

## HIGHBALL HALLOWEEN WEAPON/PROP CHECK POLICY

HighBall Halloween is a fun community oriented event. In order to ensure that the event remains completely safe, HighBall Halloween reserves the right to inspect all costumes and weapons on an individual basis. Those who violate these rules assume all responsibility in the event of death or injury.

**If you do not want to have your costume weapons/props inspected or if you are unwilling to comply with these policies, please leave those items at home. Failure to willingly comply with HighBall Halloween's official event rules and weapons/prop policy may result in ejection from the site (without a refund) and/or potential legal action, if necessary. \*\*\*All rules and regulations are subject to change. \*\*\***

All military, law enforcement and other emergency service costumes should be easily distinguishable from official uniforms.

**No functional props or weapons are allowed at HighBall Halloween.** Simulated or costume weapons are allowed as a part of your costume, subject to prior approval by security and compliance with the following:

- All costume props and weapons may be inspected at each site entrance. Fake or prop weapons are permitted if they are in no way dangerous to fellow attendees.
- If you do not want to have your costume props inspected or tagged, or if you are not willing to comply with these policies, please do not bring your costume props to the event.
- Prohibited weapons are not permitted in the event site. Prohibited weapons include the following: Bars or rods to be used as handles, connected by a rope, cord, wire or chain, in the design of a weapon used in connection with the practice of a system of self-defense, self-defense weapons, i.e., pepper spray, mace, stun guns, tasers and skateboards. This also includes signs that are not integral to the costume. No wooden or aluminum/metal bats are permitted. This includes baseball bats, cricket bats, clubs, paddles, golf clubs and similar objects. Projectiles or any type of ammunition are forbidden.
- All weapons must be easily distinguishable from real weapons and must be constructed from safe, lightweight material. Approved materials are: rubber, plastic (PVC, etc.), foam, cardboard and papier-mâché.
- **If you return to the event each day, you may be subject to prop inspection at each entrance.**
- Costume bows are allowed, but must be unstrung so that they cannot shoot projectiles of any kind. Prop arrows are permitted, as long as they are not sharply tipped, cannot be fired, are made of approved materials and would not conceivably hurt anyone.
- Metal weapons of any kind are forbidden, including hammers, scissors (including "safety scissors"), screwdrivers, saws, chains, nun-chucks, brass knuckles, shields, X-Men-style

claws, handcuffs and the like. No “actual steel” is allowed, such as metal swords, knives or blades of any kind. If you have any of these types of weapons with your costume, please make sure they are made out of approved materials.

- Costume swords/daggers may not have any sharp edges. Wooden swords are allowed with no sharp edges or tips, but must be tied to your costume in such a way that they cannot be drawn or unsheathed. If you wish to draw your sword to pose for a picture, it must be made of approved materials. Metal blades are not allowed, whether they are sheathed or not.
- Items such as bullwhips, ropes and lassos are allowed, but must remain rolled and secured at all times. These items will be subject to a weapons/prop check.
- Staffs (staves), similar to those found in “Lord of the Rings,” for instance, will be allowed, if they are used for walking and/or decoration, and not as a weapon. Wooden staffs are allowed, but must be lightweight and may not have any sharpened edges or tips. All staffs must be inspected by security.
- Incendiary or flammable weapons are prohibited, including any items that are capable of igniting sparks or flames, burning, exploding or combusting.

**Large bags, coolers, and backpacks are NOT allowed. Small bags are subject to a bag check at the discretion of HighBall Halloween staff and security. Outside drinks and food are not permitted on site.**