

Rebels & Realms Policies

*details subject to change until 60 days prior to the event

NOTE: While we observe your right to free speech and personal expression this is a private event to which you are opting into the below stated policies. Regardless of any stated consequences as a result of policy violations, the event organizers reserve the right to determine on a case by case basis what constitutes a violation of this policy. Organizers also reserve the right to take any and all action they deem appropriate, including but not limited to your immediate removal and/or future ban from events. Any attendee, exhibitor, influencer, volunteer, or staff removed or banned from the event will not be issued a refund and will immediately forfeit their ticket, participation, booth, position, employment, and/or other relevant means by which they are present, and additionally forfeit any unrealized perks, promises, or payments.

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AI Statement

Rebels & Realms celebrates human creativity. AI-generated art, covers, or promotional materials are not permitted at our convention, as they are derived from the work and intellectual property of artists and authors without consent. By participating, you agree to honor and uphold the integrity of original creative work.

Code of Conduct

All attendees, authors, vendors, narrators, influencers, volunteers, and staff are expected to behave in a manner consistent with maintaining a respectful, inclusive, and welcoming environment. If you experience or witness inappropriate behavior, notify event staff or security immediately.

Security & Reporting

Rebels & Realms will be utilizing on-site, trained security staff and police for the duration of the event. These personnel will actively monitor the event in its entirety. If you experience or witness inappropriate behavior, notify event staff or security immediately. Confidential reporting options will also be available if you prefer a private channel. All reports will be taken seriously and addressed promptly.

Harassment & Consent

- Harassment of any kind (i.e. verbal, sexual, physical, online, etc.) will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to unwanted touching or advances, disruptive behavior, intimidation, stalking, or inappropriate comments.
- Consent is not optional. When it comes to touching other people, taking their picture, or sharing said content you must obtain consent.
- Cosplay is NOT consent. Costume or appearance is never an invitation for unwanted contact or attention.
- Offensive cosplay, discriminatory behavior, and hate speech will result in immediate removal without refund and may result in a permanent ban from future events.

Alcohol Consumption

Disruptive or unsafe behavior related to alcohol consumption will be treated as a violation of this Code of Conduct. Staff and licensed bartenders reserve the right to refuse service to anyone who appears intoxicated or is engaging in unsafe behavior.

Staff & Volunteer Standards

All staff and volunteers are equally bound by this Code of Conduct. Violations will result in removal from duties, loss of event access, and possible permanent ban.

Enforcement & Scope

- Anyone removed for violations will not receive a refund and may be permanently banned from future events.
- Removal and bans apply to all Rebels & Realms spaces and programming, whether onsite at the venue or during offsite or after-hours gatherings tied to the event.
- Retaliatory behavior against anyone who reports a concern or participates in an investigation is considered a violation of Rebels & Realms policies and will result in an immediate and permanent ban.

Organizer Discretion

This code of conduct is not an exhaustive list. Because not all violations can be directly addressed, all perceived policy violations and any resulting consequences, whether a specified course of action is stated or not, remain at the discretion of the Organizer.

Registration

Hours of Operation

Friday

8:00AM - 10:00AM - Early registration for Fearless Uprising ONLY

10:00AM - 12:00PM - Early registration for Fearless Uprising & Forged Opposition

12:00PM - 6:00PM - Continued Registration for Fearless Uprising & Forged Opposition

Saturday

9:00AM - 12:00PM - Open Registration (all ticket holders)

1:30PM - 6:00PM - Open Registration (all ticket holders)

Convention Center Doors Open

Friday & Saturday @ 7:00AM

Convention Hall Access

Friday

3:00PM - 6:00PM - Fearless Uprising ONLY

Saturday

10:00AM - 12:00PM - Fearless Uprising & Forged Opposition

1:30PM - 6:00PM - Open Convention (all ticket holders)

Requirements/Restrictions

- All attendees must show a valid, government-issued photo ID during registration
- Anyone found without proper ID or in violation of this policy will be denied entry and removed.
- Badges/wristbands must be worn and visible at all times.
- All carts and bags are subject to search at any time but especially upon entry/re-entry to the convention center.

Age Restrictions

- This is a strictly 18+ event. No exceptions.
- In order to be served alcoholic beverages you must be 21 years of age or older and are required to show a valid, government-issued photo ID in order to be served.

Ticketing & Refunds

- All ticket sales are final
- Tickets are limited to 20 per transaction. If you wish to purchase a larger quantity please reach out via email first.
- Tickets are non-transferable unless authorized by event organizers at least 60 days in advance.

