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## Cosplay Contest Rules

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### Convention Cosplay Rules

- No nudity. No costume is no costume.
- Please make sure your costume covers all of your private areas. If you wouldn't wear it to a public pool - do not wear it here.
  - If your costume is deemed inappropriate, we'll have to ask you to leave the convention.

### Masks and Cosplay Guidelines

- While we are unable to require masks, they are highly recommended
- People entering the Cosplay Craftsmanship contest will not be penalized for their use or non-use of a facemask.
  - Creative implementation of a mask into the cosplay may be given additional consideration at judging

### Craftsmanship Rules

- To enter a "craftsmanship" category, at least 60% of the costume must be constructed by the contestant.
  - A portion of the costume (leotards, tights, shoes, ect) may be purchased
  - If you have made heavy alterations to a store bought garment and wish to enter it, you must be able to explain how you have altered it and the process that such an endeavor entailed.
- Store bought, commissioned, or purchased costumes may be entered into the "walk-on" category.
  - This includes any costumes that are handmade by someone other than the contestant.
  - Unaltered, store bought assemblies of clothing to represent a character or costume are not allowed in the "craftsmanship" categories.
- All applications must be submitted to the contest registration table before pre-judging ends.
  - Pre-judging is **ONLY** required for those entering a craftsmanship division
  - Pre-judging is first-come-first-serve. If no times are available when you sign up, you may still enter the "walk-on" category.
- Craftsman divisions will be determined by experience and previous awards in cosplay contests.
- Each contestant may only enter one costume into the competition.
- To be judged for accuracy, a visual reference to the character being portrayed, preferably a front and back color photo, should be provided during pre-judging. This can be printed or displayed on your phone.
  - This is not required, however it is highly preferred as judges may not be familiar with your character.
  - Gijinka Cosplay and original characters WILL require a reference to the character being humanized.

### Stage Rules

- No profanity allowed on stage. That includes messages on signs or clothes. Violating this rule may result in disqualification from the competition.
- No political or religious statements on stage. Violating this rule may result in disqualification from the competition.
- No flash pots, explosive devices, or similar special effects are to be used. Violating this rule will result in disqualification from the competition, and will be asked to leave the convention area.
- Do not use any sort of projectile on stage at all! Nothing must leave your person while you are on the stage. Violating this rule will result in disqualification from the competition, and will be asked to leave the convention area.
- Everything that comes onto the stage with you, must leave the stage with you.

### Contest Categories (May include but are not limited to) :

Best in Show

Best Master



Best Journeyman  
Best Novice  
Best Group  
Judges Choice

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