



## Coeur d'Con Cosplay Contest Rules

The following rules apply to all contestants. All rules must be read and adhered to in order to participate in the Cosplay Contest. **The Cosplay Contest organizers have the final say in all aspects of the contest.** The first portion of the contest will be judged by the public, based on contestant photos taken during advance registration sessions. The second portion of the contest will bring the top 5 contestants from each category, as judged during the photo contest, to the stage, where they will be judged by a panel. Prizes will be awarded in each category for popular vote and by a panel of judges.

### Criteria for Entry

- The contest is rated PG (see costume guidelines, below, for more information). Contest organizers have the final say as to the appropriateness of any costume.
- Contestants will be sorted into the appropriate contest category based on their age. See below for category parameters. The judges and organizers of the contest have the right to move contestants into a different category based on the cosplay presented.
- All contestants and entrants must be respectful of all COSPLAY CONTEST organizers, library staff, and fellow cosplayers. Inappropriate behavior will NOT be tolerated.

### Categories

- **Professional**- Self-proclaimed.
- **Youth** -- Ages birth to 12.
- **Teen** -- Ages 13 to 17.
- **Adult** -- Ages 18+.

### Registration

- Registration will begin at 10am on the convention day, **August 22<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.
- Arrive at the Cosplay Contest booth and take a number. The number will correspond to a time that you are to return to the booth to register and have your photo taken.
- Photos will be posted in the library for public voting

### Costume Guidelines

#### Nudity—

- Naked is not a costume; any illusion to nudity is strictly prohibited.
- All contestants must have at least 50% of both sides of their upper body covered.
- Dramatically plunging necklines, 'underboob', and 'sideboob' (for females) and bare chests (for males) are NOT allowed.
- All contestants must wear, at minimum, shorts or a skirt that completely covers the behind (no cheeks hanging out).
- With regards to see-through clothing, contestants must still wear the minimum requirement of coverage underneath. If we can see through your clothes to your body parts, you will be disqualified.

#### Foot covering –

- Shoes, boots, or slippers are required (socks are not considered foot covering).
- If your character does not wear shoes, then the lack of accuracy will be forgiven.

#### Size restrictions—

- All contestants must be able to move their costume on their own. Accessories and/or large costume components are acceptable if you can move them without assistance.

#### Props—

- All weapons must be approved by Coeur d'Con organizers during your pre-registration photo session.
- No real guns, not even those that are no longer functioning. Realistic looking toy or model guns will be allowed only as long as they are clearly marked with an orange zip tie (provided by Coeur d'Con Staff) on the barrel.
- Sharp-edged weapons are strictly prohibited.
- Metal bats, pipes, large wrenches and/or shovels are NOT allowed. If it's metal, longer than 12 inches and/or you could hurt someone by swinging it, it is NOT allowed.
- Large foam props are allowed (swords, hammers, etc.) as long as they are not being used inappropriately.
- For safety reasons, the following are NOT allowed:

- Live animals
- Substances which might damage or soil the facilities
- Aerosol sprays
- Projectiles of any kind
- Pyrotechnics of any kind

### **Greenroom**

- Entry slots are non-transferable.
- Contestants must be available if their name is called for the final round of the contest. Any contestants not present when their name is called will not be permitted to walk in the stage portion of the contest. Lists will be posted at the Convention Headquarters and at the photo judging display area.
- If a contestant's costume or behavior is deemed to be inappropriate, the contestant will be asked to leave and their spot will be forfeited.
- Coeur d'Con does not supply costume materials of any kind. Please come prepared with anything you may need to assemble or repair your costume.
- No construction work is allowed in the greenroom (sewing, spray painting, welding, etc.), but final assembly of large pieces or unexpected repairs will be allowed.
- Nothing should be left in the holding area. There will be no one to watch your things and there is no guarantee they will still be there after the contest. Please be mindful.

### **On-stage**

- The Cosplay Contest will begin promptly.
- If getting on and off the stage may prove a challenge, let the COSPLAY CONTEST organizers know so reasonable accommodations can be arranged.
- Swearing, sexual humor, flashing, or any other inappropriate behavior will NOT be tolerated and contestants will be immediately removed and disqualified.
- Everything brought onto the stage must leave with the contestant. No confetti or glitter will be allowed to be thrown, scattered, etc., while walking or have done by others off-stage.
- Contestants are to enter and exit the stage where they are shown. No running, jumping on/off the stage, or acrobatics. Let's keep this safe and fun!
- Contestants may NOT throw or whip props around; may NOT take or use any sort of spray paint, silly string, fireworks, water or any other items on stage that could mar the stage or leave a mess; and contestants may NOT use signs in the Cosplay Contest.
- Contestants may NOT have open flames on-stage or anywhere in the Cosplay Contest or the convention.
- Contestants will be held responsible for any and all damages and/or medical bills that may occur as a result of not obeying the rules.

### **Award Presentation**

- Eight awards will be given, first and second place for each category.
- Awards will be presented shortly after the end of the Cosplay Contest.
- Prizes must be claimed on-site. No prizes will be mailed to any winners.