

Showmasters Cosplay Rules

Overview: The Cosplay contest is a competition where prizes are awarded to the best costumes as judged by a panel.

Eligibility: The competition is open to ALL AGES. However, entrants under 16 must have an entry form signed by a parent or guardian with you on the day of the event. You may, should you wish, enter alone or as a group, but please, if you are in a group, please specify the other members of your group, so we can keep all the party together.

Costume: All types of costumes are welcome. Bought costumes are also allowed, however most of your outfit must be made by you, or by friends or family in order to allow you to be eligible for a prize in the Cosplay contest. (Subject to the judges discretion)

Music: Entrants, Can supply their own music or audio clips in digital format. This should be attached to your online registration form or on Media brought on the day (If you are unable provide one at registration. One can be found for you but it may not be what you think best represents your character)

Performance: Contestants can choose whether to just stand and pose, or they can do a performance. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT IT IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE! So no swearing, or sexual references please.

Judging: The contest will be judged by a panel of judges (determined differently for each event)

Important! Notes on Application

Participants must be registered before the specified time & be present for the masquerade line up (specified at the event)

Participants agree to take part and be featured in marketing and publicity material for Showmasters Ltd and their partners as required, as well as external media available to the general public, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines and websites.

Application forms and associated content cannot be returned to applicants.

All personal information collected via the application process will be protected under the Data protection act 1998 by Showmasters Ltd and their partners. Data will not be provided to any third party. Application forms will be destroyed once selection has been made and forms are no longer required.

Pyrotechnics, Sharp Objects, Objects that can be considered a weapon (e.g. Glass objects), Firepower (including but not limited to water pistols, confetti cannons and BB/foam ammo guns), Strobe Lighting or any form of materials considered dangerous according to Health and Safety regulations will not be allowed in the competition (We recommend only using LARP safe (Foam) weapons, costume accessories and or props with you costumes) In order to comply with Health and Safety rules please have all props, special effects and weapons checked at the cosplay desk before entering each competition (replicas and toy guns must contain obvious blaze and/or a brightly coloured safety tip and must not contain ammunition of any sort). Similarly any stage effects that could delay or inhibit another's performance including use of liquids, thrown or scatted objects, sticky substances, glitter, powder or confetti are also prohibited. If in doubt of any part of both your costume and/or your performance that could not comply with these regulations please contact our cosplay team directly for confirmation. Showmasters Ltd and their partners reserves the right to refuse any material which maybe considered offensive, hazardous or inappropriate for the family audience of the event.

ANYONE FOUND TO BE ENGAGING IN DISRESPECTFUL CONDUCT AGAINST A FELLOW ATTENDEE CAN RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE EVENT

PLEASE TREAT YOUR FELLOW COSPLAYERS AND CON-GOERS WITH RESPECT, REPORTING ANY SUSPICIOUS, ABUSIVE OR DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR TO A MEMBER OF STAFF