



Attendee Code of Conduct

For reference, KNCA and “we” refers to KuroNeko Cultural Association, KNC refers to KuroNekoCon, and the Facility refers to any venue where events are held, such as The Spokane Convention Center. Attendees refers to individuals who attend KNCA events.

1. General

KNC fosters a positive and encouraging environment so that all attendees can enjoy a safe, fun, and memorable event. KNCA welcomes diversity of races, genders, ages, sexual preferences, and personal beliefs. KNCA prohibits any behavior that could result in Attendees feeling unsafe or unwelcome. Any conduct deemed inappropriate for persons under the age of 18 shall be grounds for immediate action by KNCA. Individuals whose actions violate KNCA’s policies may face disciplinary strikes against their attendance or expulsion from the event. Non-compliance with the Facility’s policies, rules, and regulations will be subject to KNCA’s review as well as that of the facility. Violations of law, both state and federal, will be referred to law enforcement.

Attendees are required to follow all policies set forth by KNCA in this Attendee Code of Conduct and others as they may be established.

At the discretion of KNCA, the following activities are not permitted at KNCA events:

- Loitering
- Disruptive or unsafe behavior
- Excessive swearing or use of inappropriate language
- Threat of or the commitment of physical or verbal harassment
- Acts that may result in substantial risk or harm to people or property
- Sexual misconduct such as indecent exposure, offensive touching, sexual harassment, or overt sexual behavior
- Unlawful acts
- Possession of weapons

2. Identification and Badges

A valid form of government issued photo identification is required for all registration purchases and pre-registration badge pickup. Identification may also be required for admittance to 18+ events regardless of your type of badge. It is highly recommended that Attendees keep a valid form of identification on themselves at all times.

All adults 18 and over are required to wear an adult badge. Minors under 18 are required to wear a minor badge.

Badges must be worn above the waist and remain visible at all times during KNC. Individuals not showing a badge will be asked to remove themselves from the Facility. If a badge is found it must be reported to lost and found immediately. A fee will be charged for replacement of a lost badge.

Some KNCA events may have other restrictions for admission beyond your badge. Refer to the programming guide for details on individual events. Restrictions may include being 18 years or older, 21 years or older, and obtaining tickets or hand stamps. This is not a comprehensive list and is subject to change.

3. Minors

Minors must have the physical presence of a paid attending adult while at KNC and must be accompanied by their attending adult when picking up their badges. Attending adults must be at least 18 years of age.

If the attending adult is not the minor's legal gaurdian, then a parental permission slip must either be [submitted online](#) or a signed [printed copy](#) must be brought in order to pick up the minor's badge.

4. Suspicious Activity

Have you seen something that caught your attention and had your villainous radar shift into high gear? Did you or a friend feel scared or worried by suspicious activity at the Convention? Find a staff member! Be a hero and don't turn a blind eye, we have incident report forms just for this reason! Help us spot possible problems so that KNC can ensure you have a safe and fun convention.

If you witness suspicious behavior, tell a Staff member immediately. Incident report forms can also be found at the Information Booth.

5. Criminal Acts

KNCA condemns all criminal acts as defined by Title 9A RCW of the Washington Criminal Code, including but not limited to assault, physical harm, custodial interference, sex offenses, harassment, malicious mischief, lasers, theft and robbery, false identifications and public disturbance. KNCA does not publicly comment on alleged specific instances of criminal acts. The views and opinions expressed by KNCA staff do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of KNCA.

Harassment as defined by Section 9A.46.020 of the Washington Criminal Code as knowingly threatening to cause bodily injury in the immediate time or future.

Harassment is any behavior that intentionally annoys, threatens or alarms another person(s). This includes any unwanted physical contact, following someone without a legitimate reason, or threatening to physically harm someone. If someone seeks your attention and you tell them to leave you alone, their business with you is finished. If they do not leave you alone as you have requested their actions may be considered harassment.

If a crime occurs call 911 immediately, seek safety, and then report the matter to a KNCA staff member and/or Facility security. KNCA staff will attempt to assist attendees in contacting local security or law enforcement, provide escorts, or otherwise assist attendees to feel safe for the duration of the event.

Offenders may face immediate issuance of a third Strike to their membership. Strike Three will result in immediate badge revocation without refund, removal from the Facility, and a ban from KNCA events.

6. Animals

Service animals as defined by Washington State law are allowed in the convention space. Washington state law defines a service animal as any dog or miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Non-Service animals are not permitted.

7. Autographs

Each Guest of Honor will have designated autograph times during the convention. To allow as many people as possible to receive an autograph from convention Guests, we limit the amount of items you can have signed to one (not including items purchased from the Guest during the autograph time). Please present only properly licensed products for

autographing. The Guests are not to be lifted or picked up in any fashion or touched without consent. We require that you respect their personal space. Photos are at the discretion of the Guest.

