

## Vendor Information & Rules

ALL VENDORS COMPLETING AN APPLICATION AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THESE VENDOR RULES, WITHOUT EXCEPTION. If you do not agree to these rules, do not apply to be a vendor at RisuCon.

The following are the rules for vendors at RisuCon. RisuCon is the annual meeting of the Montgomery County Comic & Cosplay Club, Inc. The terms "Risu Con," "RisuCon," "convention," "meeting," "Montgomery County Comic & Cosplay Club," "MCCCC," and "club" may be used interchangeably within this document. Further, the attendees of this convention are members of MCCCC and the terms "customer," "attendee," and "member" may also be used interchangeably.

Vendor tables are "First-Paid, First-Placed." RisuCon makes NO GUARANTEE to any Vendor on the space they will receive in the Vendor Room areas. Even if you receive a written confirmation of your vendor space, RisuCon reserves the right to move you to another location. A vendor map should be available 45 days before the convention. RisuCon will use their best judgment in placing vendors with similar stock either together or away from each other.

For 2025, RisuCon is offering several sizes for vendor spaces. You should indicate your size requirement on your application, then work with our staff to best place you. Each Vendor Table/Space area includes: 1 table with 1 chair, two weekend meeting memberships for the first table and one for each additional table reserved. In addition, we will provide one hyperlink to your website on [www.RisuCon.com](http://www.RisuCon.com). Tablecloths, skirts, dressing, and any backdrops/displays are the responsibility of the vendor. Additional tables, chairs, or electrical requests may incur an additional charge.

### VENDOR LOAD IN AND SETUP:

Friday October 3: 3pm to 7pm. Buildings will be secured at 7pm.

Saturday October 4: 7:30am to 10am. We would like to open the doors at 10am.

After unloading merchandise, you must promptly move your vehicles from the loading areas. There is ample free parking, but we ask that you do not park adjacent to the convention area so those spaces will be available for the attendees. Please follow the instructions of the RisuCon staff.

RisuCon vending/exhibit areas will operate from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday. It is required that you operate your table during the posted hours of 10am to 6pm Saturday. The convention will be open until 8pm with other activities. You are welcome to stay open until 8pm.

VENDOR LOAD OUT: is from 6pm to 9pm Saturday. Please have your space clear by 9pm.

Vendors must remain inside the lines of their booths. The aisles must remain completely clear. This will be strictly enforced. Banners and displays should not protrude from your space or

exceed a height of eleven feet. You may bring display stands for the rear of your booth, but you must exercise caution when affixing anything to the walls of the event space. They allow it, especially if you can use blue painter's tape. Some spaces have backs that would allow you to secure a display with some wire or zip ties.

Electricity is available with some tables. We recommend that you bring extension cords and other supplies to connect to the available outlets and secure the connections safely to avoid hazards such as tripping on a loose cord. Anyone plugging in any power device, including cords, strips, ups, is subject to a safety inspection by the RisuCon Vendor Committee. If a device or cord is found to be unsafe, it will be required to be unplugged immediately, or not plugged in at all.

Individual Vendors are NOT ALLOWED to make any changes to the room setup, including swapping tables, without express permission from the RisuCon Vendor Committee. Violation of this rule may result in the Vendor being asked to leave the premises immediately.

If a Vendor wishes to sublet a portion of their table space or share their table space with another Vendor, they must inform the RisuCon Vendor Committee of this circumstance. Table sharing is NOT ALLOWED without permission. Violation of this rule may result in the Vendor being asked to leave the premises immediately.

RisuCon supports the work of creators and art. As such, counterfeit items, bootlegs, knockoffs, or other pirated items are not welcome at our event. RisuCon does not condone the sale of unlicensed/counterfeit products. RisuCon supports real artists and frowns on the use or sale of AI generated art, though it is not prohibited as long as it is not more than 25% of your total offerings.

Content must be controlled as the rating in the Vendors' Room is PG-13. RisuCon reserves the right to ask a Vendor to remove any items from their table should RisuCon receive complaints from the attendees. You are welcome to have portfolios of this work that can be closed.

All devices producing sounds, such as video or CD players, will be required to be kept at a reasonable noise level: low-medium or less. The RisuCon Vendor Committee will be regularly checking for all vendors, guests, and fan groups to maintain that level. If you cannot maintain a volume set by the Vendor Committee, they are authorized to have you turn the source off.

Prohibited items – There is to be no live merchandise (ie animals) sold in the Vendor Room. Powerful scents are not permitted. Food items for sale, including pet treats, are OKAY! Absolutely no tobacco, drug, e-cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, or vaping products or merchandise is to be displayed or sold.

All operable, "real" weapons are prohibited from cosplay at RisuCon. Any Vendor selling real or imitation weapon props for cosplayers must also strictly supervise and control access to minors and control security on these items. If you sell a real weapon, it is suggested that you hold the item for the attendee until they are leaving the show. If a purchasing member asks about the

use of such items during the event, please direct them to RisuCon's rules which govern the wearing and display of such items by members. The wearing of real sword and blade items are prohibited and all weapons and props are subject to a safety check by Security at any time during RisuCon.

If a problem occurs within the Vendors' Areas, contact the RisuCon Vendor Committee or Security. Do not try to intervene.

RisuCon depends on vendors that reserve table space to attend in order to host a successful event. If you need to cancel, please let us know as soon as possible. If we can re-sell your table(s) before the event, then your money may be refunded. Otherwise, no refunds will be given.

RisuCon only allows service dogs in the event space. Other animals, including emotional support animals, are not permitted.

Violation of any of these rules may result in loss of Vendor privileges up to and including being asked to leave the event. No refund will be issued.

RisuCon cannot guarantee customers or sales, nor does RisuCon grant any terms of exclusivity or other licensing agreement to Vendors. RisuCon makes every effort to have a diverse group of vendors who do not compete with each other. Some items, like artwork, charms, keychains, stickers, toys, and comic books, may experience more competition than other items.

By completing an application, you grant RisuCon the right to use your artwork, logo, or images in its advertising, social media, and on its website, RisuCon.com. This is for the sole purpose of advertising the event and your participation at the event. If you object to a particular image being used, please provide another image and we will use it instead. You also grant RisuCon's photographers permission to capture still and video photography to be used in advertising this and future MCCCC events.

In regards to masks and vaccinations, it is our intent not to impose anything on our members or vendors. However, RisuCon will always abide by any state or local mandates and are subject to the rules of the host facility. We will keep everyone up to date as we get closer to the event.

VENDORS AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMIC & COSPLAY CLUB, INC., RISUCON, THE EVENT STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND ANY OF ITS ASSIGNS, IN THE EVENT OF ANY DAMAGE, THEFT, INJURY, NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE THAT OCCURS DURING THE EVENT. VENDORS FURTHER AGREE NOT TO SEEK ANY MONETARY COMPENSATION FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMIC & COSPLAY CLUB, INC., RISUCON, THE EVENT STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND ANY OF ITS ASSIGNS IN THE EVENT OF ANY DAMAGE, THEFT, INJURY, NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE THAT OCCURS DURING THE EVENT, NOR FOR ANY REAL OR PERCEIVED LOSS DUE TO VENDOR TABLE PLACEMENT OR REASSIGNMENT, EVENT ATTENDANCE, EVENT ADVERTISING, OR FROM BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT DUE TO A VIOLATION OF THE EVENT RULES.

BY COMPLETING A VENDOR APPLICATION, YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS DOCUMENT.

If you have questions or comments about these rules, please contact RisuCon.