

Ground Rules for all participants in TusCon Gaming, Including: TusLAN Computer Gaming Table Top Gaming and LARP Areas

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- **No one will be allowed to play without signing a liability waiver. A special badge sticker will be used to indicate this.** While we'll take reasonable precautions to make sure this is a safe gaming area, you are ultimately responsible for everything that happens to you or your equipment, possession's, etc. while you are here. You must acknowledge that legally before you can set up to play any games.
- **No one under the age of 18 will be admitted without a signed permission slip. A special wrist band will be used to indicate this.** We're sorry, but there are legal issues with minors and we have to ensure that the parents are aware of all potential hazards while in this area.
- **The LAN party hosts, Table Top Gaming staff and LARP Staff have final say about everything that happens in the Gaming Areas.** We can, and will, remove jerks to make things more enjoyable for everyone else. Hopefully, you're not a jerk; if you aren't, you're going to have a great time here!
- **No smoking.** It's unhealthy, and it irritates many of our players. If you want to smoke, take it outside.
- **No drinking.** We have a firm no-alcohol policy, as we believe you can have more fun without booze than you can with it. Anyone caught drunk on the premises will be kicked out.
- **No drugs or alcohol are allowed in the game room.** Anything you choose to do off-site is your business (and your responsibility), but no drugs or alcohol are allowed on-site.

- **No harassment.** Harassment will not be tolerated. Harassment includes but is not limited to offensive verbal comments (related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion), sexual images in public spaces, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. Anyone who feels they are being harassed, or anyone witnessing harassment is asked to please contact a member of gaming or ConCom staff immediately.
- **No insults.** Good-natured ribbing is fine, but the moment someone gets upset, you stop *immediately*. Repeated violators will be ejected.
- **Please watch your language!** We will have minors present, so please keep your language at PG-13 or lower. If you must make a loud expletive, please use a bleep word such as my favorite, "**Euphemism!**". The adults around you will know what you mean. Occasional muttered profanity is fine, but loud profanity will get you a warning. Repeated warnings will get you ejected from the event.
- **Do not touch other people's stuff without permission.** The difference between "borrowing" and "theft" can become very difficult to prove, and we don't intend to try. Also, you might break something.
- **No stealing.** If you are caught, we will not only ensure that your weaselly little butt never plays a game in this town again, but we will call the police to ensure that charges are pressed against you.
- **No cheating.** This includes bots, hacks, or anything else that isn't strictly aboveboard. Remember, this gaming room is not the American justice system; it is an enlightened tyranny. If we think that whatever you're doing is sufficiently shady, you will get booted.
- **No horseplay, no running around, no throwing things.** This computer gaming area is filled with thousands of dollars of fragile equipment, and the other gaming areas have expensive gaming materials, and you can damage something very easily. Therefore, no wrestling matches, no affectionate tussles, no tossing disks or foosballs around. Obviously, violence of any sort will lead to instant ejection and a permanent ban.
- **Keep the noise level to a minimum.** Occasional shouts of glee are fine when you cap someone, but repeatedly shouting how great you are will not be tolerated. Keep it down. As we all are sharing space with others, the hosts and staff running the gaming room do not want to have to talk over you, so please be considerate of others while in the game room.

- **No inappropriate material.** No pornography or any other offensive images should be on anyone's screens at this event. That includes screensavers and backgrounds. Minors will be present, and showing minors pornographic images is illegal. We do not want to see anyone taken to jail!
- **No trading of copyrighted material.** Anyone caught exchanging or downloading warez, MP3s by RIAA-backed musicians, or any other copyrighted files will be booted. We don't need the hassle of getting sued. This includes unauthorized RPG PDF files as well.
- **Help us keep the game rooms clean.** Please leave the gaming area as clean as you found it by throwing all of your trash in the trash bins, thank you very much!
- **Outside food and drink are not permitted.** Only food and drink that are purchased or provided on the premises may be consumed here. This is due to local health ordinances since hotel function space is an extension of the hotel restaurant serving area.
- **You may be ejected from the Game Room for breaking any of these rules or at the discretion of the LAN party hosts, and/or the Table Top Gaming and LARP Staff.** You are not entitled to a refund if you are ejected for any reason.
- **Have fun!** We're sorry to have to start out with such an ominous set of rules, but it's necessary to ensure that the event runs smoothly. The whole point of these rules is to make sure that everyone has the best time that they possibly can - *so get out there and start fraggin'!*

Additional Ground Rules for BYOC* Participants in TusLAN at TusCon

*BYOC = Bring Your Own Computer

- **You are responsible for running current virus scans on your computer before you place your computer on our network.**
- **By paying a BYOC discount membership rate, you agree to bring a computer for use in TusLAN gaming.** If you do not bring a computer, you agree to buy a TusCon membership at the full rate before participating in any other TusCon activities.
- **Plug in only where you are told.** Doing otherwise may lead to power outages. In particular, do not plug into someone else's power strip. If you are not sure where to plug in, ask a staff member.
- **Keep your station area clean.** You are responsible for leaving your area as clean as you found it. If your area accumulates too much trash during the day, we may ask you to clean it up immediately; please do not give us flak about this.
- **You are responsible for having all appropriate hardware and software.** You are expected to bring a working computer with a network card and legal copies of all relevant game software and latest patches already installed. Please do not bring a broken computer and ask us to fix it. Please do not ask us to wait for 20 minutes while you install the game and all the latest patches.
- **BYOC hardware requirements:**
 - A computer with appropriate hardware (especially an Ethernet **NIC** for **GigabitEthernet** or at least **100Base-T**) and software (especially **TCP/IP**).
 - Monitor, keyboard, mouse and mouse pad
 - A power strip with surge protection might be helpful
 - Bringing your own CAT5e Ethernet patch cord might be helpful.
- **No speakers.** Speakers create an incredible racket and drain excessive power. **Headphones only, please.** We will have a few headphones to loan out, but please try to bring your own.
- **BYOC game software recommendations:**

See the TusLAN FAQ for the latest game list:
http://www.tuslan.net/TusLAN_FAQ.html

**Membership Registration Form
for all Computer Gaming Participants in
TusLAN at TusCon**

Must be over 18 to use this form!

