

## ANNUAL COSPLAY CONTEST

### GENERAL INFORMATION

*Note: All times are set in PST*

- Registration closes on June 20th at 12am. We are aiming to confirm acceptance within 48hrs of application, but there may be delays.
- Participation in the Cosplay Contest does not grant free entry to Kelowna Comicon
- Please send any questions or concerns to [cosplay@kelownacomicon.com](mailto:cosplay@kelownacomicon.com)

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### HOW TO ENTER

Applicants must submit to the form:

- A full description of your cosplay(including character name, and series if applicable) with examples of your work, and if possible work in progress photos for our judges.
- A 30 second sound bite that you would like us to play while you strut the stage. The strut will consist of whatever you would like to do within that time frame, as long as it falls under the safety guidelines.
- The name you would like to use on stage
- Which category and level you are entering(ie. Novice, Journeyman or Masters)
- If you would like to enter the cosplay contest without judging, just to go on stage and show off your cosplay, please apply the normal way with the application form but state walk on only in your application.

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### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- The Cosplay Contest is scheduled to have prior pre judging starting at 1pm on Saturday June 28th and the contest will be at 4:30pm, you must be present for both time slots or you may be left out of the final judging. (These times may vary but you will be notified in the event they are. )

- You will be emailed prior to the convention for a timeslot for your judging. Please enter an appropriate email for this. If you did not receive a time slot by June 21st please contact us at [cosplay@kelownacomicon.com](mailto:cosplay@kelownacomicon.com)
- Those connected with the Contest, ie: prize sponsors or judges and their agents, are not eligible to enter the Cosplay Contest
- Each applicant must be at least 13 years of age.
- Participants are required to abide by all regional, provincial, and national COVID-19 safety and containment measures while making their costumes, filming, and producing the materials required for their participation in this competition.
- The costume must not have been entered into a prior Kelowna ComiCon Event.

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## RULES

1. Cosplay is not limited to costumes from anime and games - any pop culture costume is welcome. Original costumes based on pop culture can also be entered if supported by an explanation of the inspirations behind the costume.
2. Novice level cosplays must be at least 60% handmade by either the entry or group, Journeyman level cosplays must be at least 70% handmade, and Masters level cosplays must be at least 80% handmade.
3. Any wig alterations, props, etc must have been done by the entrant or group.
4. If entering as a group each participant must have contributed to the group cosplay unless specifically noted. If you are the crafts person and not modeling your own creation please note that in your application, models are accepted but only the entrant will be judged unless entering as a group.
5. If you wish to enter a heavily altered store bought cosplay you **MUST** provide explanations and examples of how you altered it.
6. Commissioned and bought costumes or costumes mostly made up of bought general clothing are not accepted for judged cosplay contest entries barring the exceptions above.
7. Sandbagging is prohibited in the Kelowna ComiCon cosplay competition. For those who have secured a "Best In" or "First Place" accolade at a convention with the cosplay you wish to enter, participation with that same costume is limited with a few exceptions: The cosplay has been altered a significant degree, or you are entering in a higher level than the one you have won prior (ie, you won novice, you are entering journeyman). Notably, awards like "Judge's Choice," "Honorable Mention," and non-first placements (e.g., second overall, third place journeyman) are not considered major awards at Kelowna ComiCon and do not contribute to defining one's division or eligibility. If you have any questions regarding this please contact us at [cosplay@kelownacomicon.com](mailto:cosplay@kelownacomicon.com)
8. NOTE: Judges may move up or down entries if they deem the cosplay and cosplayer would be better placed in a different division.

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## COSTUME AND PROP RULES

- Cosplays should provide enough coverage to be worn in public and should be appropriate for a family-friendly show and must not contain material that is violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene, illegal or racially or morally offensive or endorses any form of hate or hate group.
- No cosplay may include harmful or potentially harmful materials, including, but not limited to, water, cigarettes, flames, fireworks, silly string or any other substance that can be fired, launched, etc.
- Each cosplay must comply with all laws including, but not limited to, those concerning copyright, plagiarism, trademark, defamation and invasion of privacy.

