



RULES & REGULATIONS 2026

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1. Definitions

“ Business Day ”:	any day, other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which principal commercial banks in Montréal, Quebec are not open for business during normal banking hours;
“ Event ”:	Otakuthon Anime Convention 2026, scheduled on Friday, August 7, 2026, to Sunday, August 9, 2026;
“ Dealer ”:	individual, group of individuals or organizations who sell merchandise, materials or services in the Dealers’ Area of the Venue;
“ Merchandise ”:	any and all types of goods, materials or services the Dealer is permitted to sell at the Event, set out in section 2;
“ Organizer ”:	Otakuthon Cultural Society, a legal person satisfying the requirements set out by the <i>Civil Code of Quebec</i> and <i>An Act respecting the legal publicity of enterprises</i> ;
“ Venue ”:	Palais des congrès de Montréal in Montréal, Quebec, location of the Event.

2. Merchandise

Merchandise can only be sold at the Dealer’s attributed space.

The Dealer must provide the Organizer with a complete and integral list of all merchandise they intend on displaying and selling at the Event. The Organizer shall review and return said list, with approved, disapproved indications or other specifications, within thirty (30) days from reception.

The Dealer may provide an addendum modifying the list to the Organizer. The Organizer reserves the right to unilaterally refuse any or all addenda received after June 7, 2026.

The Organizer reserves the right to remove any merchandise and material at the Venue, without notice, that was not approved and provided for in said list.

Products sold may be imported, mass-produced, self-produced or otherwise obtained, but must comply with Otakuthon's anti-bootleg policy, as well as respect all requirements outlined in section 5 of the present contract.

3. Important information

3.1. Adult Merchandise

As a reminder, Dealers are not allowed to sell any type of 18+ merchandise which sexualizes children. This also includes teenagers and adults that physically look like a child.

Additionally, the coverage of private parts shall be strictly applied and completed during setup times, before attendees enter the Exhibition Hall. Partial coverage of private parts is not sufficient, the entirety of said parts must be fully covered. Should a product not be covered properly, Otakuthon reserves the right to remove the merchandise immediately and without further notice.

3.2. Shared Spaces

It is no longer possible to share a single space between two (2) or more separate Dealers in order to fill the space provided. Each Dealer must either have a separate space reservation and request to be next to each other or have multiple spaces within the same reservation. Should the reservation be for two (2) or more spaces and there are only two (2) Dealers for instance, it will then be possible to share the spaces. However, in such cases, Dealers must request confirmation of the Dealers' Area team before being allowed to share several spaces.

3.3. Dealer Entry Access

During opening hours, the door giving access to the loading dock and elevator on the other side of the Subway restaurant will be closed. This door will only be accessible during setup and teardown hours once all participants have left the Exhibition Hall.

3.4. Non-Mandatory Wi-Fi Connection

Due to numerous cellular data issues that occurred in previous years, each Dealer is required to purchase one (1) Wi-Fi connection. Thus, an additional charge of \$75 will be

charged to you, over and above the price of your space for this connection. However, this connection can be removed from your reservation should you request to opt out of it to the Dealers' Area team before July 18, 2026.

This connection will only be usable on one (1) device and will be given to you in the format of a single-use coupon, for the duration of the convention.

Please note that it will be possible to order additional connections with us for the price of \$75 per additional connection, as long as this is ordered before July 18, 2026. After this deadline, this Wi-Fi package will no longer be available and you will be required to order connections directly with the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

Please note, that this connection only works on devices accepting 5 GHz.

4. Dealer Information

4.1. Dealer Space Rates

Type	Special Location	Area	Price (tax incl.)
Premium Space	Closest to entrances	100 sq. ft. (10 ft. x 10 ft.)	\$1,100 CAD
Select Space	Behind Premium Spaces	100 sq. ft. (10 ft. x 10 ft.)	\$900 CAD
Regular Space	Behind Select Spaces	100 sq. ft. (10 ft. x 10 ft.)	\$800 CAD

Dealers must be physically at their respective spaces and check-in with the Exhibition Hall staff no later than 9:00 on Friday or their space will be considered abandoned. Otakuthon reserves the right to reassign the space without further notice, compensation or refund.

Each Dealer space includes two (2) 6 ft. tables, two (2) chairs and two (2) Dealer badges at no extra charge. Additional tables (6 ft. or 8 ft.), chairs and Wi-Fi should be ordered in advance as soon as possible due to limited availability.

Dealers are assigned spaces on a first-come, first-served basis, **by order of acceptance.**

Dealers must submit their completed, signed contract along with any other applicable documents before sending payment. No space will be reserved without a valid signed contract and confirmed payment.

