

## Senshi Con 2017 - Panel Rules and FAQ's

### **Panel Applications are due August 1st, 2017!**

### **Approved Panel List will be announced September 1st, 2017!**

- 1) When submitting your panel application, do not include Senshi Con in the title (i.e., 'Senshi Con Transformer's Panel', 'Senshi Con Steampunk Panel', 'Senshi Con's How-to's for Cosplay Modeling', etc.).
- 2) Do not include any material in the title or description of your panel that includes racist or discriminatory language. Senshi Con has a zero tolerance policy on discrimination and/or harassment of any nature.
- 3) Be clear in your panel title and description. If we are unsure as to what the topic you want to host a panel on, your application is less likely to be approved.

### **Panel Rules**

- 1) Please have all panelists show up to their assigned panel room a maximum of five minutes early. This will ensure that once the panel room is clear, there will be a smooth transition to the next panel and no one is waiting around outside for an extended period of time.
- 2) Once your panel is completed clean up all your personal materials and exit the panel room in a timely manner. Time management is important to keep our schedule running smoothly for all attendees.
- 3) Follow your panel's rating scale. If your panel is rated under PG-13, please keep swearing to an absolute minimum. Remember: this is a family event and parents like to bring their kids to see their favorite fandom and sometimes it's the kids dragging the parents.
- 4) Harassment will not be tolerated. By a panelist harassing an audience member, or the other way around, it's will not be tolerated. If anyone feels as though they are being harassed, there will be a volunteer available on-hand to mitigate the situation.  
\*Harassment includes: racist/transphobic/homophobic/sexist/ableist language, bullying, etc.\*
- 5) No nudity, even in the rated Mature/18+ panels.

## **FAQ's**

**Q:** What if my phone number/email address changes?

**A:** If for some reason your contact information changes, please contact Beth Martin - Panels Coordinator (bmartin@senshicon.org) or Deborah Fleischer - Panels Coordinator Assistant (dfleischer@senshicon.org) to update your application.

**Q:** My application was put on the "waitlist" - what does that mean?

**A:** If all available panel slots are filled, you are put on a wait list until a slot becomes available. Once full, slots become available if a previously scheduled panel is cancelled or if a panel host is a 'no show' during the event.

If you are called from the waitlist, we will work with you to ensure that you know the time and date of your panel, but in turn we ask that you and your fellow panelists are presentation ready. Those panels that are on the waitlist are free to contact the Panels Coordinator at any time and have their application pulled from the waitlist if they wish to instead wait until next year to host a panel.

**Q:** My application was denied, what happened?

**A:** If your panel was denied, here are some potential reasons:

- The title and description were too unclear
- It doesn't fit in with Senshi Con's other panels or overall content (i.e., a panel about the exploration of space without tying it into Star Wars, Outlaw Star, etc.)
- It was too broad of a topic (i.e., a panel about all of the different genres in anime) - It's discriminatory or marginalizes a particular race/class/sex/gender/etc.

**Q:** My panel was accepted, what's next?

**A:** Over the next several months while you and your panelists are busy finalizing and practicing your panel to make sure that it's in tip-top shape, the Panel Coordinator and Assistant will be working behind the scenes to develop the panels schedule to ensure that any timing requests made are met (i.e., "I really want to host a panel, but I'm also in Cosplay Chess, etc.). You will be contacted via email if there are any scheduling discrepancies.

All panelists must confirm that they are planning on attending and presenting at Senshi Con. Any/all panel applicants who do not confirm their slot between these dates are subject to a one year ban from hosting panels at future Senshi Con events. Cancellations are only accepted upon emergency.

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