



Coeur d'Con 2023 Cosplay Contest Rules

Coeur d'Con is happening on **Saturday, August 19, from 10-4pm**. This year, the entire Cosplay Contest happens in-person and on the day of the event.

- Contestant photos must be taken by staff during the event from **10-11:30am**.
- Photos will be posted shortly afterwards in the gallery.
- Voting will happen until **2pm**.
- Finalists will be posted by **2:30pm**.
- Finalists need to line up by **2:50pm**.
- Cosplay Ceremony begins **3pm**.

The following rules apply to all contestants. All rules must be read and adhered to in order to participate in the Cosplay Contest.

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

Finalists and Ceremony

- Public voting will determine the finalists from each category.
- Finalists will be judged by a panel.
- Prizes will be awarded to the winning finalists in each age category.

On-stage

- The Cosplay Contest will begin promptly.
- Give the judges time to view your cosplay. Wait for the judges to wave you on before you leave the stage.
- 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

- First place prizes for each category will be awarded at the ceremony.
- Prizes must be claimed on-site. No prizes will be mailed to any winners.

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 and checked by Coeur d'Con organizers at the info table on the day of the event.
- 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