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 5, 2026.
After this date, the Dealer's space-s will no longer be guaranteed.

4.2. Dealer Space Details

Dealers must complete their setup before 21:00 on Thursday evening and perform final touch-ups on Friday between 8:00 and 10:00.

Dealer spaces are separated with poles and drapes. All tables provided by the Organizer must be dressed with tablecloths. The Organizer will provide white tablecloths only. We recommended that Dealers bring their own tablecloths to cover their space and goods at the end of each day.

Dealers are free to set up their spaces however they see fit, so long as it does not encroach on other spaces. However, structures in the Dealer's space must be at a reasonable height, structurally sturdy and follow Exhibition Hall regulations.

Dealers using a structural furnish space (such as "pop-ups") must be able to withstand normal contact and vibration due to outside forces, such as impacts from attendees, wind, movement of forklifts, heavy equipment, unintentional contact with cleaners and staff of the Venue, as well as neighbouring Dealers.

The Exhibition Hall has a concrete floor. Dealers are recommended to bring carpeting to cover their floor space for comfort. Carpets must be properly fixed on the ground. The Venue recommends the following tapes: Polyken 105c LPDE or Scapa 274004 or DC-W002A. The use of inappropriate tape to affix the carpet may leave residue on the floor upon removal. Please be sure to remove all traces of the tape from the floor before leaving the venue, otherwise cleaning fees may apply.

Dealers may only erect fixtures on the concrete floor. The use of shelves and racks for products or literature displays must be used with fixtures designed to be free-standing and support a load.

Otakuthon reserves the right to reassign Dealer spaces or require a Dealer to modify their setup without prior notice.

4.3. Dealer Badges

All badges will use RFID for entry and exit at the Venue. When entering and exiting the Venue, be sure to tap in and tap out at the RFID portals.

Badges may be picked up on arrival at the loading docks starting Thursday during setup hours. During opening hours, badges will be available at the Service Desk inside the Exhibition Hall until Sunday 12:00. Government-issued ID and proper company

credentials will be required to pick up your badges.

Dealer badges may not be shared, loaned or sold. If additional badges are required, please contact the Dealers' Area Director at dealers@otakuthon.com. During the Event, additional badges will be available at the price of a regular attendee badge. Lost badges, for whatever reason, can be replaced at the cost of \$20. A valid piece of ID will be required to identify the lost/stolen badge before it can be deactivated. If a new badge must be reissued for whatever other reason, the cost of \$80 will apply. Dealers must wear their badges so they are visible at all times on Venue grounds. No individual or organization will be allowed to sell merchandise or operate a space without a Dealer's badge.

All Dealers must observe the same rules of conduct as regular attendees during the convention in addition to the terms outlined in the Dealers' Contract Regulations and the Dealer Guide.

4.4. Utilities

Electricity, telephony, and internet services may be ordered. Please fill out the request forms directly on the website of the Palais des congrès de Montréal at <https://congresmtl.com/en/services/client-portal/>.

It is highly recommended that requests be submitted as early as possible to benefit from early-bird pricing.

4.5. Payment

All payments shall be made payable to “**Otakuthon.**” The following methods of payment are accepted for Dealer space reservations:

- Paypal
- Cheque
- Money order
- Certified or cashier's cheque.

All prices are in Canadian dollars (CAD). Please do not mail in cash. Otakuthon will not be responsible for any lost or stolen cash sent via the postal system. **Any NSF cheque will be subject to a \$45 handling fee.**

Please mail your approved, signed contract form and payment (payable to “**Otakuthon**”) to the following address:

Otakuthon
Dealer Department
205-5115 Trans Island Avenue
Montréal, QC H3W 2Z9
Canada

4.6. Refunds & Cancellations

All reservations for spaces are non-refundable.

The Dealer may request a cancellation of their reservation. The Dealer must notify the Organizer as soon as possible, without delay, of their cancellation, via email to dealers@otakuthon.com. However, cancelled reservations remain non-refundable.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as force majeure events, the Organizer may reschedule the Dealer's reservation at the Event a following year. Rescheduling is subject to both parties' availability and the Dealers' acceptance.

Any Dealer space that is unclaimed (not checked in or with no physical presence of the Dealer) by 9:00 on Friday, August 7, 2026, shall be considered abandoned and may be reassigned at Otakuthon's sole discretion, without further notice, compensation or refund. Otakuthon is not responsible for any loss or damage caused by unclaimed or cancelled spaces.