Nickname / Game Name

Full Name (Required)

Street Address (Required)

City, State, Zip (Required)

Telephone Number

Email Address

By paying the BYOC discount membership rate, below, I agree to bring a computer for use in TusLAN gaming. If I do not bring a computer, I agree to buy a TusCon membership at the full rate before participating in any other TusCon activities.

Signature of Registrant and Date (Required)

Avery Davis

Rate, Signature of TusLAN Director and Date (Required)

Mail this form and payment (checks or money order, no cash) to:

BASFA dba TusCon
PO Box 2528
Tucson AZ 85702-2528

For more information about TusCon and TusLAN, see the web site:

<http://www.tuslan.net/>

Membership Registration Form for all Table Top Gaming and LARP Participants in the Game Rooms at TusCon

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Nickname / Game Name

Full Name (Required)

Email Address (Required)

Signature of Registrant and Date (Required)

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Gaming at TusCon

Parental Permission for Minor Participation:

TusCon Gaming, TusLAN, BASFA dba TusCon and Sheraton Hotels and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives (hereinafter referred to as "The Event") supports the ESRB industry rating system for computer games and the voluntary enforcement of this rating system. Any participant who will not be at least 18 years of age on the first day of the Event must provide a signed consent from their *parent/legal guardian/responsible adult* to participate in the tournament.

The Ground Rules and Liability Waiver, applies to all Registrants regardless of age.

I am the *parent/legal guardian/responsible adult* of

who is under 18 years of age. I am aware that the The Event will feature participation of the above named minor in computer game competitions featuring one or more computer games that have an industry rating of M or Mature. I am aware that this rating indicates that the content of the computer games is not suitable for children less than 18 years of age.

By my signature, I grant my permission to allow the above named minor to attend and participate in any and all tournaments and other activities of The Event without restriction or limitation, and I certify that **I have read the Ground Rules and Legal Waiver and agree to these terms in my decision to allow the above named minor to be a Registrant in The Event, as well as a Registrant in The Event myself.**

Signature of *Parent/Legal Guardian/Responsible Adult* and Date (Required)

Print Name of *Parent/Legal Guardian/Responsible Adult* (Required)

Address of *Parent/Legal Guardian/Responsible Adult* (Required)

Telephone Number of *Parent/Legal Guardian/Responsible Adult* (Required)

Gaming at TusCon (TusLAN, Table Top, LARP) – Parental Permission for Minor Participation

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I am the *parent/legal guardian/responsible adult* of

_____ (Please print)

who is under 18 years of age. I am aware that the The Event will feature participation of the above named minor in computer game competitions featuring one or more computer games that have an industry rating of M or Mature. I am aware that this rating indicates that the content of the computer games is not suitable for children less than 18 years of age.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: TusCon Gaming, TusLAN, BASFA dba TusCon, Sheraton Hotels and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives (hereinafter referred to as "The Event") are not responsible for any damage caused by users or by any of the equipment or programming utilized in the event, or by any technical or human error that may occur. The Event assumes no liability for any injury, loss, or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with any person's participation in The Event, including without limitation participation in any real life activity.

By participating in the event, each participant agrees to be bound by the official rules, as outlined elsewhere. The Event shall not be liable for punitive, incidental, consequential or special damages, whether or not such damages could have been foreseen and whether or not The Event received notice of it.

RELEASE: The individual signing below ("Registrant") does hereby release and waive any and all causes of action, claims, losses and damages, whether such causes of action, claims losses and damages are known or unknown, whether such causes of action, claims, losses and damages exist in law or in equity, and whether such causes of action, claims, losses and damages exist under contract, tort, strict liability or other theory, owned by Registrant arising out of, relating to or in connection with The Event (collectively, the "claims"). Registrant forever discharges The Event and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from all claims.

INDEMNITY: Registrant does hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of The Event's directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against all losses, lawsuits, causes of action, claims and damages which arise from the acts or omissions of registrant in connection with The Event.

By my signature, I grant my permission to allow the above named minor to attend and participate in any and all tournaments and other activities of The Event without restriction or limitation, and I certify that **I have read the Ground Rules and Legal Waiver, above, and agree to these terms as a Registrant in The Event as well as in my decision to allow the above named minor to be a Registrant in The Event..**

PRINT PARENT NAME	DATE	ADDRESS	EMAIL	SIGNATURE

TusCon Computer Gaming Policies and Procedures

Motto: TusLAN: The Best Little Computer Gaming LAN Party in Arizona!

Organization:

Department Head, aka, TusLAN Director

Assistant Department Head

LAN Party Tournament Director

Network Administrator

Staff

Policies and Procedures:

See TusCon Gaming Rules and Forms

See also TusLAN Gaming FAQ