

AmeCon 2023 Bring & Buy Guidelines

Important: A 10% fee will be taken by the convention to offset costs.

Changes from 2023: Selling quantity increased, new payment options. Read below for details.

Acceptable Items: *(a more extensive breakdown of this at the bottom of this document)*

The AmeCon Bring & Buy will allow most items to be sold providing:

- The item is in good condition, in working order and suitably packaged.
- The item is not illegal in the United Kingdom.
- Within the sphere of the cons remit, celebrating Anime, manga, far eastern culture, ccg and general gaming.
- Imported Doujin and UK made fan art/items will be accepted as long as no official artwork has been used in its creation. No multiples of the same item in this category, the bring & buy isn't a suitable replacement for an artist table.

Prohibited items include, but are not restricted to: *(a more extensive breakdown of this at the bottom of this document)*

- Bootleg, counterfeit or unlawful material, such as unlicensed blurays, fansubs, counterfeit/unlicensed figures or other merchandise.
- General goods, not related to conventions remit. *(a more extensive breakdown of this at the bottom of this document)*
- VHS tapes, due to space restrictions. (Exemptions may be made for specific titles unavailable in other formats)

Please mark adult material where the adult content is visible, so it can be separated. We are an 18+ convention, but not everyone wants to view this material.

All items will be checked upon submission to the AmeCon Bring & Buy. If you are uncertain if your item is acceptable please email: bringandbuy@amecon.org and we will confirm if it will be accepted to avoid disappointment at the convention.

AmeCon Rights & Responsibility

All items offered on the Bring & Buy are left at the seller's risk.

AmeCon and the members operating the Bring & Buy accept no responsibility or liability for any goods stolen, lost or damaged.

Delicate items should appropriately packaged or we may reject taking in the item if it unsuitable for display.

AmeCon reserves the right to not accept for sale any items it deems inappropriate or unsuitable.

All rejected items will be return to their owner with an explanation (this includes damaged items or poorly packaged items).

Any complaints must be addressed to the AmeCon committee and are investigated on a case-by-case basis.

Preparation

Prior to the convention, members taking part in the AmeCon Bring & Buy should complete the following:

- Fully understand these guidelines for the AmeCon Bring & Buy.
- Completed the appropriate AmeCon Bring & Buy forms for the items to be sold. Some forms will be available at the con, but completing this prior to the convention will save you time at the convention.
- Make sure items are suitable for sale as mentioned in the Acceptable Items section above.

Seller Number (Member ID Number)

Your seller number will be the same number as your AmeCon member ID number, this number is on your registration details and will be printed on the back of your membership badge, the number marked "ID" against it, eg: ID: 123.

Forms

Two forms are available for selling items at this years Bring & Buy:

- **Media:** DVD/Blu-ray, video games, CDs, manga, art books and doujinshi.
- **Misc:** Costumes, Figures, basically anything that isn't media.

Please enter one item only per line (or bundles sold as 1 item), giving a sequential number (1,2,3 etc) to each item. 20 items per form, use another sheet if necessary, continuing the sequential item number on to the next form. EG: Form 1, **Media:** has 7 items, numbered 1-7. Form 2, **Misc:** will start from number 8.

We will allow up to 60 items for the **Media** section and 40 items for the **Misc** section.

We may allow more than 40 items for the **Misc** section only if they are all small and realistically priced items. Please contact bringandbuy@amecon.org to get prior approval for this, **we may reject on the day requests to go over the 40 item Misc limit.**

Maximum number of item listings per attendee will be 100.

Fill out the forms provided clearly giving as much information as you feel required to describe your item and the sale price. Please use your own judgement when filling out the forms so it is clear what the item is. Items should be priced to the nearest £0.10.

e.g. Misc

1	Naruto Headband	£10.00
2	Chobits Large Chii Pillow (Not Stained)	£100.00
3	Chika Fujiwara FREEing B-style - 1/4 - Bunny Version Figure	£250.00

Once you have filled out the form you will need to use small stickers to identify your items.

These will need to include your Member ID number (**circled or ID: 123**) the item number (**#7**) that corresponds to the number on the form and finally the price (**£10**).

Make sure all three are clearly visible, as we may reject items due to unclear labelling.

