

## **Additional:** **Weapons regulations**

### **Due to various requests concerning weapons for cosplayers, we would like to state the following:**

**Our weapons policy clearly determines which weapons are allowed for cosplayers and which are not. The regulations are also very clear, about imitations being forbidden:  
„Imitations of firearms and replicas of metal, metal / wood, plastic, which are likely to be mistaken for real firearms“.**

Thus, ALL weapons that can be confused with real ones are NOT allowed.  
This regulation counts also, if viewed from close up, the weapon would be recognisable as a fake.  
Rifle or pistol barrels with a red cap or other colors as original are not allowed.  
Those arriving on site with such weapons will not be admitted, even with a valid ticket.  
We point out specifically that all costs incurred by the weapon carrier / cosplayer, must be borne by them (eg false alarms, costly checks / security costs etc).

Unfortunately, due to the general situation, we will not be able to relax our weapons regulations.  
At other events (eg Gamescom or RPC Cologne) the rules are the same, sometimes even stricter.  
At all these events, weapons who are to be confused with “real military troops” weapons are frowned upon; our events are a peaceful coexistence.  
An exception are the few exhibitors (specialized organisations) from this specific branch who are all invited by us.  
The capacity here is exhausted.

Cosplay is not just a trend, but in our understanding a form of art.  
There are plenty of alternative ways to create clearly fake weapons (e.g. made out of foam, oversized, etc.).