



WELCOME TO NORTHWESTERN COMM-CON
APRIL 27, 2023 5PM TO 9PM

Rules

For your safety and the safety of all who are attending Northwestern Comm-Con we have put the following rules in place. Failure to oblige by these rules may result in your ejection from the event. We hope you enjoy the event and Con-On!

Entry

Convention participants are required to have a wrist band at the event to enter the auditorium or activities in the Greenwoods Hall Gym. Your ticket will be exchanged for a bracelet at the door to the auditorium or Greenwoods Hall Gym. Tickets can be picked up in the Student Activities Office (GW110) for free to students and staff. Or purchased for the public for \$5.00 (Free for anyone under 12 years of age). Limited tickets will be available at the door for students or for the public.

Alcohol Policy

There will be no open alcohol allowed per school policy.

Convention Staff

Convention Staff will be wearing green lanyards with an id badge for your convenience. If you have a question or need help, ask them. Convention attendees are to follow the directions of any Staff member. Anyone caught willfully disobeying the directions of any Staff member will be removed from the convention.

Security

The Comm-Con Staff is there to make sure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience. To this end, they are designated with the responsibility of enforcing all the rules of the convention and all applicable State and Federal laws. Convention attendees are to follow the directions of Comm-Conn Staff at all times. Any disputes or problems with the Convention Security should be brought to the attention of the coordinator on duty and the Director of Student Activities or his/her designee. We will be checking bags & costumes for everyone's safety. See Costumes section for more information.



Ejection from the Convention

The following activities, amongst others at the Student Activity Director's Discretion, will result in the summary dismissal of involved conventioners from the convention, so please don't do them!

- Fighting, willful destruction of property, physical and sexual harassment (this also includes molestation), theft, piracy and/or the sale of merchandise that is not regulated by the event staff, use of alcohol or drugs in the convention space, any violation of state or federal law, refusal to wear wrist band while inside event, willfully disobeying the orders/directions of any Comm-Con staff member, any other activity the Director of Student Activities or his/her designee deems to be illegal or of a dubious nature.

Proper Attire (Costumes)- Props will be inspected at the door before entry.

Proper attire must be worn at all times. Proper footwear and a garment that covers the chest (this includes males). There will be absolutely no nudity or partial nudity. This includes the possibility of costume malfunctions. Basically, if you couldn't wear it out in public without getting arrested for indecent exposure, then it can't be worn to this event. When in doubt, check with the Director of Student Activities or his/her designee. We reserve the right to deny entry to members who are not in compliance with the dress policy.

Props Policy

Northwestern CT Community College strives to create a safe environment for all of our members. We take safety seriously, and if we feel your weapon or prop is dangerous, you will be asked to remove it from the convention center. We appreciate your careful consideration and adherence to our policy. Any props brought into Comm-Con must be in compliance with all current Town of Winsted, State of Connecticut, or Federal laws and statutes. No exceptions.

Costume accessories that appear to be items from the banned items lists below will not be allowed in the venue and need to be removed from the premises. All other obviously safe costume props will not be inspected or flagged, even at the request of attendees. Certain props may receive a "wrist band" so staff knows it was properly checked at the door.

NO LIVE STEEL at all will be permitted on the premises of the Connecticut Convention Center. Live steel is defined as, but not limited to:

- Swords, Axes, Knives, Bayonets, Brass Knuckles, Any other objects made of metal, which can take an edge regardless of whether the object is actually sharp.
- Nunchakus or other regulation martial arts weaponry are not permitted.
- **NO FIREARMS AND/OR PROJECTILE WEAPONS** of any type are permitted. This includes, but is not limited to: **NO AMMUNITION** of any kind is allowed. This includes but is not limited to: Nerf ammunition, Real ammunition, live or inactive, Air gun/Cap/Pellet ammunition, Arrows with nocks and/or hard tips. Pellet guns, Air Guns, or BB Guns, Water guns, Working replicas of actual firearms, Real firearms, Mini or



pistol crossbows, Dart guns or Blowguns, Electronic Weapons (IE Tazers or Stun Guns), Batons/Nightsticks, Bows (strung). These are not allowed anywhere on campus.

EXCEPTIONS to this rule are as follows:

- Easily identifiable toy plastic guns with no moving parts and that have a clearly visible non-removable orange tip. Must be an extremely bright colored and obviously a toy gun. NO dark colored or resembles an actual firearm in any way.

Permitted Prop Weapons:

- Wooden weapons such as staffs, walking sticks, bokken and other wooden swords are allowed.
- In addition, fake weaponry/props made from foam, paper mache, tissue paper, wood etc. are also permitted as long as they do not endanger other con-goers. (Ex. tripping someone, clothes lining them, etc.).

Please keep props down to a manageable size. A 15-foot tall sword may look cool, but it does have to be carried around without hitting anyone or anything. If you accidentally hit someone with the weapon, it should break before the person would be harmed. Hand-held props should be no more than 20lbs and 8 feet high. Props that are part of a costume (Wings, accessories) may be larger, but need to be examined on a case by case basis.

Lastly, if you have any questions, ask. Some issues may be decided on a case by case basis, so please ask ahead of time by the Director of Student Activities.

Behavior with Props

Misuse of any weapon or prop, such as swinging it in a public area or causing hazards to passersby, will result in your privilege being revoked immediately. If your prop is deemed unsafe, then you will be asked to take it to your car. All Comm-Conn Staff decisions on weapons/props are final. Policy may be subject to change without prior notice.

No outside food or beverages are allowed in the Auditorium or GW Gym. Shoes/footwear must be worn at all times.