8. Costumes and Attire

KNCA reserves the right to decide whether costumes are acceptable and appropriate and may ask the wearer to make modifications as necessary. At minimum, attire must be equivalent to that of a bikini swimsuit. Shoes are required at all times in the Facility as required by public health and safety laws.

9. Weapons and Props

No real or functioning weapons, projectiles, uncovered cutting blades, or anything used or brandished as a weapon is allowed at KNC. Prop weapons must be approved and marked as such by KNC staff at the Peace Bonding booth. For further details please see the Peace Bonding Policy at <https://kuronekocon.com/policies>.

10. Sales and Solicitation

Sales and solicitation inside the Convention Facility is restricted to the Exhibitors, Artists, and Industry groups who have purchased booth space with the convention. Whether verbal, written, or through the use of signage, all solicitation at KNC for monetary payment or exchange of services that does not comply with these restrictions is prohibited.

11. Distribution of Literature

KNCA does not allow distribution of literature including fliers, books, pamphlets, postcards, or other written media without express permission of the Board of Directors. Generally, groups looking to distribute materials at KuroNekoCon must either (A) sign up and be approved for an Industry Booth prior to the convention, in which case materials may be distributed from the booth or (B) contact info@kuronekocon.com prior to the convention with a request to include materials along with our booklet. Sharing of business cards and information among private parties is allowed, but this permission may be revoked at the discretion of KNCA.

12. Consent to Photography and Video Recording

Attendance at KNC constitutes consent to photography and video recordings by KNC staff. Consent grants irrevocable and unrestricted right to KNCA to use and publish photographs for editorial, trade, advertising, and any other purpose and in any manner and medium;

and to alter and composite the same without restriction and without Attendee inspection, approval, or compensation.

13. Photography and Video Recording

Photography and video recording is allowed in most public areas of the Facility as long as it does not disrupt events or impede pedestrian traffic. Please be considerate and ask first before taking pictures of guests, Attendees, staff, or the general public. Specific events, panels, or areas may restrict or prohibit photography or video recording.

All professional level equipment within the convention center excluding handheld DSLRs, mirrorless cameras, and softbox lighting; but including stand-alone audio/visual recording equipment and aids (such as boom mics), must be accompanied by a staff badge or press badge. KNCA reserves the right for final approval of all equipment, as well as the right to require equipment be moved or removed if it interferes in convention function or the flow of foot traffic.

14. Alcohol, Drugs, Controlled Substances

Attendees found to possess, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances will be asked to remove themselves from the Facility and be reported to law enforcement.

15. Outside Food and Beverage

No outside food or bulk beverages are permitted within the Facility. Single serving personal beverage containers such as a water bottle or coffee are permitted.

16. Personal Hygiene

Please keep a minimum standard of health and personal hygiene at all times. It is recommended to shower and wear a change of clean clothing at least once per day. Thoroughly wash your hands with soap throughout the day and especially before eating and after using the restroom. This will help prevent the spread of illness and contagions.

17. Damages Caused by Attendee

Please be respectful of the Facility by cleaning up after yourself and reporting any messes or spills to Facility or KNC staff. Intentional damage to property of KNCA or the Facility will result in removal from KNC and a ban from future KNCA events. "Accidental" damage will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Attendees may be held liable to compensate the affected party for the full amount of damages.

18. Theft

Without exception, individuals found to have committed theft will be reported to law enforcement, have their Attendee badge revoked, and be refused access to all future KNCA events.

19. Liability

KNCA and its affiliates will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, theft, or injury. Attendees are responsible for their individual actions and any repercussions that may result. Civil or medical emergencies are to be handled by the proper authorities.

20. Three Strikes Policy

Infractions of policies established by KNCA will garner a record in the form of a “strike” marked against the Attendee. Attendees are allotted three infractions before they are banned from KNCA events. Explanation of each strike is as follows.

- Strike One (1) will serve as a first warning. No limitations will be placed on the Attendee.
- Strike Two (2) will serve as a second and final warning. Access to KNCA events may be restricted for up to 8 weeks after the issue date of the second strike.
- Strike Three (3) will result in immediate badge revocation without refund, removal from the Facility, and a ban from KNCA events.

KNCA may issue a strike for any reason it deems necessary and may issue it several months after the initial infraction. If the offence is severe KNCA may issue an automatic third strike. Examples of an infraction warranting an automatic third strike include but are not limited to:

- Refusal to sign a Notice of Attendee Infraction
- Acts of violence or actions that put others in danger
- Theft

At the time each strike is issued, the attendee will be asked to sign a Notice of Attendee Infraction verifying their knowledge of the strike marked against them. Signing this form is not required but refusal to sign will result in an automatic third strike and action will be taken as described above. Refusal to sign will be taken into account in the event of an appeal.

If you believe that a strike has been wrongly issued to you, an appeal must be sent within six weeks of the infraction issue date. After review of your appeal a decision by KNCA is final.

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This policy may be updated without notification.