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Cosplay Show & Contest

Qualifications

- To be qualified, you must meet all the costume requirements.
- Costume must be at least 75% custom made using raw supplies, found items or ready-made garments provided those items have been altered, cut and/or reapplied in a unique way, such as spray painted, cut and reassembled or embellished.
- Costume must fit through a normal doorway unless pre-approval has been given by written request.
- Costume must be tasteful and generally PG-rated. Vulgar will not be permitted.
- Costumes can be of an original invented character or a character from all genres such as history, literature, comics, movies, television, video games and more.
- You must be able to walk up and down the stairs on the stage. If you need help, such as with large wings, let the Cosplay staff know in advance.

Judging Criteria

- Costumes will be judged evenly on three criteria: Craftmanship, Integrity of Design and Fluidity on the Runway, which includes theatricality.
- Craftmanship will be based on quality of build, technique, complexity and inventiveness.
- Integrity of Design will be based on originality or interpretation and likeness of an existing character.
- Fluidity on the runway will be based on how the costume and the wearer move and the body language the costume helps portray during the 90-second runway walk.

Rules

- Registration is free.
- Contestants under the age of 18 must have signed permission slip from a parent or legal guardian in order to enter the contest (see last page of this document).
- You must be registered using the online Entry Form by 11:00 AM local-time on the day of the contest. Applications received late will not be entered in the contest, but will be permitted to walk the runway.
- The first 40 applicants who qualify will be entered in the contest. If an individual is disqualified, the 41st applicant will be entered, and then the 42nd admitted, and so on.
- Contestants must enter either the Novice category or the Expert category. The Show Director has the final say on which level a contestant should compete at.
- You should enter Novice if this is your first time and are new to cosplay or costume making, or if you've never won a Cosplay contest. You should also enter the Novice category if your costume is a little "roughly made" and you are new to sewing or costume construction, meaning you've made five (5) or fewer costumes.

- You should enter the Expert category if you have won a Cosplay contest or you have years of experience sewing and constructing costumes. Experts who enter the Novice category by mistake will simply be switched into Expert category.
- If you are unsure which category to enter, contact us at info@sewingexpo.com with pictures for help.
- Each person may only enter one costume in the contest. Time permitting, an individual or group may be able to show multiple costumes during the show.
- Each entrant will be allowed approximately 90 seconds on stage before the judge(s).
- If you break the code of conduct, you will be disqualified.
- Play fighting is not allowed. You must stop immediately if asked to do so. Theatricality and play fighting will only be allowed on the stage during your runway walk.
- No profanity or obscene gestures at any time. Hate speech is expressly forbidden.
- Costumes must be tasteful and cover appropriate areas of the body - no nudity allowed. Feet are to be covered in all public areas but can be removed for the runway portion of the event.
- Real weapons of any kind are NOT allowed, this includes steel swords, knives, blades, or guns. Most prop weapons are permitted but no prop guns are allowed. The contest and show managers have the final say on whether a prop weapon will be allowed in the building.
- No projectiles or objects may be thrown on or off stage. No spitting or spaying of water or other liquids of any kind, including slime.
- Loud audio, air horns or other noisemakers louder than 60 decibels will not be permitted.
- No jumping off the stage, flips or somersaults.
- Participation is at your own risk.
- Live animals are discouraged and only allowed by written pre-approval.
- Cruel and/or inhumane imagery will not be allowed in the building. Graphic horror imagery is greatly discouraged and will be rejected unless pre-approved by written request with photos.
- Flames, fireworks, smoke, vapor, lasers are not allowed. Electronic flashing lights are generally permitted, unless they create a disturbance.
- Friends of yours in the audience must always be courteous and respectful. No shouting negative things or being subversive to other contestants.
- The wearer does not need to be the creator or maker but must be a representative of the maker. The wearer should be prepared to answer questions about construction if asked.
- Judges will not be able to review sketches or videos of construction.
- Prizes will be awarded to the individual wearing the costume.
- If you apply and fail to show up without contacting us by email at info@sewingexpo.com, it will result in a forfeit and you will be banned from competing for one year.

For Questions: info@sewingexpo.com | 800-699-6309

_ For participants under the age of 18 years old:

Participant's Name: _____

I give permission for my youth (named above) to participate in the Cosplay Show & Contest, and agree to the rules and procedures as listed above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____