



DEFCON LAS VEGAS
2021
HACKERS WITH DISABILITIES
GUIDE



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WELCOME TO DEFCON. HDA IS HERE TO HELP

Hackers with disabilities (HDA) was assembled to provide resources, maps, guides and assistance to people attending DEFCON who need assistance due to disabilities. We acknowledge that not all disabilities are visible and that we are providing this information for all attendees & stand ready to assist anyone with ADA needs to the best of our ability and within the operational scope of DEFCON. If at any time you have questions or would like to suggest things that we should be doing please see the DEFCON forums page dedicated to HDA : <https://forum.defcon.org/node/237509/>

While our goal is to make DEFCON more accessible to people with disabilities, we are limited in what we can do and provide this information and any assistance we can on a best effort basis. Due to the complications involved in working with multiple hotels, federal, state, and local regulations, the requirements of operating a public gathering during a global pandemic we cannot promise nor provide accommodations for all people in all situations. Please understand that under no circumstances are we singling out, mocking, or intending to make anyone feel out of place. We want individuals with disabilities to be an active and contributing part of the DEFCON culture. If we must set a blanket rule or cannot provide specific items or services at scale, please understand the limitation is based on resources, legal implications, and restrictions put upon a large-scale social gathering and not from a place of discrimination.

Despite what our badges say at the end of the day we are all HUMAN. We strive to improve with your input and active involvement with the community to bring you the best conference that we can.

As a handicapped person myself I understand the struggles, frustrations, and goals that many people face daily in order to be part of the community. This was my inspiration to create HDA with the hope of working within the community to create a welcoming space for all to contribute and participate.

A.P. Delchi

Welcome to DEFCON 2021!



HDA HISTORY

2019 – First HDA gathering, schwag handed out, small meetups and other social gatherings. Thanks to Eddie Mize for our logo!

2020 – DEFCON is cancelled!

2021 – HDA now covers ADA , Pandemic, and other topics! Thanks to Weld Pond for donating to the schwag and giveaways!

DEFCON 2021 HDA OVERVIEW

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic DEFCON was cancelled in 2020. Now in 2021 despite major changes and advancements in vaccination and legal regulations we are still not out of the woods yet. After careful consideration it was decided to hold DEFCON 2021 as a hybrid event with both virtual and in person events. For the safety of all attendees, DEFCON staff and volunteers there are restrictions that have been put in place for the in-person portion of DEFCON. These effect all attendees and may have implications for people with disabilities. Please keep these in mind when making you decision to attend DEFCON in person. It is our sincere hope that these restrictions will only be for this year and that all restrictions will be lifted in time for DEFCON in 2022.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- All DEFCON attendees for the in-person portion of the conference will be required to always wear masks while partaking in conference activities.
- Masks worn must meet CDC guidance as indicated here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>
- This guidance includes masks that are approved for people with disabilities, and acceptable alternatives along with unacceptable alternatives.
- Although the CDC guidance may indicate persons who are not required to wear masks, as a private conference DEFCON can and is requiring all attendees for the in-person portion of the conference. This is for the safety of all involved.
- Anyone not complying with wearing of an approved mask will be asked to leave the conference.

ADA CONSIDERATIONS - HOTEL

- Both Paris and Bally's are equipped with ADA compliant devices and access as required by federal law. This includes rooms, casino, and convention areas. If you have needs that are not being met or would like to request extra accommodations, please let the hotel staff know. For example, while all hotel room bathrooms are equipped with assistive devices, there are some rooms that have roll-in showers that can accommodate wheelchairs. These should be requested at the time of making your reservations.
- Individuals with service animals are welcome, and service animal relief areas are provided by both hotels. The locations are indicated on the maps provided in this guide.
- Paris and Bally's ask that if you require a mobility scooter and do not own one to work with the bell desk at either hotel to arrange a rental scooter from a local provider. The bell desk cannot accommodate pick up and drop off of scooters privately rented.
- If you would like to drop-ship your mobility assistive devices to the hotel, please see the attached guide for shipping in the contact information section of this guide.

