

Cosplay Chaos Contest rules:

1. The Cosplay Chaos is open to all nationalities.
2. Competitors must be 6 years old or older. All competitors under the age of 18 are required to present a signed PARENTAL CONSENT FORM during the registration process Failure to comply may result to disqualification. This form may be filled out during registration period on the day of the event.
3. Competitors will be separated into 3 categories:
 1. Youth: Ages 6-**15**
 2. Adult: Ages **16** and up
4. Competing as a character of a different gender is allowed (cross play i.e., a male character may be portrayed by a male or female competitor, and conversely – a female character may be portrayed by a male or female competitor).
5. Gender bent cosplay is allowed (i.e., a character written as male may be switched into female, and vice-versa) HOWEVER the character must be recognizable. Please bring reference material from original character (i.e., photos) so that accurate judging of contestant's cosplay can take place.
6. Re-interpretation of source characters is allowed HOWEVER the character must be recognizable. All interpretations must stem from a definable source material. (In other words, you must be a character that has already been created.) *A Photo Print-Out of the source material/character is highly recommended for accurate judging. * ** EXCEPT IN CUSTOM DIVISION**
7. All characters must be from mainstream / widely popular, gaming and anime fandoms / genre (comics, literary, TV series, or cinematic versions).
8. All categories are for INDIVIDUAL participants only, no group category.
9. No glitter, confetti, pyrotechnics, live flame, or smoke generators of any kind are allowed in the Convention Hall. Any costume that “makes a mess” or may set off the fire system will not be allowed in the Convention Hall.
10. Costumes and props must be worn and carried with no risk of injury to people or property. This includes the cosplayer.

11. The costume contest is an open public event and will be observed by people of all ages. Excessive blood or gore, overly sexual, or otherwise inappropriate costumes will be INELIGABLE for entry, and you may be asked to leave the Convention Hall. It should then go without saying: No Nudity! “No costume is no costume!”

12. PHOTOGRAPHY – Pictures may be taken during judging of all participants. These pictures will be used for record and judging purposes. By entering the costume contest, you are agreeing to allow your image to be used in future advertising efforts. This may include but will not be limited to Facebook, Instagram, twitter, and the Lodge Con and Cosplay Chaos website.

13. Registration will start Saturday, **November 4th, at 11 AM** at the main sign in Booth. All contestants must be registered and assigned a number before they can participate. Registration will close at **12:30pm** same day.

14. Judging will take place on Saturday, **November 4th, at 1 PM**. All contestants are required to report to the main stage at this time.

15. Entry fee is \$20 per contestant **over 15 years of age** and \$10 for **6-15 years of age**. All entry fees must be paid at time of registration or during pre-registration online. Fees are accepted in CASH ONLY when registering at event. You may pre-register online in advanced. Each competitor’s presentation and costume will be assessed by the Cosplay Chaos judges as per the criteria stated.

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- COSTUME ACCURACY (30%)
- CRAFTSMANSHIP (40%)
- CHARACTERIZATION (30%)

17. Judges are allowed to see (but not touch!) your costume from all angles.

18. This is exclusively a costume contest. Feel free to pose or yell your favorite tag line, but no presentations or skits etc. will be allowed.

19. No political or religious statement during the catwalk. Anyone who

violates this may be disqualified from the competition. This is a family friendly event, please keep all comments and/or tag lines clean!

20. No profanity allowed on stage. That includes messages on signs or clothes. Anyone who violates this may be disqualified from the competition.

21. Winners shall be announced during the Awarding Ceremony.

22. The judges' decisions are final. No appeals will be entertained. During instances where any issues or controversies may arise in any aspect of the competition – the decision of the Committee shall be FINAL and all competitors shall agree to abide by said decision.

23. Prizes must be collected by the winners on the same day that the Cosplay Chaos is held.

24. By entering the competition, the competitors agree to abide by all the terms and conditions as indicated. Those who do not follow these rules will be disqualified.

25. PRIZES –

- youth category will be \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place and \$25 for 3rd place. **Each contestant who places will also be given a trophy.**

- Adult category will be \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place and \$25 for 3rd place. **Each contestant who places will also be given a trophy.**

- **Peoples Choice: one contestant from each division will be selected by a poll taken from the participating crowd. This winner will receive a certificate and trophy but NO cash prize. This winner CANNOT be a participant who has placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their division.**

26. CHANGES TO THE RULES – While no changes to these rules are foreseen, certain circumstances may require that the rules be changed. Any changes to the rules will be noted in bold red print on this page. A complete set of current rules will be posted at the costume contest main sign in booth.