**COSPLAY CONTEST INFO**

**WHICH CATEGORY DO I ENTER?**

**NOVICE** - If you're new cosplaying and crafting your own costumes in general.

**JOURNEYMAN** - If you’ve won a few contests or have several years of sewing or crafting experience.

**MASTER** - If you’ve won several major awards or are a professional in the sewing or crafting field.

**GROUP** - If you have 2 or more people. You will be judged based on the skill level of your most skilled member.

**YOUTH** - For all of our aspiring cosplayers ages 14 and under. Must be accompanied by an adult through the whole contest.

# ENTRY GUIDELINES

* You must have a valid MCFC badge in order to participate.
* Costumes that have won Craftsmanship awards (including Group) at other conventions or past MCFC's are prohibited from entering.
* Entrants that have won performance/skit based awards can still enter with those costumes.
* Commissioned costumed may only be entered into the craftsmanship categories if the creator is present for judging.
* ***Contestants must have made over 60% of their costume and props to be eligible to compete. Entrants in the Youth Individual category are exempt from this rule.***
* Children entering in the Kids Individual category must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.
* All costumes and props must be made by at least one member of the group to qualify for craftsmanship judging.

# CONTEST GUIDELINES

* All judging will be done before the Contest, off-stage. The detailed criteria and weighting of scores are completely up to the judges.
* The judging is only guaranteed for the first 50 entrants signed-up at the convention. Groups count as 1 entrant and only need to fill out one form. Stand-by entrants will only be judged if time permits. Remember we operate on a first come, first served basis.
* Reference pictures aren’t required but are *highly* recommended. Your judges might not be familiar with the character your portraying. If you have any progress pictures you are more than welcome to provide them.
* Contestants will have time to walk across the stage and strike three poses for the audience at the Catwalk.
* You must attend the judging session and Contest in the costume you're entering.
* All costumes and props must conform to MCFC’s behavior, safety, and prop weapon policies.
* Costumes must be self-contained and self-sufficient. Connections to electrical outlets will not be available.
* No nudity. No profane, political, disruptive, or religious statements during the catwalk. This includes messages on signs or clothes.
* Do not use any sort of projectile at all! Nothing may leave your person while you are on the stage.
* For the safety of the contestants, no jumps, kicks, flips, or acrobatics of any kind may be performed on staged. No flashpots, explosive devices, glitter, silly string, or similar special effects are to be used.
* Entrants with large elaborate costumes may bring handlers to assist them onto, across, and off the stage. MCFC will have staff on hand to assist as well.

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* MCFC, unfortunately, cannot secure or hold any personal items for contestants who take part in the Contest. The staff recommends you leave your bags, merchandise, ID's, keys, and wallets with a trusted friend or family beforehand.
* If any contestant becomes unruly and disrupts or interferes with the Costume Contest at any time, they will be disqualified and asked to leave. If they continue to be disruptive, their convention badge and membership will be revoked and security will escort them from the premises.

# AWARDS \*=craftmanship award

Judge’s Choice

Best in Show\*

Best Novice Division\*

Best Journeyman Division\*

Best Master Division\*

Best Youth Division

Best Wig\*

Best Prop\*

Best Assembled Cosplay

Best Original Design\*

Best Make-up

Best Stage Presence

Best Group\*