



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TWIN CITIES CON COSPLAY CONTESTS!

Below, you will find all the info you'll need to know about the Twin Cities Con's Cosplay Contests! If you have any questions, let us know. Now, get ready to show off your most amazing handmade cosplay and prepare to ham it up for the crowd to see!

FAQ

Who can enter? Anyone and everyone can enter!

Who's running the contests? Our amazing cosplay contest host *Mikal Mosley* will be returning to host our 2023 cosplay contests, along with his amazing crew of judges!

How much does it cost to enter? Our cosplay contests are completely free to enter.

How can I enter? Go to Panel Room 202 between 12PM and 2PM on Saturday or Sunday. This is a first come, first serve event, and sign ups may close early if the maximum number of contestants is reached.

Can I pre-register anywhere online? The only way to sign up is in person at the show.

How many people can enter? The first 30 signups on each day will be entered for the contest. If time allows, more contestants may be added at the judges' discretion.

Where and When are the contests? The contests are Saturday at 3 pm and Sunday at 4pm in the MCC Ballroom!

↓ **CATEGORIES AND RULES** ↓

CATEGORIES:

Mainstage: NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, AND BEST IN SHOW: - Open to anyone 14 and older

Youth: - Anyone 13 and younger

Craftsmanship: Cosplayers who have built 95% or more of their cosplay can fall under the Craftsmanship Category

Group: Cosplay Parties of 2 or more will fall into the Group category

Judge's Choice Awards

Judges will be focusing on appearance, construction, and your attention to detail. Many costumes incorporate work from multiple categories. While all WILL be taken into account, you should enter in the category where the MAJORITY of time and work was spent. Final category placement will be at the discretion of the judges and contest organizers.

PLEASE NOTE: All cosplays and performers must comply with the convention's Anti-Harassment policy. This means no profanity, hate speech, or otherwise inflammatory messages or symbols are allowed. If a character requires the use of hate symbols, profanity, or other marginalizing factors cosplaying that character is not welcome here. All props must be checked and within the prop guidelines provided by the convention.

↓ **RULES** ↓

Twin Cities Con's Cosplay Contest requires handmade, original costumes. Store bought costumes cannot be entered into the competition. The costume must be of original construction or show significant modification to the original materials. At least 60% of your costume must not have been purchased. If you have previously won at a previous Twin Cities Con competition, you cannot reenter the same costume, you must enter a new costume.

This means whether you made everything but the wig, shoes, minor accessories or transformed something pre-made completely.

If you didn't make your costume, but someone at the convention did, they should be present for judging. Only one costume per person can be accepted into the contest.

During pre-judging, you will be able to chat with the judges so you can describe the details of the cosplay or provide a story about the character being portrayed. You may offer details about the construction process, materials, number of work hours, or anything that might impress them. Pre-judging is also the perfect time to show the judges your Work In Progress photos! Remember, a good quality image can absolutely help the judges greatly in deciding your score. Don't forget to bring a reference photo of the character you are portraying if you wish for accuracy to be taken into account during your judging.