ADA CONSIDERATIONS – DEFCON

- DEFCON has worked with the conference center(s) and with the fire Marshall to provide appropriate seating, entry and exits for individuals with disabilities in all conference areas.
- If you find yourself in a line for registration, badge pick-up or any other DEFCON administrative service please make the person working the line aware of your ADA status and you will be allowed to come to the front of the line.
- For speakers: If you require assistive devices or help such as a ramp to access the stage let speaker ops by way of the contact information provided in this guide as soon as possible.
- Any suggestions, requests or needs should be directed to the HDA coordinator or DEFCON hotel coordinator by way of the contact information provided in this guide.
- All DEFCON staff are available to assist you at any time with ADA needs. They will either assist you directly or assist you in finding the assistance you require.

CONTACT INFORMATION

HOTEL

PARIS

Bell Desk: 702-946-4433

BALLY'S

Bell Desk: 702-967-4111

Hotel Management

Go to any hotel registration, bell desk, or similar station and ask for a hotel manager.

If you cannot reach anyone, call Jamie Fox, 702-350-3264. Identify yourself and indicate that you are with the DEFCON conference.

DEFCON

If you are traveling with a personal assistant to help you due to your disability, your assistant receives a discount on their badge price. Assistants can purchase a HUMAN badge for \$100. Service animals do not require a badge, but feel free to make one for them!

If you need general assistance ask any Goon (Redshirt with DEFCON ID) , the DEFCON registration desk, or the DEFCON information desk. These are indicated on the DEFCON maps below.

For emergency assistance contact any Good (Redshirt with DEFCON ID) , hotel registration, hotel security, bell desk, any hotel employee or call 911.

PLEASE NOTE: Inside of hotels 911 may redirect to hotel security and not to Las Vegas 911

SPEAKER OPERATIONS

If you need ADA assistance as a speaker for the stage, please contact pwcrack@pwcrack.com

HDA / ADA HELP

Delchi : delchi@delchi.net 916-674-2637 or ask a Goon to do a radio call.

HOTEL & CONVENTION AREA MAPS

Casino Level

Bally's Avenue Shoppes

Legend

- Casino/Gaming
- Restaurants/Lounges
- Retail/Entertainment
- Hotel Services
- Walkways

Kiosks

- A Deja Vu Cosmetics
- B My Accessory
- C Spinners 4 U
- D Bally's Essentials
- E Vitality Massage
- F Recharge Las Vegas
- G Hair Styler's
- H Pearl Factory
- I Informational Directory
- J Internet Station

Food Court

- 1 Johnny Rockets
- 2 Pan Asian
- 3 Nathan's
- 4 Subway
- 5 Sbarro

SERVICE ANIMAL RELIEF AREA

JUBILEE TOWER
2nd Floor – Windows Theater and Jubilee Ballrooms
3rd Floor – Las Vegas Ballrooms
Guest Room Levels 54 – 73

RESORT TOWER
Guest Rooms
26th Floor – Skyview Meeting Rooms
Guest Room Levels 5 – 26

BALLY'S®



Las Vegas Boulevard



- Casino/Gaming
- Restaurants/Lounges
- Retail/Entertainment
- Hotel Services
- Walkways

Paris Spa by Mandara and our two Wedding Chapels are located on the second level and may be reached by L'Hôtel elevators.

Soleil Pool and L'Oasis pool store are located on the third level and may be reached by L'Hôtel elevators.

All restrooms are wheelchair accessible.

