

Cosplay Contest Format, Rules, and Regulations

The cosplay contests will be judged like most major comic convention cosplay contests. All contests during Cradle-Con weekend will feature a panel of judges that will **prejudge** entrants via **registration**. **Only entrants with at least 50% HANDMADE costume components will be eligible for prizes** however all registered entrants may catwalk on stage during the live show. There will also be a 50 person entrant cap for all contests.

To Register:

To pre-register, use the corresponding Google Forms document. To register in person day-of, find the Cradle-Con Will Call (located next to the box office in the main lobby). Ask to sign up for the appropriate contest, and you will be prompted to enter the following information:

- Name
- Cosplay/Character Name
- Brief Description of Cosplay

Registration will close as soon as the entrant cap is reached OR promptly at 1 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday for their respective contests, so make sure to register as soon as possible.

Prejudging:

Prejudging times will be posted the day of for each contest and can be found in the "Panels" tab on the Cradle Con website. These times will be given to the contestant during check in. This year, prejudging will take place in the **Junior Jet Club (Next to Will Call)**.

Note: Each prejudging session may take up to 5 minutes per person, so we advise arriving as early as possible to the prejudging times listed to avoid waiting on a line. We will be operating on a first-come first-serve basis for the entirety of the weekend.

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Contest:

The contest itself will feature a stage and announcer who will announce each entrant onto the stage. All entrants for all contests (prejudged or not) are eligible to participate in the catwalk. Each contestant who plans to perform in the catwalk will be asked to provide information such as their name, character, brief description, etc. to be announced during the live show. The contest winners will be announced on stage and be given their respective prizes only after all entrants have walked. **Rules**

1. Individual cosplay only for this event. If you are in a group you must enter individually.
2. You may only enter one costume per person into each contest.
3. All nudity is prohibited.
4. No projectiles; all pieces of your costume must remain on your person or on stage during the catwalk.
5. No skits, extensive speeches, or profanity is allowed while on stage. Each contestant will have up to 30 seconds per catwalk.
6. No political statements regardless of the cosplay.
7. No flashpots or explosive devices (extension of projectile rule).
8. Weapon rules: no firearms are allowed on the premises when used in a costume; all weapons must be non-working and peacebonded at all times (tied, closed, costume firearms must be orange-capped, no bladed weapons permitted, etc.); any offensive use of these weapons will result in their confiscation and removal of the person(s) from the premises.
9. Cosplayers with large costumes that require assistance may be accompanied by assistants of their choice onstage during their catwalk, so long as they abide by any rules above that may pertain to cosplayers and non-cosplayers alike.