

## **Doujinka Festival 2009 Policy Agreement**

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**Please make sure you have READ and understood the Policy Agreement before making your reservation to ensure that you understand all the rules for the event. Failure to follow the instructions may result from a denial of a registration.**

**Thank you!**

### **1. What is the Doujinka Festival?**

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The Doujinka Festival is a one day event held with Anime North and the Japanese Canadian Cultural Center's Halloween Festival in celebration of independent publishing for amateur artists. It is a chance for independent amateur comic artists to display and sell their work with a wide variety of audience. Artists will be free to sell other paper only merchandise like prints and bookmarks of their works, as well as offer and advertise their services as artists through on the spot commissions.

**The event will be held in the Japanese Canadian Cultural Center on Saturday, October 31, 2009.**

Information on its exact location can be found at <http://www.jccc.on.ca/> and further information on the event will be posted on the Anime North website at [www.animenorth.com](http://www.animenorth.com)

#### **What classifies as a registered artist/circle in the Doujinka Festival?**

- The persons whose name(s) that appear on the Artist/Circle registration form and that have been confirmed by the Event coordinator.
- A person who has submitted a published comic/doujinshi/artbook to be sold at the event by the event coordinator. Your group **MUST** have a comic/doujinshi/artbook to participate in the event. If the product you submit ahead of time is not present during sign in of the event, your table will be cancelled without refund.
- Tables cannot be filled by people whose names are not assigned or registered to that circle. This includes other artists not registered to that circle, relatives, significant others, etc.
- All participants must be under an amateur or independent publisher/artist classification. Any professionals interested to sell their work must register as a Vendor to the event. Please contact Regina Simon at [ina\\_chan@yahoo.com](mailto:ina_chan@yahoo.com) for details on Vendor tables.

### **2. Location**

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The Doujinka Festival will be located in the Shokukan Court in the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

### **3. Table Information**

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Each table for Artists and Circles in the festival is a 2' x 6' table. The price for one table is \$35.

A table can have to a maximum amount of 2 chairs only, 2 artist admissions, and a table cloth. However, an **additional \$8 must be paid for the second artist admission.**

You may register only two names to a table. So if you require a helper, please register them as the second person on the registration form. If you do not, please keep the section for partners on the registration form blank.

**There will be NO provision for electricity from the JCCC.**

#### **4. Reservation and Confirmation of table**

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To reserve a table in the Doujinka Festival, you must contact the Event Coordinator at [kouken\\_sasarai@hotmail.com](mailto:kouken_sasarai@hotmail.com) and request for a registration form. Please include your name and the name of your partner (if applicable). Along with your request, please send a low resolution digital copy of your comic/doujinshi/artbook's cover. If you have multiples, please put them in a zip file.

In a text file or the e-mail, send all the information regarding your book/books. Include the following:

Title:  
Fandom: (if applicable)  
Genre:  
Circle/Artist:

Please make sure that you read all of the rules before requesting one. Seating arrangements will be assigned at a first-come-first-served basis on the day of the event.

The Event coordinator will then contact you within 48 hours with the registration form and any additional instructions.

#### **5. Confirmation**

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Once you have received your Artist/Circle Registration form, fill it in with the required information and mail your registration form and payment to:

**Anime North Doujinka Festival  
c/o Regina Simon  
18 Valley Woods Road Suite 902  
Toronto, Ontario  
M3A 0A1  
Canada**

**Please note:**

- **PLEASE USE THIS ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY AS IT IS WRITTEN OR THE LETTER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE MAILBOX**
- **Do NOT send cash in the mail.**

**Mail-in registration for the Doujinka Festival closes on Friday, October 27, 2009 (or whenever table availability runs out).** After this time, all remaining tables can be purchased in the JCCC at the sign in desk on October 31, 2009.

Also, note that there is a required signature on this form at the end of the file. You will need to bring a copy of this policy with your signature and your circle members on October 31, 2009. It will act as the formal contract between you, the Event Coordinator and staff, as well as the Japanese Canadian Cultural Center.

## **6. Payment**

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Payment may be sent in cheque or Money Order and addressed to:

**“Anime North Japanese Animation Convention”**

Registrations made on the day of the convention must be done in cash. Cheques will not be accepted on the day of the event.

## **7. Festival Hours**

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Artist/Circle Registration time and set up will begin at 1pm.

Open access to all attendees will begin at **3pm until 11pm.**

If any time changes need to be made, the Event Coordinator will be sure to contact you ahead of time and inform you of the change.

## **8. Sale and Display of Merchandise**

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### **a. Merchandise**

All artists are required to have one comic book, doujinshi, and/or art book created by them or their circle to participate in the Doujinka Festival. Only then will the artists or circle be allowed to sell other forms of merchandise at the event. All merchandise must be created by the artist/circle selling them. No official artwork converted to buttons, prints, etc will be permitted for sale at the Artist tables.

