

Play! Pokémon Attire and Cosplay Policy

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1 Introduction

Play! Pokémon events are for everyone! Safety and comfort are paramount to the success of any Play! Pokémon event.

As the Play! Pokémon program continues to grow, we truly believe that attendees should be able to express themselves through personal style and creative costumes. In the interest of the safety and comfort of all, however, certain parameters around attire and cosplay (costume play) are required. This document outlines attire and cosplay requirements when present at Play! Pokémon events.

This policy is for Play! Pokémon Championship Series Events (Regionals and above). Local Leagues are also able to utilize these guidelines for their Play! Pokémon events if they so choose, but note that Leagues are responsible for all other rules and guidelines outlined by the program.

Failure to follow this policy and its guidelines may result in a staff member requesting a change in attire, hygiene, or costume. Failure to comply with tournament staff requests can result in removal from the tournament, venue, or activation. If a serious violation of our policies occurs, immediate removal from venues and activations may be required. This can result in a post-event disciplinary action.

In the event of removal from a venue or activation, any badge for the Play! Pokémon event is forfeited (without refund) and must be returned to the staff. Failure to forfeit a badge can result in harsher post-event disciplinary action, such as suspension from the Play! Pokémon program.

2 Attire

Play! Pokémon welcomes competitors and attendees from a diverse range of backgrounds in countries all over the world. Competitors and attendees should enter Play! Pokémon events with an open mind and an understanding that their personal style and clothing choices can affect those around them. With a global focus in mind, the following section outlines requirements and guidelines for clothing at our events.

2.1 Required Attire

All attendees at Play! Pokémon events must adhere to the following criteria:

- Comply with any posted applicable local laws or venue regulations
- Wear footwear in and around venues and activations
 - This includes but is not limited to shoes, sandals, or slippers; no bare feet
- Wear chest and bottom coverage
 - Attendees are not permitted to be nude or partially nude
 - Attendees are not permitted to wear non-clothing related items that suggest nudity or partial nudity
 - Clothing must be conducive to a tournament environment for participants of all ages

2.2 Attire Guidelines

The following guidelines provide instruction or clarification to subsection 2.1 of this document. Tournament Organizers can make final determinations on the following guidelines when asking attendees at Play! Pokémon events to either change their attire or confirm their removal from events and activations.

This list is non-exhaustive and may change at the sole discretion of the Play! Pokémon program and The Pokémon Company International (TPCi). Visible tattoos that may be considered inappropriate, per the following guidelines, are not permitted and it may be requested they be covered during the event.

The Play! Pokémon program utilizes the information present in our Inclusion Policy and Standards of Conduct as a metric for our attire guidelines. We strongly suggest reading the information outlined in these supporting documents.

2.2.1 Symbols

- No hate symbols or symbols of prejudice
 - This includes any satirical symbols or satirical usage of hate symbols
- No sexual symbolism or implied sexual symbolism
- No drug related symbols or representative paraphernalia
- No overt references to alcohol or intoxication

2.2.2 Violence and Sexual Content

- No overt or implied acts of violence
- No clothing depicting gore
- No depictions of sex, sex related acts, or graphic sexual content

2.2.3 Use of Pokémon Characters

- Attendees will not wear any articles of clothing or accessories that depict Pokémon characters engaged in any of the above prohibitions
 - Such clothing is considered a gross violation of our standards and is grounds for immediate removal from the venue

2.2.4 Stream Attire

- If you are selected to participate on stream, you must comply with any additional rules or guidelines communicated to you by stream staff
 - This may include changing into an approved shirt if a specific logo or image is not approved

3 Hygiene and Health

Our tournaments are shared spaces, and as such, we expect everyone to follow basic hygiene practices when attending events. Please consider the comfort and safety of other competitors, spectators, and tournament staff when attending Play! Pokémon events.

If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, we recommend not attending the event for the health of other participants. We also recommend washing your hands frequently and for at least 20 seconds.

If your hygiene is not conducive to a tournament setting for participants of all ages, it may be requested that you update your hygiene to continue at the event.

4 Cosplay

Costume play (or cosplay for short) is a form of event engagement in which attendees dress in costumes from media. These costumes may be wholly drawn from or inspired by characters or elements in the media they choose to represent. The Play! Pokémon program does allow for attendees to participate in cosplay at our events.

While everyone is welcome to cosplay at Play! Pokémon events, some programming may have additional rules. Events such as the cosplay showcase, where guests must apply and be accepted to participate, have additional rules and guidelines. For full rules and guidelines for the cosplay showcase, [please click here](#). Much like standard attire, rules and guidelines must be followed when cosplaying at Play! Pokémon events.

4.1 Cosplay Requirements

We believe that cosplay is for everyone! To ensure that all guests can have the best experience, we do have rules and guidelines for costumes worn in official event areas (areas where you need a badge).

Also, a reminder that some events, like the cosplay showcase, may have additional rules. If you apply and are accepted into these types of events, please make sure you are following any additional rules.

4.1.1 General Cosplay Guidelines

- Participants' cosplay must be inspired by or related to the Pokémon franchise
- Participants must follow all rules and guidelines from section 2 of this document ("Attire")
- Weapons, including foam weapons, are not allowed at Play! Pokémon events
- If the costume has props, they cannot be sharp or functional (such as being made of metal)
- Costumes cannot obstruct or interfere with tournament operations—this includes costumes that are too wide, tall, or may require assistance to move or operate

- Makeup should be sealed to ensure it is not spread or smeared on other attendees
- Full-face masks or coverings cannot be worn during Play! Pokémon events
 - As outlined in subsection 3.2, medical face masks or coverings can be used for health-related purposes
- Costumes cannot use pyrotechnics, lasers, or anything that may leave debris, such as confetti or glitter

Tournament Organizers can determine if a costume does not follow the above guidelines, obstruct or interfere with tournament operations, or otherwise do not follow Play! Pokémon's rules and guidelines. If asked to change or remove a costume, it is the responsibility of the individual attendee to comply with tournament staff. If the costume does not fit in a bag and requires the use of a suitcase or other large carrying device, the costume will need to be removed from the venue before the attendee can continue participating at the event.

Individual attendees are responsible for any damage caused by costumes, makeup or makeup removal, regardless of if these attendees received Travel Awards from the Play! Pokémon program and are staying in sponsored hotels/accommodations.

4.2 Cosplay Opportunities

Play! Pokémon offers several cosplay opportunities at our larger events, such as International Championships and our World Championships. Each of these opportunities has their own listed sets of rules and costume criteria. If you are looking to enter a showcase, make sure to check the information listed for that specific opportunity for more details.

5 Non-Compliance

As noted in this policy, Tournament Organizers and TPCi representatives may determine if attire, hygiene, or cosplay do not comply with the requirements and guidelines outlined in this document.

If a member of tournament staff requests a change or alteration to an attendee's attire, hygiene, or costume, it is the responsibility of the individual attendee to comply. If you return to the event adhering to the specifications from tournament staff, you are eligible to continue to participate in the event.

Continued violations of this or any other tournament policy or refusal to comply with tournament staff instruction can result in removal from the venue and the forfeiture of your badge (without refund).

If a member of staff determines that the non-compliance is a gross violation of our rules and guidelines, you can be removed from the venue, and your badge must be forfeited (without refund) to the staff member, without the opportunity to change.

5.1 Post-Event Disciplinary Action

Any non-compliance may be reported to the Play! Pokémon program for further review. Depending upon the incidents and the severity of those incidents, the Play! Pokémon program may impose a post-event disciplinary action on your account, up to and including suspension from Play! Pokémon events.

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