



Wales Comic Con Cosplay Masquerade Rules

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General Rules and Advice

1. In addition to the rules given below, cosplayers wishing to take part in the Wales Comic Con Cosplay Masquerade must adhere to the Wales Comic Con Cosplay Costume, Weapons and Props Rules. Please make sure that you read these rules before entering as anyone found to be breaking them will be immediately disqualified.

Entry

1. The Wales Comic Con Cosplay Masquerade is open to anyone attending Wales Comic Con no matter what their age or experience. However, entrants under the age of 16 must have their entry form signed by a parent or legal guardian.
2. If you wish to enter the Masquerade, the Cosplay Team must receive your completed entry form by 2pm on the day of the event.
3. If you have any special requirements (including disabilities), please give details on your entry form before the Masquerade. If you require any assistance getting onto the stage or while on the stage, we will do our best to provide it.

Restrictions

1. You are not allowed to bring anything that might be considered dangerous onto the stage. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as pyrotechnics, sharp objects and strobe lighting. If you aren't 100% sure that your item is allowed, please check with a member of the cosplay team before appearing on stage, as possession of anything that is considered dangerous may result in disqualification.
2. Please do not bring anything onto the stage that may affect anyone who comes onto the stage after you. This includes items such as confetti, glitter, sticky substances or liquids that may make the stage slippery.

3. Do not wear a costume or bring any extra material that may be considered offensive or inappropriate for a family audience.

Judging and Prizes

1. The Masquerade competition will be judged by a panel of experienced cosplayers.
2. While you may appear on stage in a purchased costume, in order to qualify for a prize, your costume must be at least 50% made or customised by you, your friends or your family.
3. There will be three prizes awarded:
 - **Best Junior** for the best cosplayer aged 16 or under
 - **Best Craftsman** for the best made costume
 - **Best Performer** for the cosplayer who best portrays their chosen character
4. When considering who should be awarded a prize, judges will consider craftsmanship, interpretation and accuracy as well as overall performance. In order to help the judges assess how accurate your costume is, you may wish to provide a reference picture with your entry form.
5. The judges' decision is final. Please do not argue with their decision during the Masquerade. If you have any serious concerns regarding the fairness of the judging procedure or suspect that the rules have been broken, please speak to a member of the Cosplay Team.

Behaviour and Conduct

1. Bullying, abuse and other antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated as part of the Wales Comic Con Cosplay Masquerade. Please treat your fellow cosplayers with the respect that you would like to receive.
2. Any contestant found to be bullying or otherwise engaging in disrespectful conduct against a fellow attendee may be removed from the competition and, if the incident is deemed serious enough, may be banned from future Wales Comic Con competitions. At the discretion of the organisers, you may also be removed from the site.

Use of Your Image

1. During the Masquerade, an official Wales Comic Con photographer will be taking pictures and the organisers may wish to use these images on the Wales Comic Con website, on social media such as Facebook or Twitter, or for other marketing purposes. By entering the Wales Comic Con Cosplay Masquerade, you agree that your image may be used in this way.
2. When it is possible, we will name any cosplayers that appear in images that are used on the Wales Comic Con website or social media, but please be aware that this may not be possible.
3. If you wish to use photographs taken by the official Wales Comic Con photographer for your portfolio, please contact a member of the Cosplay Team, who will do their best to provide the images. However, the images themselves remain the property of Wales Comic Con and, as such, cannot be used for promotional purposes or for profit unless agreed with the organisers in writing.

Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding cosplay at Wales Comic Con or the Masquerade, please contact us via email at cosplay@walescomiccon.com

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