

House rules

The house rules determine the rights and obligations of individuals during their stay in the RuhrCongress Bochum, the Jahrhunderthalle Bochum, Stadthalle Wattenscheid and Freilichtbühne Wattenscheid (hereinafter referred to as venue). The designated venues are marketed and operated by the Bochumer Veranstaltungs-GmbH (hereinafter referred to as BoVG) for the purpose of staging events.

The BoVG and the respective organizer 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 on the basis of 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** within the scope of admission and within the venue for the BoVG and the organizer.

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, to an extent more than 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 the BoVG. Special regulations apply to exhibitors within their booth.

Smoking is prohibited in the venue, this also applies to e-cigarettes. 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 meeting place.

Bags, containers and clothing can be checked for their contents. Visitors who do not agree with the seizure of objects that could endanger the event or visitors by control or security service will be excluded from the event. Rejected visitors are not entitled to a refund of the admission fee. Depending on the nature of the event, it may be prohibited to bring bags and similar containers into the event.

Wardrobe: For public events, there is a coat check requirement (coats, jackets, capes), including any umbrellas and backpacks that may be carried along. Visitors are required not to leave any items such as identification cards, credit cards, cash, keys, mobile phones, valuables, jewellery, etc. in the checked items. The visitor bears the risk of loss or damage to all objects left at the coat check. This also applies if these are left inside objects such as bags, backpacks, etc. BoVG's liability for this is excluded

Individuals 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** apply. Special provisions are only valid in case of explicit postings at the cash desks and in the entrance areas.

The following items may not be in the possession of visitors entering the venue:

- racist, xenophobic and radical propaganda material,
- Weapons including "protective weapons" in accordance with § 17a of the German Convention on the Right to Freedom of Assembly [VersammLG], as well as corrosive or colouring substances and hazardous substances of any kind,
- Fireworks, rockets, Bengal fires, smoke powder, sparklers, glow balls, and other pyrotechnic articles
- mechanically and electrically operated noise instruments,

- Containers made of fragile or easily shattered material, as well as drinks and food,
- Sound or image recording devices for commercial use, without the permission of the organizer,
- Animals, with the exception of guide dogs.

Rights to one's own image: If photographs, film and/or video recordings in the area of the venue are taken by BoVG employees, by the organizer or commissioned companies for reporting or advertising purposes, the recording activity may not be hindered or impaired in any way. All individuals entering or staying at the venue must expect to be included in photographs, film and video recordings and their publication.

Noise levels at music events: In order to reduce the risk of damage caused by noise during musical events, it is particularly recommended to use hearing protection products.

On request, visitors will be provided with earplugs at the cloakrooms, provided that the noise level is expected to increase due to the event. For safety and health reasons, young children up to the age of 6 years are not admitted to music performances where high sound pressure levels (volume) are to be expected.

House bans apply to all current and future events held at the venue. A written application with justification is required for the lifting of the ban, which will be decided by the BoVG within 3 months.

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