

**WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION 2009
DEALERS' UPDATE - OCTOBER 13, 2009**

Welcome to San Jose. Please enjoy our new and improved **sales tax rate of 9.25%**.

OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS: for those who need to contact us:

WFC 2009 Info - info@worldfantasy2009.org
Dealers' Room - dealers@worldfantasy2009.org

SET UP: Dealers may use the hotel's underground valet parking garage for set-up and move-out. The garage entrance is in the front of the hotel, to one side of the main entrance. Vertical clearance is 6'8". The garage has its own "reception area" with parking spots in front of it. Use the hotel elevator to get to the Ballroom/Meeting Room level and go down the hall to the Imperial Ballroom. The current plan is this: Enter the valet parking and park by the "reception area." Unload your car. Then, leave (unless you wish to park in the garage, at the hotel rates). (See below for further information about parking.)

For those who might need it, the loading dock is available. It is accessible at the back of the hotel, on First Street. (Remember, the loading dock does not have a ramp; it is designed for unloading large trucks, onto a deck approximately three feet above the car floor level. Further, please note that the elevator you will use from the dock is not much larger than the standard elevators used by hotel guests.)

Our dealers' tables are 2 ½" by 8", except where special arrangements are made.

Here is our current schedule for the Dealers' Room:

Dealer Room Hours:	Set-Up	Open	Move-Out
Wednesday	2 PM to 9 PM		
Thursday	8 AM to NOON	NOON to 6 PM	
Friday	9 AM	10 AM to 6 PM	
Saturday	9 AM	10 AM to 6 PM	
Sunday	9 AM	10 AM to 3:30 PM	3:30 PM to 10 PM

Why the odd move-out time of 3:30 PM on Sunday? It is our intent to keep the Dealers' Room open until approximately free soccer betting tips expert one half hour after the end of the awards ceremony.

It is possible that not all the doors for the Dealers Room (and our neighbor, the Art Show) can be locked. In that case, we will have security present in the rooms at all times when the rooms are closed to the public.

We remind all dealers that they are not permitted to attach anything to the hotel walls. However, since we're splitting the room with the Art Show, some tables will have pipe-and-drape behind them. Dealers with pipe-and-drape walls may attach light articles using the pipe stands as support. Do **not** attach items to the drape itself.

PARKING at the Fairmont is \$26.00 per day – the normal Fairmont rate. Hotel guests have in-and-out privileges. Hotel parking information can be found at www.fairmont.com/sanjose/MapAndDirections. For the rest of the neighborhood, all previous information about parking has changed. More info can be found at www.sjdowntownparking.com (And for those reading the online map for that site, the Fairmont is the blue block partially blocking the "Art" in "San Jose Museum of Art.")

ELECTRICITY: We are accommodating those dealers who requested electricity in advance. We do suggest that you bring extension cord(s) just in case. We will have gaffer tape to anchor all cords as necessary. (Do NOT use duct tape – it is not an option.)

SHOW UP BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY: We require that you come to claim your dealers table by noon on Friday. If you have not arrived by that time, we will release your table.

SALES TAX: Every dealer must have a current Sellers Permit with the California State Board of Equalization. If you don't have one, you will not be permitted to open for business. Sellers Permits can be obtained at no cost from the Board of Equalization at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/reg.htm>. Any out-of-state dealer who applies for a permit may need to file Form BOE-403-B along with your Form BOE-400-SPA. Any dealers who do not arrive with a Sellers Permit will be directed to the local office of the Board of Equalization one-and-a-half blocks away, where they can obtain one in person. (Did I mention the sales tax for San Jose is 9.25%?)

CITY PERMITS: Due to the fact that our convention runs only four days, any dealer who comes to San Jose solely for our convention will not need a business license from the City of San Jose. However, if you sell at more than one convention in San Jose during the year, we recommend you contact the City of San Jose Finance Department to see if you need a business license. (If so, please note this license will cost you money.)

SHIPPING YOUR BOXES: We will accept shipment of packages for the Dealers' Room during the month of October. Packages for the Dealers' Room should be addressed to the following:

David Clark
WFC 2009 Dealers' Room
2625 Alcatraz Ave. #503
Berkeley, CA 94705

Any packages sent to the main convention address may be mixed in with all the other packages sent to the convention. We have this separate address to avoid any confusion for your packages. We recommend that all packages should arrive on or before October 27.

Shipping your stuff home? We are pleased to announce that the US Postal Service will establish a satellite postal station at the convention on Saturday and Sunday, and will provide Media Mail, First Class, and Priority Mail service. Insurance and customs forms will also be provided.

For those wishing to ship stuff home via FedEx or UPS, the hotel maintains a business center with those services. (There is also a FedEx Office and UPS Store within a few blocks of the hotel.) The convention will also have a "box farm" with plenty of sturdy cardboard boxes to see your purchases safely home. Hours for the USPS station will be posted at the convention.

WIRELESS INTERNET: We are in negotiations with the hotel for wireless internet in the Dealers' Room. It is possible that wireless internet will be available; it is possible that wireless internet will not be available. In either case: Although WFC 2009 does not provide telephone or telecommunications services, we know that most cell phones receive a decent signal in the Imperial Ballroom. If you require computer wireless access for credit card or PayPal payments in the Dealers' Room, please investigate your alternatives before the convention.

World Fantasy Convention 2009 does not allow the sale of pirated/bootleg or illegal materials. Possession for sale of such material will constitute grounds for expulsion from the Dealers Room and the convention without a refund, and may be referred for prosecution.

ATTENDANCE: WE'RE FULL. We've reached our "attendance cap," and we have turned off the on-line registration form. If you still need to get memberships for your helpers, contact me at dealers@worldfantasy2009.org.

BANQUET TICKETS: The banquet, with the awards ceremony, is one of the highlights of the convention. Tickets are still available at \$75.00 each, for the beef, chicken, or vegetarian menus. You can still get them online; check our web site for further information.