

Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc.

General Standards of Conduct

This is the Standards of Conduct for Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc., Inc. and all events sponsored by Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc., Inc.; these entities are referred to as 'Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc.' henceforth.

The primary purpose of Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. is to provide anthropomorphic animal enthusiasts (furrries) a safe, inclusive, and fun environment in a public shared environment. Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. welcomes all parties with an interest in anthropomorphic animals; however, the convention's management reserves the right to deny or revoke the membership of any individual at any time for any reason.

This Code of Conduct is intended to provide a general guideline for acceptable behavior and is not an exhaustive list of rules. **When in doubt, don't do it.** Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. reserves the right to amend these rules at any time without prior or posted notice and reserves the sole right of interpretation. If you have any questions, please contact our staff for assistance. Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. executive staff has the final say in any rule enforcement or interpretation.

By purchasing a membership or entering convention space

1. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. from any claim for personal injuries or other damages or equity arising out of any individual's activities at Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc., even if such injury or damage is caused by negligence by or on the part of Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc..
2. You agree to abide by these standards of conduct for the entire duration of their stay, even prior to Opening Ceremonies or after Closing Ceremonies.

Violation of this Code of Conduct, any direction or instruction from Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. staff, hotel staff, or vested authorities may result in revocation of your membership, being trespassed from the hotel property, and a permanent ban from any and all Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. events.

THE GOLDEN RULE

The following rule supersedes all others listed below and may be invoked at any time: Any action or behavior that causes significant interference with convention operations, excessive discomfort to other attendees, or adversely affects Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc.'s relationship with its guests, its venues, or the public is strictly forbidden and may result in permanent suspension of membership.

GSFTW IDENTIFICATION BADGE

1. Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. attendees are required to wear their convention issued badge while in all convention spaces in a conspicuous manner.

2. Attendees will display their badge at the request of any GSFTW security or executive staff member.
3. Badges are issued to specific individuals. Badges are not to be shared, transferred, or passed off to other individuals.

CLOTHING GUIDELINES

Shirts, pants/shorts/skirts, and footwear must be worn when in areas of hotels or the convention center that are accessible to non-attendees, such as lobbies, restaurants, and concourses, except for hotel swimming pools.

Full-body fursuits (animal costumes) qualify as shirts, pants, and footwear provided that the costume is not unacceptably suggestive. Fursuiters must respect the policies of hotels and other venues regarding areas where costumes are not allowed, which may include restaurants and hotel swimming pools.

Attendees may not wear clothing or accessories which are overly revealing, inappropriate to the atmosphere of the convention, or likely to draw reasonable complaints from hotel and/or convention guests.

Fetish-related or mobility restricting equipment (such as a leash attached to an otherwise acceptable collar) shall not be worn in convention controlled space.

Police uniforms or outfits which may be easily mistaken for such are only to be worn by law enforcement in service.

Costume accessories may not present unreasonable disruption to other convention or hotel guests. See the weapons policy clause for specific information pertaining to costume weapons.

PUBLIC DECORUM

No items of any kind may be thrown, flown, or dropped from hotel or Convention Center balconies or patios. This includes aerial vehicles such as drones.

No water pistols, silly string, or any thrown, flown, or projectile item may be used in any area of hotels or the Convention Center.

Please do not sleep in convention space or hotel lobbies; return to your hotel room or home. Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. attendees must abide by instructions given by Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. Safety staff. Failure to do so will result in loss of membership privileges. Any disputes or concerns may be addressed onsite at Convention Operations.

Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. convention space is open only to members, and all attendees should wear their membership badges at all times. A badge is valid only for the person to whom it was issued; badges may not be shared under any circumstances.

HARASSMENT

Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. holds a zero tolerance policy for harassment and discrimination. If you have been the target of harassment, we urge you to report the incident immediately to any member of staff, Convention Operations, and/or appropriate legal authorities. The sooner an issue is reported to us, the more appropriately we can address it.

ATTENDANCE BY MINORS

Anyone who is under the age of 18 years at any time during the convention are prohibited in convention space unless accompanied by a parent or able to produce evidence of legal emancipation. There are no exceptions.

Parents are fully responsible for the behavior of minors under their control.

Minors are not permitted under any circumstances to enter areas designated for mature audiences.

Anyone providing false documentation of identity or age will be denied membership, permanently banned, and reported to the legal authorities.

HOTEL PARTY POLICY

Our event shares a hotel with furry enthusiasts and non-furries alike. Hotel parties are to be respectful of neighboring rooms and hotel premises. It is the responsibility of the party host to ensure no consumption of alcohol by persons under the age of 21.

