

Infinity Con and The FL. Con Artists Present: Infinity Con Year 6 Cosplay Contest!

Cosplay Contest Rules

(Signups begin online February 5 and will close Sat. March 2nd at 2:00 P.M. or when we have reached signup capacity. Contest signups will take place online and if not full, 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 for any questions before the event)

- **Prizes/Levels:**

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. **Masters Level:** 1st place: \$1000Cash, 2nd Place: \$500 Cash, 3rd Place: \$250 Cash. **Journeyman Level:** 1st place: \$150 Cash, 2nd Place: \$75 Cash, 3rd Place: 2 weekend passes to IC19. **Apprentice Level:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd place plaque. **Youth Level:** Certificate of participation.

- **Level Descriptions:**

- **Masters:** (All ages eligible if you meet the following criteria) You must at least hand make/self produce/create 95-100% of your Cosplay -**No store bought costumes or commissioned pieces** (Not including/under suits/undergarments/etc.) This is a big prize and we want to reward YOUR creativity, imagination and skill. Not someone else's.
- **Journeyman:** (All ages eligible if you meet the following criteria) You must at least hand make/self produce/create 50% of your Cosplay -**Keep store bought costumes or commissioned pieces to a minimum** (Not including/under suits/undergarments/etc.) Show us your creativity and imagination! The judges will be looking at what **YOU** created as they judge, not what someone else did. Keep this in mind as you continue to build!
- **Apprentice:** No rules on make of costume if it meets the requirements below. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plaques will be awarded based on creativity, presentation, and showmanship. So have a great time!
- **Youth:** All kids up to 13 years old eligible. No rules on make of costume if it meets the requirements below. Participation Certificates will be awarded for all youth entries so just have some fun being your character!
- 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 NOT a 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.
- If spaces still available, all applications must be submitted to the FLCA booth by 2:00 pm on Sat March 2nd. Online applications are available now and will fill up fast. Apply now at infinityconfl.com/CosplayContest
- 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 makeup.
- 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! 😊