

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- If you are under the age of 13, you must have your parent or guardian's permission to enter and you must also be accompanied by your parent or guardian during the contest.
- When you sign up for this contest you agree to read and abide by all rules as posted. If you do not abide by the rules, we may have to disqualify you. Please do not make us have to do that.
- We reserve the right to refuse entry or participation to anyone for any reason. We also reserve the right not to explain it to you if you are being difficult.

## **Contest Rules & Guidelines**

- Severely offensive language and overt sexual humor is not cool. Be clever, not crass. Judgment on the appropriateness of the material is left to the discretion of our cosplay staff.
- 75% of the cosplay must be constructed or altered by the entrant. Purchased or commissioned cosplays are NOT eligible and cannot be entered into the contest.
- Be respectful to other cosplay entrants and the judges. Unruly or disruptive behavior is not permitted and entrants associated with this behavior will be asked to leave.
- Judges are not permitted to discuss the judging process or the results. Nobody likes to be harassed.
- Entrants must be able to enter and exit the area quickly on their own, you may bring a handler to assist you. Our cosplay staff will not be able to provide a handler for you.
- Costumes entered must be presented with reference images and recreate characters from published. At least one reference image must be in color. Reference images must be provided upon registration and may be provided on any viable medium including, but not limited to, paper, phone, tablet, etc.
- Original characters will not be permitted; however, art book variations and reinterpretations of existing characters will be allowed with an accompanying reference.
- Progress portfolios are HIGHLY encouraged as they include photo documentation of your work from start to finish.
- Professional cosplayers ARE WELCOME to enter. A professional cosplayer is anyone who makes a significant portion of their income from costume design, construction or sales or feels they are a master of their craft.
- All contestants must be on time. If you arrive late, you will not be allowed to compete or participate in the contest.