OTHER HOTEL MATTERS

The person in whose name a room is rented is solely responsible for the conduct of all individuals in the room as well as for the condition of the room. Excessive trash, soiling or other damage to hotel property, or any circumstance that may present a hazard to hotel housekeeping staff may result in permanent loss of Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. membership privileges. As hotel rooms are considered private rentals, Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. holds no responsibility for actions or conduct in hotel rooms.

SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES

The offering for sale of any goods or services at the convention may only occur in appropriate and authorized areas of convention space, only at authorized times, and only by registered, authorized vendors of the area in question. In all cases sales will be governed by the applicable rules of each area,

TOBACCO, VAPING, ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

1. **TOBACCO AND VAPING:** Smoke 'em if you got 'em. Attendees must use designated smoking areas. For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, vaping devices are considered tobacco use and shall not be used inside convention space or outside of designated smoking areas.
2. **ALCOHOL:** Alcohol shall not be consumed in public areas of the hotel unless purchased

- at a hotel provided dispensary. Hotel policy takes precedence over this clause.
3. MARIJUANA: Marijuana may not be smoked outside of designated smoking areas. Hotel policy takes precedence over this clause.
 4. SUBSTANCE ABUSE: Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. does not condone the use of any illicit substances. Use of illegal intoxicants will be reported to authorities.

WEAPONS POLICY

Possession of any functioning weapon in convention spaces by attendees is strictly prohibited.

This includes but is not limited to

- Firearms
- Explosives
- Knives
- Electrical Stunning Devices
- Chemical Tranquilizers

Prop or costume weapons may be permitted in convention space as long as the following provisions are met

1. Prop weapons must be presented to the Head of Security or Con Ops for inspection and verification that the apparatus is inert;
2. Prop weapons may not be able to be readily converted to functioning weapons;
3. Prop weapons must bear a convention provided and applied peace bond at all times

MEDIA RELATIONS

All media requests must be presented to pawsoul for approval prior to the event date. Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. reserves the right to deny a press pass to any individual journalist or media organization for any reason.

Media must be accompanied by a designated member of Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. at all times when in convention controlled space. Media must display a Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. provided press pass conspicuously. Video, still images, and/or audio recordings of any attendee, staff member, executive leadership, hotel staff, or public official must be deleted at their request.

Attendees of Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. acknowledge that personal recording and documentation of convention happenings may include their likeness. It is unreasonable to request that all other attendees and staff remove such recordings.

PAYMENTS AND MONEY MATTERS

1. All payments to Garden State Fur the Weekend, Inc. are final.
2. Charge-backs will result in revocation and banning of your membership unless the original charge and all associated fees are repaid to the conventional

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The senior members of the convention staff will resolve any disputes or questionable events. Their decision will be final. Security will issue warnings if they observe violations.

If you have a complaint or a non-urgent problem that cannot be solved until after the event, we recommend writing up as many details as possible about the issue and submitting it to a senior staff member, or emailing it info@gsftw.org

You acknowledge that your government issued identification will be verified to validate the information that is found on the face of the ID, such as your name, address and birth date. This information is only used to verify your age and have your name on file in case an emergency arises. This information will not be published to any entity, and will only be used for aggregate analytic statistics.

Garden state fur the weekend reserves the right to request that you purchase a full-price registration to replace a lost or stolen badge. In the event of a lost badge, a single replacement badge may be issued at a reduced cost. Repeated lost badges will need to be replaced at the price of a full registration.

Garden state fur the weekend reserves the right to withhold or confiscate any current years' gsftw badge with an inappropriate name. In the event that a badge is withheld or confiscated a single replacement badge may be issued at a reduced cost.

Refunds and No-Show

Refund Policy: We can only offer a refund for your registration up to 60 days past the date you registered. After that we can only offer you a credit to apply for the following year. We cannot offer a refund after the pre-registration cutoff date either, as all the data has been exported and badge printing has been performed by this time.

No Show policy: If you pre-registered for the convention, but are unable to attend, and simply don't show, we extend the courtesy to credit your registration cost to be used for the following year. We can only extend this for the following year, and you will have to make up any difference should the costs increase the following year. WE cannot credit Dealer's tables or Artist Alley reservations, as those expenses are already lost expenses by the convention, since your table will have sat empty all weekend. You can email us in the days leading up to the convention and we can see if we have people on the dealer wait list that might still be willing to buy your table slot off you, but you will have to negotiate your price with them, since they won't get the benefits of having Dealer map info being correct.