

Weapons Rules at Cosplay

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Frankfurter Buchmesse has many visitors from Germany and abroad who are not familiar with Cosplay. Some visitors come from war and conflict zones and don't understand why Cosplayers are carrying weapons. For this reason – and also due to the overall security situation – we need to take special precautions regarding Cosplay weapons. We thank you for your understanding.

The exhibition site police and overseers are responsible for controls at entry points and for checking weapons carried by Cosplayers. Their instructions should be followed.

Keep in mind, in comparison to other large events, Frankfurter Buchmesse doesn't forbid Cosplay weapons outright. However, there are restrictions:



Entrances

Cosplayers should only use the following entrances:
/ City (at the Messeturm)
/ Torhaus (near the public transportation stop "Messe")

At these entrances, you will find special coatrooms for Cosplayers where you can store any weapons that are not permitted (see below).

Ban on all fake weapons

These are objects that look deceptively similar to real weapons, in particular to functional firearms, e.g. softair weapons, dummies of types of weapons, etc. These weapons are not permitted, and must be handed in at all times.

Don't



Do



Requirement to mark all Cosplay weapons

All approved Cosplay weapons are marked by personnel at the entrances with a conspicuous label. This must be visible to visitors and security personnel from a distance. The label may not be removed as long as you are on the exhibition site.

Purchasing Cosplay weapons in the Cosplay area

This labelling requirement also applies to Cosplay weapons newly purchased from the merchandise stands in Hall 1.1. If a weapon is sold by a dealer, the dealer must inform the security service so that the weapon is then labelled. If the weapon looks like a real weapon, then the buyer must be escorted by the security service to the City cloakroom where the weapon must be handed in. The buyer will then have access to the exhibition site again.

Special regulations for the finalists during their performance at the DCM

Cosplay weapons will be handed out backstage to finalists before their performance. After the performance they will also be labelled and handed over to the finalists. Alternatively, the Cosplay weapons will be collected backstage immediately after the performance and handed back to the finalists upon their departure.

In addition to sorting out real weapons from fake weapons, the aim is also to prevent panic among visitors due to any misunderstandings that may arise when carrying Cosplay weapons.