

## Ocean City Con Rules

Please be respectful to ALL competitors, attendees, vendors, staff, volunteers and judges (We reserve the right to eject or disqualify anyone who does not show courtesy and respect during the event). Ocean City Con reserves the right to revoke, without refund, anyone who does not comply with the general rules and policies.

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### General Rules:

1. Be respectful to ALL competitors, attendees, vendors, staff, volunteers and judges. Please see code of conduct policy below.
2. You must wear shoes. Wear something with a sole on it for your protection.
3. Outside food and drink are not allowed in the Music Pier.
4. All attendees must have an Ocean City Con admittance ticket into the convention in order to enter the event.
5. No smoking. The Ocean City Music Pier and Boardwalk are 100% smoke-free.
6. No jumping or running off stage.
7. No drones may be flown or tethered. This also includes lighter than air objects either powered or unpowered.
8. No live animals.
9. No weapons. Please see our weapons policy below.
10. All contestants must be respectful and careful of each other, their costumes, and their props at all times. Willful damage of costumes, props, merchandise or property as well as inappropriate manners towards other contestants, attendees or staff will result in removal from event.
11. You may not act in a manner that may cause risk to another person. Violators will be subject to disqualification and removal from event.
12. Your Costume/Cosplay or attire must be appropriate. If any staff, volunteers or judges discover a violation, we reserve the right to disqualify or deny entry to the event to that attendee. Please see dress code policy below.
13. Do NOT make a mess. No pyrotechnics, live flame, live projectile shooting devices or smoke generators allowed in the convention center (even including and not limiting silly string, water or other liquids, electrical discharge, fireworks, etc.). No glitter bombs or confetti, blood splatters, lasers, smoke machines and aerosol cans such as paint, hair dye, etc.
14. Please be aware that due to safety reasons, no handcarts, trolleys, rolling luggage or oversized strollers are allowed in the Music Pier. Attendees found on the exhibit floor with these items will be removed from the Event.
15. Attendees are responsible for their own belongings. We are unable to provide a secure area for personal items.

16. Ocean City Con reserves the right to revoke, without refund, anyone who does not comply with the general rules and policy.

### Ocean City Con Costume Contest Rules

Attendees grades Pre-K to 8th are encouraged to participate. Registration is held the day-of Contest only. Please see appropriate staff member to register for contest.

Attendees who want to be eligible for prizes and judging must register and be in the Solarium when called upon to show off their costume during the time allotted for the Ocean City Con Costume Contest.

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The contest will be separated into different groups by grade: Pre-K to Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and 6th to 8th grade. All participants 12 years of age and under must have a parent or guardian at registration.

You cannot enter as more than one entry. No joining multiple groups; we want to give everyone a chance to participate.

In addition to the General Rules here are some additional Rules for the Costume Contest:

#### Rules:

1. All Costume/Cosplay contestants must abide by the rules of Ocean City Con dress code AND weapons policy. If any staff, volunteers or judges discover a violation, we reserve the right to disqualify that contestant.
2. Each contestant may present or wear only ONE (1) costume/cosplay, unless it is a 'transformation' cosplay.
3. Your costume or cosplay should allow you freedom to move, so that you can go up and down steps. (If any assistance is needed you may have up to two (2) assistants help you but they will NOT be provided by the event staff or volunteers).
4. No electrical power connections will be provided. If your costume requires power it must be part of your costume/cosplay.
5. No microphones or music.
6. Your Costume/Cosplay must be appropriate attire. If any staff, volunteers or judges discover a violation, we reserve the right to disqualify or deny entry to the event to that contestant. Please see dress code policy below.

7. All Costume/Cosplay contest participants must have an Ocean City Con admittance ticket into the convention on the day of the contest in order to be eligible to compete.
8. Ocean City Con reserves the right to revoke, without refund, anyone who does not comply with the rules and policies.

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### Weapons Policy

No functional weapons are allowed at the Ocean City Con. DO NOT BRING REAL SWORDS, GUNS OR ANY TYPE OF AUTHENTIC WEAPON TO THE SHOW/CONVENTION. Simulated or costume weapons are not allowed. No projectile weapons including but not limited to air soft or paintball weapons, Nerf guns, bows, etc. will be allowed. Weapons with metal blade, regardless if it is dull or sharp are prohibited. Only props are allowed as part of your costume (forms of weapons listed above will not be considered a prop). Prop weapons can be considered as objects made out of lightweight material such as plastic, cardboard, foam or Styrofoam (no sharpened edges or points made of any material are allowed). All simulated or costume weapons and props are subject to inspection by security or convention staff and volunteers. Participants or Attendees found to be in violation of these rules will be subject to removal from show and/or event.

### Dress Code Policy

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### Code of Conduct

Attendees must respect common sense rules for public behavior, personal interaction, common courtesy, and respect for private property. Harassing or offensive behavior will not be tolerated. Ocean City Con reserves the right to revoke, without refund, anyone who does not comply with this policy. Persons finding themselves in a situation where they feel their safety is at risk or who become aware of an attendee not in compliance with this policy should immediately locate in an expeditious manner. Attendees must wear appropriate clothing and follow the Stated Rules and Regulations. Disrupted behavior is prohibited. Please be aware that due to safety reasons, no handcarts, trolleys, rolling luggage or oversized strollers are allowed in the Music Pier. Attendees found on the exhibit floor with these items will be removed from the Event. No smoking (The Ocean City Music Pier and Boardwalk are 100% smoke-free). Participants or Attendees found to be in violation of these rules will be subject to removal from show and/or event.

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### Ocean City Con Vendor Rules

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In addition to the General Rules, the following are not permitted for sale at the Ocean City Con:

1. Functional firearms (including air soft guns, BB guns, paintball guns, etc.)
2. Realistic replica firearms (including reproduction, fake or toy guns, etc. that can be confused for functional firearms).
3. Functional projectile weapons (including blow guns, crossbows, silly string, sling shot, etc.)
4. Sharpened metal-bladed weapons (including axes, daggers, knives, swords, etc.)
5. Explosives (including fireworks and firecrackers)
6. Chemical weapons (including mace, etc.)
7. Blunt weapons (including props brass knuckles, clubs, etc.)
8. Hard prop weapons (including props made of metal, wood, glass, etc.)
9. Instruments that cause excessive noise levels like grenade whistles or horns.
10. Whips
11. Aerosol mustard

Please see the weapons policy below.

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If selling clothing merchandise please make sure it follows our dress code policy shown below:

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