee consistently ignoring this policy.

**Courtesy Policy**

ArmadaCon hopes all our attendees abide by our Courtesy Policy, which is the exhibition of courteous behaviour to fellow attendees.

* Phones and other electronic devices should be silenced or turned off while in the panels and video rooms. You might as well as reception is rubbish in the convention rooms.
* Please don’t have a private conversation during the panels. If you want to chat feel free to sit in the bar or lobby.
* Parents with small children, who misbehave, cry or become noisy during a panel, while we don’t want to spoil the convention for you, please remember there are others in the room as well who might be disturbed. It would be appreciated if you could leave the room as soon as possible.
* Attendees wearing hats or tall costumes should remove them when sitting in a panel or sit at the back so the view of other attendees is not blocked.
* When the main hall doors have been closed due to hallway noise, attendees are asked to open and close the doors quietly.
* Attendees immediately outside the doors to the main hall must keep their voices at a reasonable level so as not to disturb the programme.
* Attendees are asked to respect other attendees by not disrupting or intruding in their private conversations, videotaping/photography sessions, podcasting/recording sessions, or other activities.

**Covid-19**

**Returning With Confidence**

As we are in our second year returning after Covid first hit, we still aim to make ArmadaCon as safe and relaxed as possible.

As of March 2022, the government formally removed all restrictions in England and with vaccination levels as high as they are, we feel that ArmadaCon can also go back to a more normal situation. Please be aware of the following:

**Masks and hygiene concept**

Mask-wearing is now your personal choice, but please be mindful and respect everyone who wishes to do so.

We will have hand sanitiser and a limited supply of masks available at the reg-desk.

Of course, good old fashioned hand washing is always encouraged!

We are asking to be respectful of other attendees by keeping your distance where possible and being aware of personal space.

We also encourage you to take a lateral flow test before coming to the con. This will ease the mind of all attendees, especially the more vulnerable amongst us.

Please do not attend if the test is positive, you have COVID-19 symptoms or are feeling unwell.

**ArmadaCon want to make the convention as accessible to as many people as possible no matter what their situation.**

**Being a small convention, we are very adaptable so please let us know if there is something we can do to help and we will do our best to arrange it.**