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# Midwest GameFest Code of Conduct

**Keep it civil, be respectful of others, and have fun together.**

Welcome to Midwest GameFest! We want Midwest GameFest to be a safe and inclusive space where everyone can enjoy four days of tabletop hobby gaming even if we can't be together in person. Everyone should observe common sense rules for behavior, personal interaction, courtesy, and respect. Midwest GameFest reserves the right to revoke, without refund, the registration and badge of any participant not in compliance with this Code of Conduct.

In addition to our normal [show policies](https://www.midwestgamefest.org/policies) (<https://www.midwestgamefest.org/policies>), we require everyone to observe the following:

- Play nice and be safe
  - Support each other in maintaining a safe environment, whether you're a first-timer or a Midwest GameFest veteran. We won't allow behavior or content designed to exploit, harm, or threaten anyone. When threatening, abusive, or insulting language is used against another member of the Midwest GameFest community, it undermines everyone's ability to enjoy themselves. Don't do it.
  - No stealing, cheating, trolling, or griefing.
  - Win or lose, be a good sport.
  - Did someone have a great game? Let them know!
- Our [Anti-Harassment Policy](https://www.midwestgamefest.org/harassment) (<https://www.midwestgamefest.org/harassment>) and this Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced, to the maximum extent possible and to the best of our ability given the online-only nature of our show this year. We have zero tolerance for racism, homophobia, ableism, fat phobia, and misogyny, including [microaggressions](https://www.vox.com/2015/2/16/8031073/what-are-microaggressions) (<https://www.vox.com/2015/2/16/8031073/what-are-microaggressions>).
- Consider the event descriptions carefully before registering for Midwest GameFest events. We do our best to ensure that event descriptions are accurate, but descriptions are only as good as the event organizer/GM has chosen to make them. If you have questions ask the GM first before joining the game.
- When you join an event or click on a link taking you away from [midwestgamefest.org](http://midwestgamefest.org), you are effectively on your own. We work closely with all of our partners and have

standards for what can and cannot be a part of this convention, but we cannot control each and every interaction or web link that may be sourced through Midwest GameFest. As always, when on the Internet or interacting on social platforms, proceed with caution, use good judgement, and don't divulge personally identifying information unless you are 100% comfortable with the recipients and their privacy practices.

- Keep it legal. Midwest GameFest is available in countries all over the world, and it's important that people of all backgrounds feel safe and comfortable while participating. To help ensure this, we must respect local laws and will remove content or behavior that advocates or promotes illegal activities. No piracy, either.
- If you encounter a problem, please let us know! We cannot address an issue unless we know about it first. Email us at [director@midwestgamefest.org](mailto:director@midwestgamefest.org).

Furthermore, the following rules are in effect for all of our online platforms:

- You must be 13 years of age to register for Midwest GameFest badges or ticketed events. If you as a parent or guardian are registered for an event, your under-13 child may observe or participate at the discretion of your GM or event organizer.
- No advertisement on Midwest GameFest Discord, Twitch chat, Midwest GameFest Forums, or Midwest GameFest social media unless you are advertising for a game you're running at Midwest GameFest in the appropriate channel or are an authorized Midwest GameFest advertiser, exhibitor, or sponsor.
- On all platforms, keep it civil, stay on topic, and be respectful of others. No political posts or other tangents, please. They will be deleted.
- Do not create profile pics, usernames, or profile descriptions that are harmful or offensive.
- No 18+/NSFW content.
- If at any time someone makes you feel uncomfortable, please feel free to reach out to a moderator and they will address any issues.

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If you have a question about a certain policy or guideline, be sure to read through all of [our policies](https://www.midwestgamefest.org/policies) (<https://www.midwestgamefest.org/policies>), but if that still doesn't answer your question, email [director@midwestgamefest.org](mailto:director@midwestgamefest.org).

And lastly, enjoy the show!

## About Us

Midwest GameFest is an annual four-day tabletop hobby game convention held each Fall in the

Kansas City area. Come enjoy role-playing games, historical miniatures, board games, card games, organized play, cosplay, workshops, game designers, dealers, benefit events, a used game sale and more! Midwest GameFest is organized and funded by The Role-Players Guild of Kansas City, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the tabletop gaming hobby.

Learn More at:

- <https://rpgkc.org>
- <https://midwestgamefest.org>

## Updates

An up-to-date policy is always available at: <https://www.midwestgamefest.org/code-of-conduct>

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