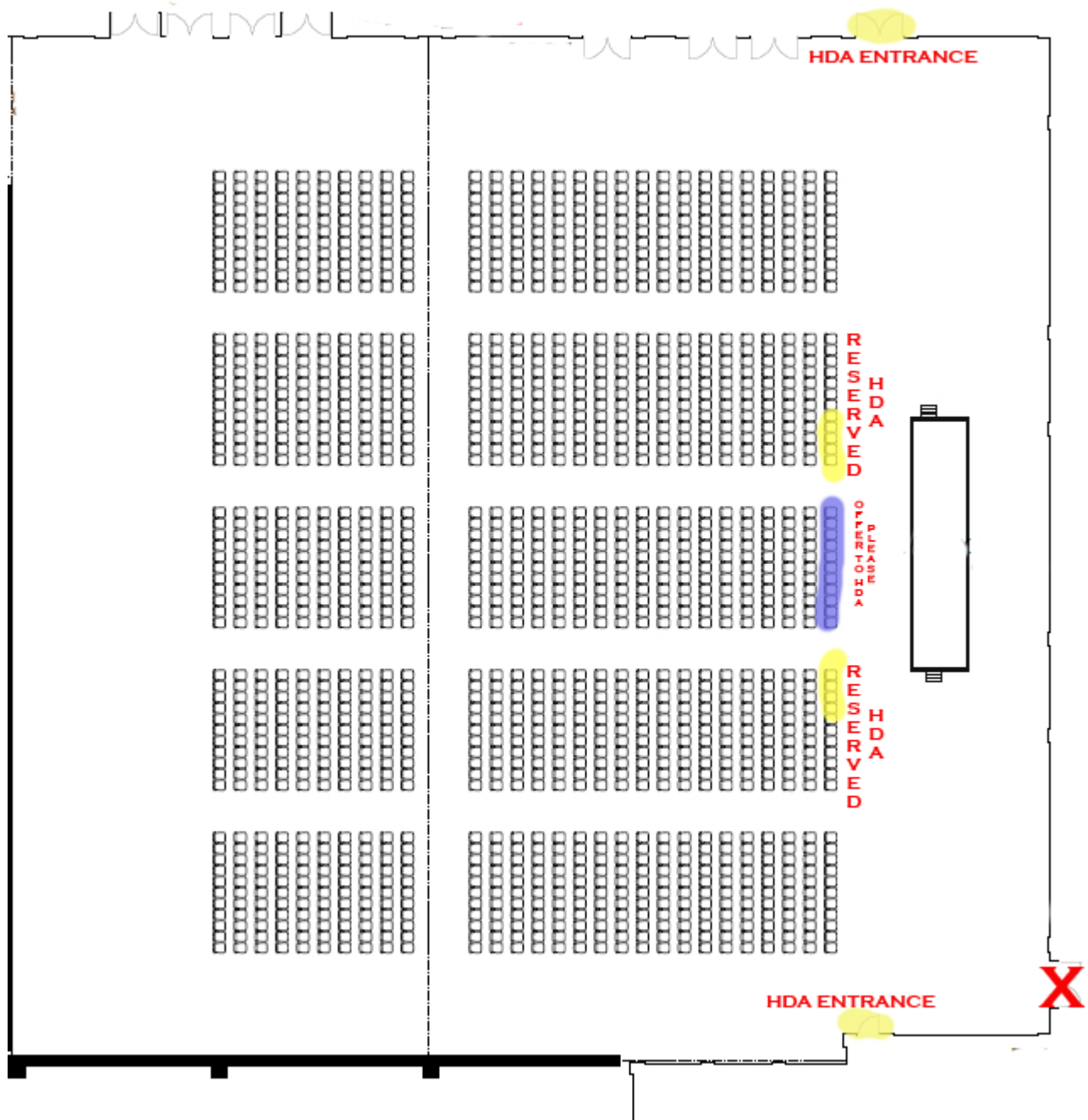


DEF CON 29 FLOORPLAN

DEF CON POLICY ROUNDTABLES & PANELS DURING THE DAY
PARTIES & MEETUPS AT NIGHT



TRACK 1 HDA SEATING



TRACK 2 HDA SEATING