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## JUDGING & PRIZES

1. The cosplay contest is competitive, as such there will be no criteria for performances.
2. A 'Best in Show' will be awarded to the best entry from all categories as determined by the judges. The judges may award additional prizes depending on the size of the Contest.
3. For a costume to be judged competitively, applicants must attend a pre-judging session as well as participating in the stage show. Any reference pictures or other supporting material to be shown to the judges should be brought to that pre-judging session.
4. Prizes are awarded per entry, not per person in a group.
5. The judges' decision is FINAL. Please respect the judges and the other participants by accepting their decisions.
6. If you would like to enter the cosplay contest walk on portion with no judging, just to go on stage please apply the normal way but state walk on only in your application.

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**PUBLICITY** Except where legally prohibited, participation in the Contest constitutes each participant's grant of permission for Kelowna Comicon to use the participant's name, voice, likeness, photograph, video, testimonials, biographical information, and/or statements made in all Kelowna ComiCon Cosplay Contest related media now known or hereafter discovered, worldwide and in perpetuity, without additional notice, approval or compensation. Each winner's name may be included in a publicly available winners' list.

**LIMITATION ON LIABILITY:** Each participant agrees that, save for applicable law, Kelowna Comicon shall not be responsible or liable for, and is hereby released from, any and all claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages of any kind, relating to any of the following: (a) incomplete, inaccurate, lost, late, misdirected or illegible entries, winner notifications, prize claims or a winner's failure to receive the same due to any cause, including without limitation human or technical problems, failures, or malfunctions of any kind, whether originating with participant, Kelowna Comicon or otherwise, that may prevent or limit any participant's ability to participate in the Cosplay Contest or send or receive messages requiring action or response by such participant; (b) any computer system, phone line, hardware, software or program malfunctions, or other errors, failures, hacks, unauthorised access, delayed computer transmissions or network connections in connection with the Contest; (c) any problems or technical malfunction of any network or

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lines, servers or providers, equipment or software, including any injury or damage to any participant or any participant's property resulting from participation in the Contest; (d) the awarding, acceptance, possession, use, misuse, loss or misdirection of any prize or participation in any prize-related activities or any inability of any winner to accept a prize for any reason; (e) any participants who do not comply with or who violate the Rules or who have committed fraud or deception in participating in the Contest or in claiming a prize; or (f) any delays or disruptions are as a result of a Force Majeure event, which is defined as "any event beyond the control of

either party, including but not limited to fire, flood, epidemic, earthquake, explosion, labour dispute or strike, act of God or public enemy, satellite or equipment failure, riot or civil disturbance, terrorist threat or activity, war (declared or undeclared) or any state or local government law, order or regulation, any court or tribunal order, any epidemic or pandemic and/or any other cause not reasonably within either party's control.

Kelowna Comicon reserves the right to modify, suspend, extend or terminate the Contest or any part thereof if Kelowna Comicon determines, in its sole discretion, that the Contest is technically impaired or corrupted or infected by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical problems, failures, malfunctions or other causes have destroyed or undermined the administration, security, fairness, integrity or feasibility of the Contest or that Kelowna Comicon is prevented from continuing with the Contest or awarding any prizes by a Force Majeure event.

Although Kelowna Comicon shall always attempt to ensure the integrity of the Contest, Kelowna Comicon is not responsible for the actions of participants in connection with the Contest, including any participant's attempt to circumvent the Rules or otherwise interfere with the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Contest.

Kelowna Comicon reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any participant and/or revoke any prize award to any participant whom Kelowna Comicon finds to be (a) tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or with any website promoting the Contest; or (b) acting in violation of the Rules; or (c) entering or attempting to enter the Contest through the use of any robotic or automated devices.