

Rebels & Realms @ Rogers Convention Center

Accessibility & Accommodations

Accessibility is a priority at Rebels & Realms. Below you'll find helpful venue information as well as additional accommodations available to those who identify as having a need. Please note that you only need to self-identify and that no medical proof or questioning is ever required to receive access to accommodations at our event.

VENUE DETAILS

General

- The main convention space and majority of activities/panels are on one level
- The secondary convention space that will hold the Trial of Fates After Party, premier guests, Sunday brunch or other separately ticketed events is on a different level accessible via stairs or elevator.

Parking

- Ample parking with Handicap spaces available

Main Entrance

- Wheelchair accessible
- Pull through drop off available at entry level - no curb or ramp

Entry From Embassy Suites

- Accessible via stairs or elevator

Interior Doorways, Hallways, Restrooms

- Very wide main hallway and approx. 10' wide side-hallways.
- All doorways that attendees and exhibitors will encounter are double width.
- Restrooms are handicap accessible

Additional Accommodations

Below are some accommodations we are putting in place during the convention. If events are added all accommodations below will be extended to those events.

1. Accompanying Ticket or Volunteer Assist

- a. Support needs vary and anyone needing a support person during the convention weekend will either be granted an accompanying ticket for their support person, at no additional charge, or may elect to be assigned a volunteer to assist as needed while at the convention.

2. Priority & Accessible Seating

*seating will be available based on expressed need after purchasing tickets. We will plan ahead to meet your needs but cannot guarantee accommodations will be immediately available without prior notice. All seating requests include your support person if one is noted on your accommodations request.

a. Types of Seating

- i. Priority seating is generally front row seating with the ability to add/remove chairs as needed. In the event that multiple priority rows are needed, the first row will go to those who use mobility devices.
- ii. Accessible seating is seating toward the front of the room and near an aisle where a chair can be removed if needed.

b. Event Specific Seating

- i. Panels - Priority & Accessible seating available w/ separate exit
 1. Priority Seating - front row seating with the ability to add/remove chairs as needed; priority assigned to those with mobility devices.
 2. Accessible Seating - the seats are towards the front of the room and next to an aisle and a chair can be removed if needed.
- ii. Trial of Fates - Seating is very limited. If your ticket provides you access to this party please make a seating request.
- iii. Other Events - if events are added we will extend all current accommodations to those events as well.

3. Volunteer Stand-In, Waiting Room, & Exclusive Convention Entrance

Long lines and waits tend to be synonymous with book conventions. This is not ideal for those with certain medical conditions or disabilities. To mitigate all the standing and waiting for those who need it we are implementing the use of an Accessibility Lounge, Volunteer Stand-In, and an exclusive convenient convention hall entrance. What in the world does that actually mean?

- Accessibility Lounge
 - All those with an expressed need are welcome to use this space to wait between events and while lines and waits shorten.
- Stand-In
 - A Stand-In is someone (your assigned volunteer or support person) who waits in line on your behalf.
 - Your Stand-In will call/message you when they are close to the front and you can make your way to them.
 - What happens if you don't make it to your Stand-In before they get to the front of the line?
 - It depends on the type of line.

- Book Signing Line - we will let the line continue ahead of your Stand-In, one at a time, until you arrive. You will go behind the person currently first in line.
- Panel Line - your Stand-In will provide your name at the door and secure your priority/accessible seating. You will go directly to the front of the line to be let in.
- Party Line - your Stand-In will provide your name at the door, collect any swag provided, and bring it back to you - you can proceed to the front of the line and provide your name for immediate entry.
- Exclusive Convention Hall Entrance
 - The Waiting Room is located across the hall from the main convention hall. This room is exclusive to those with an expressed need to use it. This means a short or non-existent line to enter and exit the Convention Hall with less traffic to contend with as it is on a side hallway.
 - Other rooms along this hallway include the Cart Hold space and the Quiet Room.