

## **The Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center** **Prop & Weapon Guidelines for WasabiCon**

The [Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center](#) staff reserves the right to refuse entry to any attendee, exhibitor, guest, or vendor who does not comply with the following policies.

### **SECTION I: Exhibitors**

All Exhibitors selling prop weapons of any type are subject to approval by [Green Mustard Entertainment](#) and the [WasabiCon](#) staff. At any point during the convention, the [Jacksonville Sheriff's Office](#) in conjunction with the POCC & WasabiCon staff reserves the right to refuse the sale or possession of any merchandise that is deemed a security risk, and the potential ejection of the exhibitor selling the merchandise.

Approved Items must be packaged and sealed by the exhibitor before being handled by the attendee/purchaser. Exhibitors are responsible for alerting attendees to the following policies regarding the sale of prop weapons.

Attendees must be 18+ to purchase any and all *1 to 1 scale* (or larger) prop weapons.

If purchased item is unsealed on convention center grounds, the weapon will be confiscated by POCC staff and JSO and the weapon will be returned to the exhibitor.

### **SECTION II: Attendees**

All Attendees must pass through a security checkpoint before entering the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center. All approved weapons must be tagged by the Security checkpoint and attendees are responsible for always keeping this tag on display. The Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center staff reserves the right to refuse entry to any attendee who does not comply with the policies.

NO METAL WEAPONS will be permitted on the premises of the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center without exception. This is defined as:

- Swords, spears, bayonets, and knives (regardless of whether they are sheathed).
- "Ninja Stars", shuriken, nunchaku/nunchucks, throwing knives, or any related style of weapon.
- Brass knuckles or "knuckle dusters".
- Metal guns/firearm props (regardless of functionality).
- Other components (metal or non-metal) of costumes or props which may be sharp, capable of taking an edge, or are otherwise potentially a safety risk, are subject to approval by POCC Staff.

*PLEASE NOTE: Any metal weapons purchased during the event must be sealed. (See SECTION I.)*

NO PROJECTILE WEAPONS OF ANY KIND will be permitted. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Real or antique firearms. This includes replica or "demilled" weapons.
- Air rifle, air gun, air pistol, BB gun, spring gun, blowgun, bow gun, bean shooter, sling, projectile, or dart.
- Airsoft (or similar type) guns, regardless of whether functional or not, are strictly prohibited.
- Stun guns, tasers, or pepper spray.

*PLEASE NOTE: All non-working replicas of weapons must feature an orange tip.*

NO EXPLOSIVES or CHEMICALS of any kind including, but not limited to:

- Smoke powder, sparklers, or fireworks.
- Smoke machines or any device used for the distribution of mist, haze, or smoke.
- Any device used for the distribution of soap, foam, paint, silly string, or any other liquified projectile. (Bubble guns are permissible if they are empty, however these cannot be used.)

WHEELS and/or WHEELED props can be brought to the event but cannot be used. For example: you can bring a skateboard as part of your cosplay, but you cannot *ride the skateboard* while on property.

Permitted Props: Sticks, bo sticks, whips, and wooden swords will be permitted as long as they are handled responsibly. Bows are allowed inside the facility as long as they are not made of steel or metal, strung taut so that they may be used as a live weapon, or contain any extending pieces that could be harmful to other attendees.

### **SECTION III: Summary**

Misuse of a prop or armor such as swinging it in a public area or posing a hazard to others, as determined by staff, will result in the attendee being asked to cease hazardous behavior, and may result in ejection from the event.

*PLEASE NOTE: Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center/WasabiCon Weapons policy is subject to change before, during, or after the convention, and changes may be made with or without advance written notification.*

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the POCC directly via email:

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