

LANFest Disclaimer and Legal Notice

Section I, Definition of Terms:

For the purposes of this document, the following terms shall be used:

- The "LAN Party", also referred to as a "Computer Gaming Event" or "Event" is officially known as Laclede's LAN, a chapter of LANFest.
- The term "Hosts" includes, but is not limited to the Sponsors, Event Staff, Event Site personnel, and other persons.
 - The physical location of the LAN Party is held at "the Location": St. Louis Science Center 5050 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110
- The official website of LANFest is <https://new.lanfest.com/> and is the location of information for attendees regarding the LAN Party.

Section II:

I hereby acknowledge that I desire to participate in the Computer Gaming Event(s) which is entitled and defined in section I as Event at the Location. I also acknowledge that my decision to participate in the LAN Party is voluntary and is solely for the purpose of my pursuit of recreational activities that I enjoy. I authorize the use of any photos (both digital and print), and videos for LANFest use and posting on websites and in other print/digital media. I agree that I am fully aware of the risks and hazards inherent in entering the premises including but not limited to wire hazards on floor, high voltage electrical wiring on floor, narrow aisles, and other hazards and/or in participating in the LAN Party and hereby elect to voluntarily enter upon said premises, knowing the present condition, and knowing that said condition may become more hazardous and dangerous. I, the undersigned, hereby assume all risk of illness or injury in the LAN Party in which I voluntarily participate. For and in consideration of permission to participate in the LAN Party, I hereby irrevocably and forever release, discharge, waive and hold harmless the LAN Party and its officers, directors, employees, sponsors, and agents (collectively referred to as "the Hosts") from any and all claims, losses, causes of action and liabilities of any kind (including attorneys' fees) arising out of or relating in any way to the LAN Party. I voluntarily waive any claims that I might have against the Hosts, and I understand and agree that the Hosts assume no responsibility or liability for any injury to persons or property (including property that is lost, stolen or damaged), that may occur during the LAN Party. I agree that I have read and will follow all official rules which are posted on the website and at the LAN Party. I further agree that during the LAN Party I shall conduct myself in an appropriate fashion and I shall not behave poorly by violating rules, performing harmful acts, using profanity, obscenity or any otherwise objectionable conduct towards any person or property involved with the LAN Party. I recognize and understand that the Hosts reserve the right to require cessation of any such activity and the Hosts, in their sole discretion, may require my removal from the LAN Party(s), without any refund of any kind. I acknowledge that I am **at least 18 years of age**. I agree this instrument, in its entirety, is intended by me to be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, agents and/or assigns.

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Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Section III:

This section is only necessary if this agreement is being executed on the behalf of a **minor child, a person under the age of 18**, and should be completed **only by the parent or legal guardian of the minor child**. I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor child listed below and acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions set forth above in Section II, and I hereby execute and enter into the Hold Harmless and Assumption of Risk Agreement on his or her behalf. I understand and agree that through participation in events held in connection with the LAN Party, including, without limitation, official tournaments, the event participants will likely play or be involved with M-Rated, or Mature-Rated, computer software games (with the M-Rating designating an industry rating of suggested play for individuals 17 years or older). I also acknowledge and agree that I have seen the game play involved with these games. Further, I understand that many individually owned computers brought to the LAN Party may display and/or contain content deemed not suitable for minors and that participants of the LAN Party can engage in informal competitions that may contain M-Rated games and/or other potentially objectionable material. I hereby provide my informed consent to my child's (or ward's) participation in such games at the LAN Party (including participation in games prior to, or following, the LAN Party), and to otherwise participate in the LAN Party.

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Address: _____

Name of Minor Child (Printed): _____ Age of Minor Child: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

- Unescorted** I further acknowledge that the minor child is **at least 16 years or older**; and I agree that they may **attend unescorted**, and that I assume full responsibility and liability for the minor child's behavior, and their adherence to the attached

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Children age 14 or younger may attend the LAN Party only with a Parent or Legal Guardian present for the duration of their attendance.

- Chaperone** Because I will not be there personally to supervise and take full responsibility for my minor child aged 15 or older, I hereby acknowledge and appoint _____ as chaperone of my minor child with full responsibility for his/her actions at all times during the entire duration of the event.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Chaperone Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MINOR CURFEW:

All unescorted minors must be aware of, and adhere to, any and all applicable curfew laws within the city of the LAN Party and any other municipalities that the Attendee may be subject to. This applies to any person under the age of 18 if their parent/guardian is not present. The Hosts of the LAN Party, including LANFest are not responsible for the Attendee's adherence to any applicable curfew laws. Failure to follow the curfew will result in immediate removal from the LAN without refund.

