

# FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY MEASURES\* FOR THE COMPETITORS

Fire prevention measures are subjected to very strict standards and legislation. The fire prevention rules implemented at the Quebec City Convention Centre limit the risks associated with conventions and exhibitions in that they are monitored by fire protection systems. These rules must be followed at all times.

All installations at the Quebec City Convention Centre must be approved by the head of security and prevention measures.

## **1. Legislation and standards**

The laws, standards, regulations and other requirements pointed out in this document are only a brief summary of Quebec City's municipal by-laws regarding fire prevention. The Quebec City Convention Centre uses as a reference the latest edition of both the National Building Code and the National Fire Code.

## **2. Rules of the Quebec City Convention Centre concerning competitors**

As the rules are very strict, the management team of FISM Quebec 2022 has reached certain agreements and has arranged for various procedures in order to comply with the standards which are listed under Point 3 of this document.

### **Rules and regulations of the Quebec City Convention Centre**

- The use of a solid, liquid or gas fuel heating appliance is prohibited.
- Only inert gases are allowed for the assembly of inflatable structures.
- Oil particle smoke machines are strictly prohibited.
- Only service dogs for people with disabilities are allowed into the convention centre. Other animals must receive prior approval from the representatives of the company

operating the centre. The tenant has the duty to cooperate with the enforcement of these rules and regulations.

- Hay, straw, shavings and other similar combustible materials, apart from those used for the feed and daily maintenance of the animals, are prohibited. These items must be stored out-of-doors or in a room featuring one-hour fire resistance. A type-2A fire extinguisher must be nearby.
- The use of pyrotechnics requires the approval of the management team of the Quebec City Convention Center and the Quebec City Fire Department.
- The use of propane is limited to a cylinder with a maximum capacity of 16 oz.
- Any other type of liquid or inflammable gas must have received prior approval from the management team of the Quebec City Convention Centre
- New containers that have never contained such products may be displayed.
- When not in use, inflammable liquids and gases must be stored in the room provided for this purpose, by contacting the security department (free of charge).
- It is forbidden to place cylinders and compressed gas bottles in exits, outside under stairs and less than one metre from an exit.
- The use of helium balloons is restricted and must be pre-authorized. If balloons must be retrieved from the ceiling after your activities, a fee will apply. The same applies to confetti and glitter, the use of which can result in significant cleaning costs. Please clarify your intentions with your event coordinator.
- Only water-based machines are allowed. The centre's security department must be notified before such machine may be turned on to prevent the fire alarm from being triggered.

### **3. Context of the FISM 2022**

In order to comply with the rules and regulations of the Quebec City Convention Centre, below are the agreements that have been reached to enable you to perform your act in the best possible conditions.

#### **Fire**

##### **Flash paper, cotton, twine**

Flash paper, cotton and twine are permitted.

Our production assistant will have in his possession flash paper, cotton and twine that can be sold to you should Canadian customs deny your entry into the country with these products.

## **Torches**

Torches are permitted.

Our production assistant will contact you to ascertain this and have the product approved. If the product cannot be approved, we will sell you a product that is approved by the centre's security.

## **Explosions**

Explosions will be permitted, but they must receive prior approval by our production assistant as well as the convention centre's security team.

Explosions must not create smoke that could set off alarms.

You might not be allowed entry into Canada with inflammable products. Our production assistant will be in a position to sell you the products that are essential for carrying out your act.

Since this person will have on hand all the descriptions of the acts, he will be in a position to prepare for this option accordingly.

## **Additional safeguards**

During performances with fire, technicians and security guards of the Quebec City Convention Centre will be standing nearby, ready to step in with special equipment.

It goes without saying that if the technicians or security guards have to intervene during your act, you would be **disqualified**.

On request, we can provide ambiance smoke if needed. Our organization will have a special smoke machine on the stage for the acts.

About smoke equipment that could be used under the magician's clothes or in the hand, it is allowed. It's also OK to have a smoke machine on the side. But all this material needs to be approved by our production manager when the magician submits his act.

## **Confetti**

### **Confetti on the floor**

You are permitted to use small-sized confetti for your act as long as it is not propelled toward the ceiling.

### **Confetti propelled toward the ceiling by a fan or blower**

You may use confetti that is directed towards the ceiling by a fan or a blower. However, the confetti must meet the minimum size of 2 cm by 1 cm.

In addition, the confetti must remain on the stage, and hence may not be directed towards the audience. A boundary zone will be marked on the stage to delineate the amount of space you have for throwing around confetti.

### **Confetti propelled by cannon**

You may use confetti that is shot toward the ceiling with a cannon. However, the confetti must meet the minimum size of 2 cm by 1 cm.

In addition, the confetti must remain on the stage, and hence may not be directed towards the audience. A boundary zone will be marked on the stage to delineate the amount of space you have for throwing confetti.

Technicians with brooms

## **Animals**

You will most likely not be able to bring your animals into Canada. However, the FISM Québec 2020 management team has more than one solution for you.

### **Birds**

If you wish to bring pet birds into Canada, you must obtain authorization from the Canadian customs agency.

Please see: <https://www.inspection.gc.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/imports/import-policies/live-animals/pet-imports/birds-other/eng/1326819245810/1326819465543>

However, the simplest solution is to ask our production assistant when he contacts you. The FISM Quebec 2022 organization will have trained birds on site that you can use for your act.

### **Rabbits**

If you need one or more rabbits for your act, the FISM Quebec 2022 organization will have some on site for you to use during your act.

### **Other animals**

If your act needs a specific animal because it is trained to perform in your act, we suggest that you visit website of the Canadian customs agency to see what the procedures are for bringing your pet into Canada without a hitch. We also suggest that you make your request as soon as possible to avoid problems upon your arrival in Canada.

Please see: <https://www.inspection.gc.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/imports/import-policies/live-animals/pet-imports/eng/1326600389775/1326600500578>

When you are selected to participate in FISM Quebec 2022, our production assistant will contact you to validate all the points and will be assisting you with the presentation of your act.

Until then, if you have any questions, feel free to e-mail us at: [info@fismquebec2021.com](mailto:info@fismquebec2021.com).

**Thank you!**

**Management of FISM Québec 2022**

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