Stickers will be made available over the weekend for correct labelling of items, however if you able to do this prior to the convention weekend then this will speed up the check in process. Note that:

- Labels for books and DVD/Blu-Ray media should ideally be on the spine of the book or case.
- Labels are secure and not likely to fall off, tags on clothes help. (We can't sell an item that we can't look up)

At The Convention

Dropping off your items.

Drop-off is only available at the times shown on the schedule. At the time of writing, these are Friday 13:00 – 17:00pm and Saturday 09:30 – 10:45. This is subject to change and any changes will be announced on the website or opening ceremony of the convention.

Hand over your completed form(s) to the Bring & Buy and we will verify that the forms/labels are legible and correspond correctly with the items. And that they meet the acceptable items requirements.

Once complete you will be required to sign the agreement against the form, this will be counter signed by a gopher or committee member on duty.

If you are unable to prepare your form and items in advance, the Bring & Buy will have a limited amount of stickers and forms available during the convention weekend.

We will let you lower prices for unsold items, but only when the room isn't busy, typically late Saturday afternoon or before we open on Sunday morning.

Collection of Money and Unsold Items

Important: We will have the option for card payments, part or all of your payment may come as a bank transfer or cheque. We will be urging buyers to pay with cash as a preference, but we may have to pay some sellers via bank transfer or cheque if we don't have available cash finds on site.

Once an item is sold, a gopher or committee member will mark each item sold with the amount taken against the relevant entry. Upon collection, your sold items will be totalled up and the 10% admin fee will be deducted from the final total.

You may collect your money and unsold items between 13:30 – 16:00 on Sunday.

Upon collection, the seller must collect any money (minus the admin fee) and any remaining unsold items. A signature is also required, along with a counter signature from a gopher or committee member, to confirm that you have received payment or confirming you will be receiving a payment via bank transfer or check and any unsold items. If you miss the 16:00 deadline, please go to Ops before the convention closes.

Please note that you cannot claim money from sold items while leaving unsold items on the Bring & Buy. Both must be collected at the same time. Please be aware collection outside of the Sunday collection time may not be possible during busy times. If you are leaving AmeCon on Saturday we suggest cashing out between 16:00 – 17:00 if possible.

Post-Convention

Any unsold items and money not claimed 4 weeks after the convention will become the property of AmeCon.

Requests for unsold items and payment for sold items can be made during this 4 week period to the Bring & Buy officer via email: bringandbuy@amecon.org however shipping costs plus a handling fee of £5 will be applied to send you your items.

In addition the money for any sold items will be subject to the 10% admin fee plus and an additional £5 charge.

Further Reading

Acceptable/Prohibited Items, extra information:

We don't accept general western TV, fantasy and sci-fi goods due to space limitations.

To avoid upset I'll go through a few examples of what we will take in and what we won't as there are some grey areas.

General fantasy goods, for example: Harry Potter, Dr Who DVDs and merchandise won't be taken with a few exceptions.

We will take Japanese products of western franchises.

No UK Blu-Ray DVDs of Dr Who or Harry Potter, but a Hermione nendroid is fine.

Funko Pops will only be taken for Anime and Gaming related characters.

No UK Disney IP Blu-Ray / DVDs, but a Japanese released version is ok. Disney Studio Ghibli releases are fine of course.

No Star Trek/ Star Wars, unless it's a Japanese related release like the Star Wars manga.

Transformers are fine, just not the Western Michael Bay films.

No western only IP comics, eg Marvel. Western comics of a Japanese IP will be ok. Western manga style comics are ok.

We will take in all Collectable Card Games, be aware your rare Black Lotus probably won't sell for a good price.

We will take in PC and console games, be aware your copy of FIFA 15 probably won't sell here unless you put money in the case.

We will take K-pop and J-pop CDs and related media goods.

Manga of the same series can be combined as 1 item, as can volumes of Blu-Ray/DVDs.

We will only take in VHS if there is no alternative Blu-ray or DVD release. So the UK Cat Girl Nuku Nuku VHS would be ok.

Please try to price realistically, the best priced items will get priority on the tables.

If you are not sure please email: bringandbuy@amecon.org before the convention with a comprehensive description of the item and we will confirm if it is acceptable or not. Or join our Discord server <https://discord.gg/BV9XzCuX9Q> and ask in the #bringandbuy chat room.

All done, please have fun buying other people's stuff!