Other merchandise for sale in the festival are limited to “paper” items such as prints, bookmarks, and paper-made stickers only. Phone charms made with print cutouts laminated is also permitted, as well as magnets and such.

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY ITEMS YOU ARE PLANNING TO SELL, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR IMMEDIATELY. She will be happy to assist and answer your questions.**

### **b. Displays**

Artists/Circle members may set up their reserved tables as they see fit as long as it does not interfere with the areas of other artists/circles or violate any of the Venue regulations. The space is limited to the area provided.

No works may be posted on **the walls or posts** of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Center. Any damages to the venue will be charged to the individual artists responsible for it.

**NO overhanging displays into other Artists' tables, doorways, corridors, or otherwise will be allowed.**

### **c. Adult Material Policy**

Artists may NOT display material depicting nudity or sexual conduct unless it is covered or displayed in such a way that minors cannot view such explicit material. Adult material must not be accessible to minors in any way. No adult material may be sold, given, or distributed to any minor. The acceptability of displays of adult material is at the sole discretion of the Artist Event Coordinator. Display content should not be derogatory in nature (ie. racist remarks, images, displays, signage, or anything that can be offensive to the general public.)

This rule does not only concern current prints. You may NOT display any commission work on your table that is under this category.

Doujinshis under the 18+ category or containing Adult Material must be kept wrapped and sealed at all times when being sold on your table. Explicit covers must be censored with a sticker or sticky not and must not be removed at any time. Please note that the same laws apply for these items and cannot be sold to minors for any given reason.

### **d. Items Prohibited from sale**

- T-shirt, bags, wallets, apparel, cosplay accessories, costumes, jewelry, figurines, and other forms of crafts are not permitted for sale in the Doujinka Festival.
- The resale of food, used goods or retail items, (like art books or doujinshi made by Japanese artists), are not allowed. If you wish to do this, please consider purchasing a Vendor's Table.
- The sale of sexual paraphernalia of ANY sort is highly prohibited in the Event.

## **9. Protection of Valuables**

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Artists are responsible for their own property, merchandise and money, and under no circumstances will either the Doujinka Festival staff or the Japanese Canadian Cultural Center be liable for loss or damage including, but not limited to, merchandise, equipment, or revenue.

## **10. Conduct**

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All participants are expected to act appropriately within and outside the venue on the day of the event. Blocking hallways, aisles and exits will not be tolerated. Any behavior that disrupts the venue or the premises, or is considered damaging to individuals, property or the reputation of the event will result in the loss of privileges to future Anime North events, loss of membership and expulsion from the Doujinka Festival. If you have any concerns during the convention, please bring them to the attention of the Event Coordinator. **Failure to follow these rules may result in the loss of your table without refund.**

Behaviour **not acceptable** in the event includes (but is **not** limited to):

- Taking chairs from other artists.
- Sitting in spaces which were not assigned.
- Selling other artists' works without permission and the co-ordinator's approval.
- Lewd behaviour public display of very intimate and inappropriate forms of affection, but not limited to, is not permitted in the alley.
- Harassment of Event Staff, JCCC Staff, Volunteers or other participants of the event. (i.e. Disrespecting the staff's authority, inappropriate language, and/or behaviour, etc.)
- Applying for a table under a name not your own (considered fraud and you can be arrested for this according to the law).
- Offensive emails to the Event Staff members, mass trolling (continuous posts of offensive messages) directed to Anime North staff members in electronic forums.

Reservations for tables are allocated at the **sole discretion** of the Anime North Doujinka Festival Team. Anime North is in **no way** obligated to provide tables to any person, persons, or group, and reserves the right to **not accept** applications from any person, persons, or group which have infringed upon the Code of Conduct specified above.

All complaints, conflicts, discrepancies concerning the event staff and/or the artists should be directed to and only to the Event coordinators at [kouken\\_sasarai@hotmail.com](mailto:kouken_sasarai@hotmail.com) or to [ina\\_chan@yahoo.com](mailto:ina_chan@yahoo.com).

**These policies are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Event Coordinator. Sign in procedure and sign in location will be e-mailed to confirmed artists/circles at a closer date to the convention.**

## Anime North Doujinka Festival Policy Agreement

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the contents of the Doujinka Festival rules and regulations and that I have accepted full responsibility and fully understand the description of all information presented in the 2009 Policy.

(1)Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(2)Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Coordinator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Will be signed on the day of)

***(Maximum 2 participants per table/per contract. Signees must be 18 years of age or older or must have a legal parent or guardian sign for you.)***