

CLOTHING & COSTUME POLICY – THUNDER BAY RENAISSANCE FAIRE

INTENTION OF POLICY

Thunder Bay Renaissance Faire (TB Ren Faire) is striving to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience for all attendees of the Faire. The TB Ren Faire reserves the right to refuse entry and/or remove guests who do not adhere to the costume policy, unless the costume or attire can be modified to meet the standards below

POLICY

- Family-Friendly: Costumes and clothing must be appropriate for all ages. Avoid anything offensive, obstructive, violent, inappropriate, or otherwise objectionable.
- Footwear: You must wear shoes at all times.
- Masks: Children may wear masks. Adults may wear appropriate masks that have full or partial coverage of the face; however, the mask must be easily removable in order to enter the Faire. Attendees wearing any masks will be asked to remove it for identification purposes before entering the Faire. The TB Ren Faire reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to require a guest to remove their mask and/or to require that the guest take their mask off site.
- Security Screening: Guests wearing masks will be asked to remove them upon entry, and attendees wearing bulky or layered clothing may be subject to additional security screening and checks
- Weapons Policy: If your props or weapon do not meet our guidelines, you may be denied entry or asked to leave unless you can change to meet our standards. Please read the full *Weapons & Props Policy* before bringing anything to the Fairgrounds
- Inappropriate Attire: We have the right to deny entry to or remove anyone wearing clothes that we find inappropriate or distracting to other guests.
- Dress Code Standards: Please dress as you would for any public place that requires proper attire.
 - No revealing clothing like booty shorts or shorts that show your buttocks.
 - No swimwear or bathing suits.
 - For all genders of clothing: please keep your nipples covered.

COSPLAY IS NOT CONSENT

Cosplay is the practice of dressing up and embodying a character from a movie, book, or video game, or one's own imagination.

Every person in cosplay is exactly just that: a person with their own feelings, wishes and boundaries, who just happens to wear a costume. We encourage all TB Ren Faire attendees to engage with one another in a respectful manner. Here are some guidelines to follow (from [“Cosplay is Not Consent: General Cosplay Respect rules”](#) *Your Belgian Comic Con*) :

- No Photo Sniping: Don't just go taking pictures from a distance without the permission of the cosplayer. This is considered rude. If you would like a picture of or with a cosplayer, costumed attendee or performer, ask their permission first
- No Imposing: No means no. If a cosplayer is not in the mood for a picture, then don't keep asking. Maybe later! Also, not all cosplayers come to the show for pictures.
- No Touching: this extends to bodies as well as to props. Always respect a cosplayer's personal space. It's good to admire the craftsmanship of a prop or costumes, but be considerate as well!
- No inappropriate photos: Please don't take cosplay photos that are inappropriate (low angles, or intentionally centring a specific body part) or catching the cosplayer in a weird moment (eating, blowing their nose, adjusting their costume).
- Don't Judge: Don't crush the confidence or spoil the fun of a cosplayer. If you don't like the costume, then keep that opinion to yourself. Be supportive and help create a safe environment in which new talents can bloom!

If you have any more questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us at tbrenfaire@gmail.com

References:

"Cosplay is Not Consent: General Cosplay Respect rules" *Your Belgian Comic Con*.

<https://www.facts.be/en/activities/cosplay/cosplay-is-not-consent-general-cosplay-respect-rules/>

Costume Policy portions from Minnesota Renaissnace Festival, Michigan Renaissance Festival, and Renaissance Pleasure Faire of Pasadena