

FREECON



FreeCon 21 Cosplay Contest Criteria & Restrictions

Inclusion statement:

FreeCon and its staff strongly uphold the standards of FSU's non-discrimination policies, which hold that we will not deny any applicant by reason of race, gender, age, orientation, disability status, or religious beliefs. Additionally, FreeCon upholds the standards of diversity in cosplay as an art, wherein the costume itself is judged without regard to body type, skin color, perceived sex, or race.

If an accommodation due to a disability is needed, we are happy to help you.

Rules of Entry

1. **Cosplays must be at least 50% homemade; judges will examine the craftsmanship of the costumes via interview and craftsmanship criteria.**
2. Entries that do not qualify may participate in the Cosplay Showcase but will not be considered for judging and awards.
3. To be considered for judging and awards, you **MUST go to prejudging.**
4. If a contestant is modeling a cosplay, the original creator(s) must be attending the convention as well and they will be the award recipient.
5. Group entrees will be allowed to a maximum of 10 people. (Minimum 2 people to be considered a group)
6. Entrees may only receive one title/prize each, no double winning.
7. Cosplays must cover at least the swimsuit area. The contest is for all ages/PG-13 and inappropriate cosplays will not be allowed.
8. No skits will be permitted, when on stage the participant will pose for audience pictures briefly, then walk off stage.
9. **Absolutely no live steel is permitted on the grounds.** (Live steel is defined as any blade, dull or sharp, made out of metal) Only guns that are clearly fake, like a nerf gun, are allowed. **Anything that even remotely resembles a real firearm is strictly prohibited.** Only props made of soft foam, plastic, or wood props are permitted. For more information, check out the rules page on our website. It's your responsibility to contact us about whether your prop qualifies or not.¹
10. **No body paint, glitter, or fake blood.** (Fake blood & paint on the face are the only exceptions). You may also be denied entry to the convention if you use these.²

Pre-Registration Requirements

1. Follow all "Rules of Entry".
2. Must fill out the sign-up sheet on FreeCon 21 website.
3. Must be able to participate in an interview in costume.

¹ Registration will be checking for all of these items at the door. If your prop does not follow any of the aforementioned rules, you will be denied entry to FreeCon 21; you can only enter after removing your prop. Please note that FreeCon will not be able to store your unapproved prop. Contestants will NOT be permitted to bring any of these items to be prejudged or on stage.

² Registration will be checking for all of these at the door, if an attendee has body paint, glitter, or fake blood outside the exception they will be directed to the nearest restroom to wash off.

Entrées who disobey any of the rules will not be eligible for entry/disqualified, per convention regulations.

Restrictions



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