

House Rules

The House Rules sets down the rights and obligations of persons during their stay on the premises and in the rooms of the Congresshalle and the Saarlandhalle (hereinafter referred to as the 'Venue'). Both Venues are marketed and operated by Congress-Centrum Saar GmbH (CCS).

CCS and the respective organiser are entitled to restrict access for visitors and participants at events. Visitor access to public events is usually only permitted after presenting a valid entry ticket. For events with free admission, the number of visitors is limited to the number of visitors permitted under building laws. The instructions of the assigned admission and security personnel must be followed unconditionally. These personnel exercise the **house rules** for CCS within the scope of admission and stay within the Venue.

All facilities in the Venue must be used with **due care and consideration**. At the Venue, everyone must behave in such a way that no one else is harmed, endangered, hindered or harassed, more than is unavoidable under the circumstances. The distribution of **printed material and advertising material** outside the approved stands as well as the affixing of **stickers** and **posters** is prohibited without the prior written permission of CCS.

Smoking is prohibited in the Venue, this also applies to e-cigarettes. The relevant instructions must be observed.

It is possible to order the **closure of rooms** and areas and their evacuation for safety reasons. All individuals who are present in the building and on the premises must comply with such requests without delay and, in the event of an evacuation order, must immediately leave the Venue.

Coat check, bag check and body check: For security reasons, an order may be issued to prohibit the carrying of bags and rucksacks, or to hand in bags, rucksacks and coats at the usual local charge of €2.00 per item. If there are no corresponding prohibitions, visitors must expect that bag and body checks will be carried out and that the contents of any containers, coats, jackets and capes carried will be checked. Visitors who do not agree to the seizure of objects that could endanger the event or visitors by the admission or security service will be excluded from the event. Rejected visitors are not entitled to a refund of the admission fee.

No liability will be accepted for valuables, money, keys in bags, rucksacks or items handed in to the cloakroom!

Persons who are recognisably under the **influence of alcohol or drugs** may be excluded from the event. Rejected visitors are not entitled to a refund of the admission fee.

The provisions of the **Youth Protection Act [Jugendschutzgesetz]** apply. Special regulations apply only if expressly posted at the ticket offices and in the admission areas.

The following items may not be brought into the Venue:

- Racist, xenophobic and radical propaganda material
- Weapons including "protective weapons" in accordance with Section 17a of the Assembly Act [VersammlG] as well as corrosive or colouring substances and hazardous materials of any kind whatsoever
- Dangerous objects as well as objects which, if thrown, could cause bodily injury to persons.
- Gas spray bottles, corrosive or colouring substances or pressurised containers for highly flammable or harmful gases, with the exception of commercially available pocket lighters and hairspray
- Fireworks, rockets, Bengal fires, smoke powder, sparklers, flares and other pyrotechnic objects,
- Mechanically and electrically operated noise instruments
- Containers made of fragile or splintering material
- All drinks and food brought along
- The bringing of drinks and food into the event hall
- Sound or image recording devices for the purpose of commercial use, without the permission of the organiser
- Animals

Right to one's own image: If photographs, film and/or video recordings are made in the area of the Venue by employees of CCS, by the organiser or by commissioned companies for reporting or advertising purposes, the recording activity must not be obstructed or impaired in any other way. All persons entering or staying in the Venue are advised by these house rules that photography, filming and video recording may not be carried out in the area of the Venue. Recordings of participants in and visitors to events may be published without the consent of the data subject in accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of the Act on Copyright in Works of Fine Art and Photography [KunstUrhG].

Volume at music events: In order to reduce the risk of damage caused by sound levels at music events, the use of hearing protection equipment is strongly recommended. Upon request, visitors will be provided with earplugs if increased noise levels are to be expected due to the event.

House bans apply to all current and future events held at the Venue. For the lifting of the house ban, a written application with reasons is required, on which a decision is made by the CCS within 3 months.