PRIZE DRAWING:

All general prize drawings organized by the event administrators are open to anyone attending the LAN unless otherwise specified. To participate in the drawing a ticket can be requested at the registration desk. A person is eligible for only one ticket. The ticket owner must be present to win. A person can win up to one time.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

- Participants WILL conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner.
- Participants will be respectful of each other's person and equipment.
- Prize drawing winners will make themselves available for photos as per sponsor's requirements.
- Failure to follow these guidelines will result in immediate disqualification.
- The possession of alcoholic beverages, coolers, or firearms at the Event and venue property is prohibited. If you bring any of these to the event, you may be asked to leave the items in your vehicle for the duration of the event or be removed from the event without refund.

CHEATING:

LANFest has zero tolerance for cheating! Cheating is defined as but not limited to: cheat codes, exploits, debug version game kernels or libraries, hardware modifications designed to upset game balance, excessive ping of network devices or computers to in any way reduce network bandwidth or increase latency. If you are caught cheating during any tournament match, it will result in the forfeiture of the game, and disqualification from all remaining tournaments/games and removal from the site.

ACTS OF VIOLENCE:

Acts of violence will NOT be tolerated! Intentional damage to the property, other guest's computers, staff property, network equipment, and items belonging to sponsors, is grounds for immediate removal from the event without refund. The LANFest staff reserve the sole right to define what is and what is not a violent act. No weapons of any kind are allowed at LANFest, this includes play toy weapons, paintball markers, Airsoft guns, etc.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES:

LANFest does not, under any circumstances condone any type of illegal activity whatsoever, including but not limited to the copying of illegal software, MP3s or distribution of pornographic material to minors. Each individual is solely responsible for the software / files and the copyright laws associated with items that are located on their machine. In addition, LANFest has a firm policy against viewing of pornographic material at our events. Please be aware that making pornographic material viewable and/or accessible to minors is illegal. If a staff member view's pornography displayed on your computer at any time, you will be removed from LAN Party without refund. Participants understands that his/her machines(s) are his/her personal responsibility and liability and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless LANFest /Staff /Hosts/ Sponsors and each Sponsor's directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any claims arising out of, in whole or in part, the participant's use in any way of his/her computers, monitor, or other computer related equipment during any LANFest.

HACKING:

LANFest does not tolerate hacking of any kind under any circumstance. Hacking of computers, network devices, DoS attacks, viruses, backdoors or anything of the sort is grounds for immediate dismissal from the LAN party without refund and can lead to banning said player from all future events.

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

Some games are more reliant on the quality and consistency of our Internet connection than others. Although the Hosts will do everything in their power to keep the Internet working properly, some circumstances are beyond the Hosts' control. Please be aware of the possibility that an Internet problem could render your game of choice unplayable. Keep this in mind when entering tournaments -- **an internet outage/issue is not grounds for a refund.** You assume the risk when you buy a ticket.

Game Type: Always Connected: These games do not take advantage of the LAN at all, and use the Internet connection for all traffic. This means that these games will not benefit from our speedy network, and if there is an Internet issue, these games are likely to become unplayable. Any issues with the Internet should be reported to the staff -- we will do everything in our power to fix your problem!

Game Type: Partial Internet: These games send the majority of their traffic over the network and usually provide a low-latency, high-quality experience. However, they still use Internet for tasks such as authentication or anti-cheating software, so they may be affected by the Internet in certain situations. Gameplay smoothness and latency in these games are better at a LAN party!

Game Type: 100% LAN: These games run on the network alone, no Internet required. This means that they should remain unaffected in the event of an Internet issue, and they also get the full LAN benefit of lower latency, allowing for the smoothest game experience. These games are amazing at LAN parties!

OFFICIALS:

LANFest Officials along with Sponsors execute all facets of the LAN Party and Tournament. LANFest Administrators and Sponsors reserve the right to require any Participant to replay any match for any reason, at their sole discretion and to disqualify any participant who fails to follow the Official Rules, makes any misrepresentation relative to the Tournament and/or the redemption of prizes, tampers with the entry process or the operation of the Tournament or Web Site, acts in violation of the Official Rules, acts in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner or acts with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person(s). To ensure that players have played according to the Official Rules, Tournament Officials will review ALL game play during the Tournament. Decisions by Tournament Officials are FINAL. All prize winners will be identified on site at the Event.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Sponsors and/or LANFest Administrators are not responsible for any inaccurate information, whether caused by the Official Web Site or by the Web Site users or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the event or the Tournament or by any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of Tournament results. LANFest Administrators/Sponsors assume NO liability for any injury, loss, or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with any person's participation in the Event or Tournament, including without limitation, participation in any real-life activity, or injury, loss or damage sustained from use of any prize won. If for any reason the Event or the Tournament is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus', bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of the LANFest Administrator's/Sponsors which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the Event or the Tournament, LANFest Administrator's/Sponsors reserve the right at their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Event and the Tournament without refund. By participating in the Tournament, each Participant agrees to be bound by the Official Rules. LANFest ADMINISTRATORS/SPONSORS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR PUNITIVE, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES WHETHER OR NOT SUCH DAMAGES COULD HAVE BEEN FORESEEN AND WHETHER OR NOT SPONSORS OR ANY SPONSOR OR ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVED NOTICE THEREOF.