

Guidelines for Panelists

1. Panelists need to be on time for every panel.
 - a. If a panelist shows up late, depending on how late, you may not be able to join the panel. It is what it is.
 - b. If a panelist knows in advance that he/she is going to be late due to other panel conflicts or Dragon*Con related activities, they may speak to the Director (Kellen Harkins) or the Assistant Director (Jennifer Neault) to see if other arrangements can be made for their panel.
 - c. Panelist substitution MUST be pre-approved prior to panel's scheduled start time so that the staff and other panelists know what they are getting in to,
2. Panelist will not seek to purposely alienate or discriminate any individual, organizations, or groups. Come on people, show the love!
 - a. Panelists are expected to be respectful of other people's views while also directing attendees to be respectful of each others' views as well. Be nice to the peanut gallery and they will be nice to you.
 - b. If a panelist appears to be alienating, discriminating, or causing serious discomfort, then we may have to get mean, removal from current & future panels could happen.
3. Panelist will make every effort to remain on topic and will return to topic if the Moderator thinks the panel has lost focus. We don't want you to focus so hard that you are no longer functional at the end of the panel. But a little focus would be good here.
 - a. Panelists are responsible for knowing the specific topic/scope of their panel(s). We can't hold your hands, as much as we'd like too.
 - b. If a panelist has a question about if a particular subject is appropriate for the panel, then he/she should inquire with a Staff member and/or Moderator before panel begins if possible. Basically we run a PG panel, we don't want Mommy's and Daddy's cpming after us.
 - c. Panelists will adhere to the direction of either the Moderator or Staff member if an issue arises during the active panel. Yes it's true we are in charge of our panels.
4. Panelists will not take part in arguments or bashing. "Run away. Run away!"
 - a. If a staff member is not present at the time or if there is not a Moderator on the panel at the time of the incident, then the panelist will direct the discussion to return to topic or ask the person to please remain on topic. If the worst should happen, stick to the code!
 - b. If there is a moderator on the panel, the moderator shall seek to diffuse the situation. Once again, we own our panels and must occasionally let someone else be the bad guy/gal..
 - c. If a staff member is in the room, then they will deal with any severe issues. There is never enough caffeine to co round, you might get off easy for a Venta Caramel Macchiato. Mahwah Ha Ha Ha.
 - d. If there is no staff member or moderator available and the situation escalates, panelists are encouraged to disengage the source and send one panelist to find a staff member. By disengage we do not mean to tell them to talk to your hand, simply ignore them and get the quickest panel member to run for help. A.K.A. Your friendly staff member.
5. Panelists will not appear to represent the American Sci-Fi Television Track, or any other group, or organization without pre-approved permission. We own our panels and rights, you don't.

- a. If a panelist misrepresents themselves to the point where the staff feel action must be taken, it will be entirely up to the staff what action will be taken. The panelist, as well as any other panelists' views, will not be taken into consideration once the staff makes a final decision. You screw up, there are no 3 strikes in sci-fi, just 1 mistake and we have to get angry.
6. Panelists must consider all panels as family-friendly and will not swear or be excessively crude. Nor will they make any offensive gestures. Like we said PG panel, the late hour panels might get a little cruder but only if it is confirmed that there is no vulnerable child or teenager around. I mean we all have seen Caprica and look where that went.
 - a. If panelists use offensive language or behavior, they will receive a warning. Verbal only.
 - b. If a panelist swears persistently or is otherwise offensive on a persistent basis, they will be removed from the panel and MUST speak to the Director (Kellen Harkins) or the Assistant Director (Jennifer Neault) before they appear on any other panel. We can't have you all acting like Dane Cook in there.
7. Panelist must adhere to all rules set down by the American Sci-Fi Television Staff. You can't say we didn't warn you.
8. Panelist must follow all of the guidelines set forth in this document. See there was a point to all the stuff you just read;)