

NCRF RULES OF PLAY 2009

Parking: Participants must park in the proper assigned area. This includes all gate-listed participants. Only those bearing a Drive-On pass may drive on the actual site. There is absolutely no parking on the actual site. **The Booth Owner Lot: (BOL)** is for Booth Owners only and those bearing a Booth Owners or Handicapped pass. This pertains to all workers and entertainers. **Participant Parking** for all others will be clearly marked.

Camping: Camping is only allowed for participants working the faire. People purchasing tickets including Fairever passes are not eligible for camping. The general Camping area is located on the “Back Forty” field across the Riperian Corridor creek bed. This Corridor is protected by the Department of Fish and Game. Stay on the road when crossing the creek. **Cars may not stay parked in the “Back Forty.”** Tents must be removed and cleared out of this area during the week. Your camping area should be cleared of all trash. Failure to do so will result in the loss of camping privileges. The cost of camping is \$20.00 per weekend. **Run-of-Faire camping passes may be purchased at the discounted rate of \$50.00. They must be purchased by September 6th in order to receive the discounted rate.** Participants must have their run of faire gate pass before they can purchase a camping pass. Security will be checking for camping passes after hours. If a participant is found on site after hours without a camping pass a first time violation will cost \$25.00. Second time violation will be \$50.00 and the third time will result in permanent removal from the site. RVs and campers must be pre approved and pay an additional fee of \$200.00 for the run of faire.

Hill Area: The back hill area of the “Back Forty”, which surrounds the horse stables, is reserved for designated guilds and Friends of Faire only. It is not available for any other camping. **Do not feed the horses or enter the stables at any time.** These animals are invaluable and off limits to visitors.

Showers: Showers are no longer available on site for participants. The concrete permanent showers near front gate are only available for production crew and key staff bearing a special pass. These showers have a severe drainage problem and cannot support a large number of people. Do not wash dishes in these sinks either. Using the permanent showers without a crew or staff pass may result in expulsion from the faire.

After Hours: There is usually some form of Entertainment going on after hours, especially on the Port of Call stage, but we still have to quiet this area down by 11:30. All areas on the West Side of the Faire adjacent to the Trailer Park next door must quiet down by 10:00. No loud music or noise is allowed after 10:00 on the West Side of the Faire. (This includes all the areas surrounding and adjacent to the Fools Stage, Main Stage, and the Amethyst Arbor Stage.)

Smoking: Costumed participants should not be seen smoking in public during faire hours. Participants should only smoke in safe, designated backstage areas. Make sure all butts are disposed of in fire safe containers.

Security and Management: Security personnel or Faire management may ask for a participant to present their pass at any time. Participants refusing to present or surrender their pass risk expulsion from the faire. Passes may be punched by security in a “three strikes, you’re out” format for various infractions. These include fighting, rudeness to patrons, public drunkenness, campsite noise violations or behavior deemed dangerous or offensive. Anyone caught drinking under the legal age of 21, or supplying alcohol to minors will be removed from the faire permanently.

Keep in mind, there are participants here of all ages and backgrounds. Be aware and respectful to the general public and people camping nearby.

COSTUME GUIDELINES FOR ALL

It is the responsibility of all participants to adhere to the designated theme and timeline of our event when choosing a costume. **These guidelines pertain to gate-listed participants as well.** The theme of our event is Renaissance England 1530 to 1600 roughly. Our theme of an international Market Faire welcomes costumes of all ethnicities and we encourage rich colors, beauty and individual style. However, we find it necessary to remind people that this is a historically themed theatrical event, not a Goth fantasy event or Burning Man.

Shoes: Shoes must be worn at all times. Please do not enter the faire site without shoes on. We recommend closed toe shoes or boots. Socks should be worn if your legs are showing.

Shirts: Men must always wear shirts. Women should wear long sleeves and chemises should cover the shoulders.

Colors: Colors can vary from bright rich jewel tones to earth tones, but participants should avoid florescent type colors, baby pastel colors, and complete black from head to toe. Shirts, chemises, pants and skirts should not be prints, like paisley or floral. Solids are always safe. Skirts or pants with a woven stripe in the fabric are OK. Fabric types that are natural, like linens, woven cottons or raw silks are always best. Avoid fabrics made with polyester or with visible shine to them.

Bodices: Bodices must have straps over the shoulders. **No strapless corsets or waist cinchers.** Corsets were undergarments during this time and would have been worn under dresses, not on the outside. Victorian style Corsets and Waist Cinchers are popular with patrons, but not accurate for participants. Corsets in this period were not hourglass shaped and generally stop at the waist. Chemises must be worn under bodices.

Doublets/Jerkins: Men must wear shirts and should wear some sort of doublet or jerkin over their shirts. Jerkins, like vests are long to the hips and belted over. .

Hair, makeup and piercings: Purple or any unnatural appearing hair color can be hidden under a hat or scarf or other garment that covers it. No black lipstick or “Goth” style make up.” **Facial piercings should be removed until after hours.** Earrings and necklaces are acceptable.

Head coverings: A costume is complete with something on your head, a garland, a scarf or a hat. Woman may wear their hair down if desired. Braids are always encouraged as well.

All participants with passes should remain in full Renaissance costuming until after closing at 6:00 if they are going to stay out in public areas of the faire. If a worker wants to change into a different style of period costume, it's OK, as long as it is still approvable.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Northern California Renaissance Faire is a unique business owned and operated by a collection of vendors and participants of the faire. The sole objective of the faire is to host a profitable Marketplace and provide top quality entertainment for the patrons. Participants are called upon to prioritize the business goals and needs of the company over private parties and personal agendas.

Participants must be responsible in their behavior and attempt not to offend the patrons. We do not allow flogging in the streets by participants. Do not touch, grab or kiss patrons without their permission. Do not block or impede people in the streets or pull them away from other conversations. Curb **foul language** and exercise discretion. Take personal conversations to ‘backstage’ areas. One never knows if a person standing within earshot is a city official, law enforcement or the parent of the person you are gossiping about.

If you are a participant, then you are representing our faire and our company to our public and to our hosts here at Casa de Fruta. Remember this is a live theatrical event and you are always on stage when in public. Help us keep the illusion and the spirit alive. Have fun and Play Faire!