- When purchasing tickets you will be asked to fill out a registration form for each ticket. Each person needs a ticket and the name on each ticket must match the government-issued ID provided during in-person registration.
- Unauthorized resale or scalping of tickets is prohibited and may result in cancellation of your tickets without a refund.
- Lost badges may be replaced at the registration desk using our general spare set of pre-printed badges. No fee will be charged but ID verification may still be required.
- In the event of cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, Rebels & Realms reserves the right to reschedule the event. No refunds will be issued under any circumstances.

Photography & Media

- General photography and video are allowed in public spaces, but consent is required before photographing or recording individuals or private interactions. All interactions with authors, narrators, vendors, Influencers, volunteers, and staff are considered private regardless of setting.
- Publishing photo or video content of attendees or exhibitors that contains code of conduct violations or other policy violations is prohibited and consequences for such violations are at the discretion of the Organizer.
- Intermittent recording of panels is permitted but live-streaming of panels is not permitted without express approval from Organizers.
- By attending this event and/or entering any space deemed part of the event, you grant permission for Rebels & Realms and ARC (Authors & Readers Collective) to use photos/videos of you for promotional purposes.

Additional Exhibitor Permissions & Restrictions

- Exhibitors may display and sell 18+ or mature content.
- Booths must be staffed during all convention hall hours.
- No unlicensed, bootleg, pirated, or counterfeit merchandise is allowed.
- Items sold at Rebels & Realms may not contain AI-generated elements.
- Exhibitors are responsible for their own taxes, compliance with laws, and assume liability for their products and conduct.
- Violations may result in immediate removal without refund and revocation of future participation.

Author Signings

- Respect individual author signing policies, including limits on items, photos, and personalization.

- Books purchased at the event are encouraged. Outside books may be limited at the author's discretion.
- Specific signing rules will be posted in advance of the event. The expectation is that you are courteous in line and follow all posted guidelines, which may vary by booth and event.

Cosplay & Props

Cosplay is encouraged but must comply with the following:

1. No real or function weapons
2. All prop weapons must be peace-bonded by staff at registration
3. Costumes may not include hate symbols or otherwise offensive content
4. Adult cosplay but must comply with public decency laws. Nudity or exposure of genitalia, breasts, or buttocks is strictly prohibited.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times
6. Non-compliance consequences include, but are not limited to, confiscation of props, removal with requirement to change before readmittance, permanent removal, etc. Any attendees permanently removed or banned immediately forfeit their ticket and all unrealized perks or promises of that ticket.

Accessibility

Rebels & Realms is committed to accessibility and inclusivity. Please see the accessibility page for extensive details regarding accessibility and accommodations.

- Accommodations are available with advance notice. No “proof” or medical disclosure of any kind is required.
- Advance notice allows us to reserve space and volunteers accordingly
- While we strive to meet all needs, fulfillment is subject to venue capabilities.
- If there is a way we could better accommodate you please reach out to us at admin@rebelsandrealms.com

Health Statement

Attendees should stay home if they feel unwell or have tested positive for any contagious illness. Event staff reserve the right to remove individuals who exhibit symptoms of illness.

Security & Event Entry

- Valid, government-issued photo ID is required at registration
- Badges/wristbands must be worn and visible at all times.

- All carts and bags are subject to search at any time but especially upon entry/re-entry to the convention center.
- Re-Entry is allowed with a proper badge/wristband. Due to overlapping presence of ticket tiers with different access, you will be required to show the proper badge each time you enter the exhibitor hall.
- Disorderly, disruptive, or dangerous behavior will result in removal without a refund.

Panel & Special Event Etiquette

General Rules

- Seating is first-come, first-served. Please arrive early
- No saving seats or blocking rows
- Recording or live-streaming panels is prohibited unless explicitly permitted by Organizers
- Silence mobile devices during all sessions

Alcohol Consumptions

- If the event includes alcohol, valid government-issued photo ID is required in order to be served. Alcohol will only be served to individuals age 21 and older.
- Staff and licensed bartenders reserve the right to refuse service to anyone who appears intoxicated, is disruptive, or violates any policies. Overservice will not be tolerated.
- By attending, you acknowledge and accept responsibility for your own consumption and agree not to hold Rebels & Realms, Authors and Readers Collective, staff, or the venue liable for any alcohol-related incidents.

Panels

- Due to the nature of Panels, they are scheduled with buffer time on the front and back end of their time slot. Exact start times may be slightly different than stated on the schedule of events.
- Early Entry (restricted availability)
 - Available for those with accessibility needs and begins no more than 15 minutes before the published start time of each panel. Because we cannot guarantee a short wait with this option we encourage those with concerns about a wait of more than 15 minutes to utilize the Stand-In option.

Liability & Insurance

- Rebels & Realms, Authors and Readers Collective, and all event partners are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.
- Any insurance coverage held by the venue or the organizers does not relieve you of your personal liability.
- Attendees participate at their own risk and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organizers, partners, staff, and venue.