5. Dealer Regulations

Please read the 2026 Exhibitor Guide. The Dealer must sign the Exhibitor Guide and this contract before reserving a space in the Exhibition Hall.

- Fan art products or modified officially licensed goods are not allowed inside the Dealers' area.
- Tattooing services are prohibited within the convention grounds.
- Dealers may sell food or beverage items if it cannot be served and eaten on the spot inside the Exhibition Hall (ex: coffee or tea that requires preparation), and only if special permission is given after a discussion with the Dealers' Area staff. Selling any consumable products inside the Palais des congrès de Montréal is otherwise prohibited without special permission.
- Pirated, "bootleg", unlicensed, unapproved, illegal materials (henceforth referred to as "bootleg items") and AI generated content may not be sold at the Venue

premises. All bootleg items may be removed by the Organizer without notice or delay. Refusal to cooperate will result in the immediate expulsion of the Dealer from the Event without notice, delay, compensation or refund.

- It is the responsibility of the Dealer to determine which items or products are bootleg items or generated by AI. For more information on bootleg items, please contact the Dealers' Area Director at dealers@otakuthon.com.
- Any Dealer that wish to sell metal weapons in the Exhibition Hall will need to warn the Dealers' team and hire a private security guard to watch their space, confirm payments and make sure that attendees that have purchased these weapons head over to the Weapons Check. Additionally, all metal weapons must be sold in a box, properly sealed, to ensure that they cannot be easily opened inside the Venue.
- Please note that **contact lenses** are considered, as of July 2017, as Class II medical devices in Canada. Any Dealer who plans on selling contact lenses must provide a copy of a Class II medical license at least one (1) month prior to the Event.
- Weapon dealers must ensure the legality of their products. Please refer to f the Canadian regulations and laws on weapons for further information: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-98-462/page-2.html>
- All Dealers must comply with the Charter of the French Language during the convention. All posters, banners, business cards, postcards or flyers must include French. If multiple languages are displayed, French must prevail over all. For more information about the Charter of the French Language, please refer to this link: <https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/document/cr/C-11,%20r.%209%20>
- It is strictly forbidden to do any lottery or luck-based transactions that would require a permit from the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux*.

6. Jurisdiction

The Dealers and the Organizer hereby irrevocably submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the province of Quebec, for the purpose of any suit, action, claims or other proceedings which may be brought by the Parties against each other arising out of or based upon this agreement or the subject matter thereof. This agreement, as well as all disputes, arising directly or indirectly from the relationship between the Dealers and the Organizer in connection with this agreement, shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the province of Quebec.

7. Legal notice

7.1. Representation and Warranties

The Dealer affirms that they have the legal capacity and authority to enter into this agreement, and that executing this agreement does not and will not violate any agreement, law, regulation, or other obligations to which the Dealer is a party or by which they are otherwise bound.

The Dealer warrants that their participation in the Event does not and will not conflict with or result in a breach of any other agreement, contract, or understanding to which they are a party or by which they are bound. The Dealer further assures that they are not subject to any legal impediment or restriction which might prevent them from fully performing their obligations under this agreement.

7.2. Compliance and Non-infringement

The Dealer agrees to comply with all federal, provincial, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations in relation to their participation in the Event. The Dealer shall conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the integrity and reputation of the Event and the Organizer.

The Dealer warrants that all material, content, and intellectual property provided or utilized by them in relation to the Event is either original to the Dealer or legally licensed for use. The Dealer warrants that such use does not infringe upon the rights, including intellectual property rights, of any third party.

7.3. Accuracy of Declarations

The Dealer assures that all statements and representations made about themselves and their participation in the Event are accurate, truthful, and not misleading. The Dealer agrees to promptly notify the Organizer of any changes that might affect their participation or the accuracy of the information provided.

7.4. Limitation of Liability

The Dealer warrants that the Organizer shall not be liable for any claims, recourse, action, damages, rights or right of actions, or liabilities of whatever nature arising out of the Dealer's actions, omissions, or misconduct, be it intention or not, during the Event.

The Dealer understands that they are solely responsible for their conduct and any consequences thereof during the Event.

Dealer agrees to disclose to the Organizer any circumstances, conditions, or limitations, including but not limited to health issues or scheduling conflicts, that might affect their ability to appear as agreed under this agreement.

7.5. Indemnification

The Dealer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Organizer and its affiliates, officers, agents, employees, and permitted successors and assigns against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, actions, judgments, settlements, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs, capital, additional indemnity, applicable taxes or expenses of whatever kind, including all judicial and extrajudicial attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the Dealer's breach of any sections in this agreement, negligence, willful misconduct, or violation of any applicable law or regulation.

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