

# Infinity Con Cosplay Contest Rules

(Signups begin on Fri. March 3<sup>rd</sup> and close Sat. March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. will take place at the Florida Con artists booth inside Hall A. They will be able to answer any questions you might have. You can also email: [infinityconvention@gmail.com](mailto:infinityconvention@gmail.com) for any questions before the event)

- Contestants can enter as either Individual or Group. These are NOT separate judging categories; individual and group entries will be judged together. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive ONE of the following prizes. 1st place: Nintendo Switch System, 2nd Place: \$100 Cash, 3rd Place: \$50 Cash.
- Other prizes: Judges choice awards/honorable mentions will be given at judge's discretion.
- No skits during judging or catwalk.
- No nudity. No costume is no costume.
- No profanity allowed on stage. That includes messages on signs or clothes. Anyone who violates this may be disqualified from the competition.
- No political or religious statement during the catwalk. Anyone who violates this may be disqualified from the competition.
- Do not use any sort of projectile at all! Nothing must leave your person while you are on the catwalk. Anyone who violates this rule may be disqualified from the competition and may be asked to leave the convention area.
- No flashpots, explosive devices, or similar special effects are to be used. Anyone who violates this rule may be disqualified from the competition and may be asked to leave the convention area.
- All prop weapons must conform to the Infinity Con Weapons Policy, which is as follows: All weapons must be non-working and peace bonded. No functioning projectile weapons – including water pistols, silly-string guns, and ping-pong pistols. Bladed weapons must be cased or sheathed at all times. No clowning around or showing off in the common areas. Any weapon used in an offensive manner will be confiscated. Anyone who violates this rule may be disqualified from the competition and may be asked to leave the convention area. We expect you to use good judgment; with your help, we can continue to allow peace-bonded weapons.
- All applications must be submitted to the FLCA booth by 2:00 pm on Sat March 3<sup>rd</sup>. THERE ARE NO ONLINE APPLICATIONS,
- To be judged for accuracy a visual reference, preferably a front and back color photo on paper, can be turned in with your application. Electronic media (i.e. CDs) will not be accepted. Mobile devices will be allowed for reference as well. This is not required.
- Costumes must be self-contained.
- Do not enter or exit the catwalk except at the designated points.
- Each contestant may only enter one costume into competition.
- Large elaborate costumes must be handled by the contestant and/or assistants the contestant brings to help. The convention will not be able to provide assistants.

# COSPLAY CONTEST JUDGING CRITERIA

**Our judges will rate your cosplay and performance based on the criteria Below**

## **Quality & Creativity**

- What we look at: If your costume is handmade or store bought, we look at the stitching, material and fit. Handmade costumes get a bonus on this category. If you have compiled your costume from things found around the house, we look at how you have modified them, how you paired them and how creative you were. We also take into account, wig styling and make-up.
- Tips: We favor handmade costumes over anything else. If your costume is handmade, make sure to let us know how you made it, if not, try and put more emphasis on something you styled, like your wig or make-up.

## **Accuracy**

- What we look at: We will be checking how faithful your costume, hair, make-up and props are to the character you're cosplaying as.
- Tips: Print out a picture of your character showing the full costume. Do mention any variations or specific versions you took into account. If what you're cosplaying as is not an existing character, mention at least a point of reference or inspiration.

## **Presentation**

- What we look at: The goal of cosplay is to look as much like your character as possible, this includes body motions and phrases you say. Those who act in character will score higher than those who do not.
- Tips: Talk in the tone of your character and try to say things that he would say. Stand, pose and move like him too.

## **Effort**

- What we look at: We will try and determine how hard each person had to work to complete his costume, find a rare prop, style the appropriate wig or do his make-up.
- Tips: Make sure to tell the judges how long you worked on compiling your costume and point out details that required effort to complete.

**We can't wait to see what great cosplay you are working on! May the force be with you! 😊**