



## FreeCon 22 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. **Craftsmen must make at least 50% of their cosplay**
2. Cosplay and props must follow convention guidelines
  - a. **Absolutely no live steel is permitted on the grounds.** (Live steel is defined as any blade, dull or sharp, made out of metal). 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 staff about prop qualifications
  - b. **Anything that even remotely resembles a real firearm is strictly prohibited**
  - c. **No body paint, glitter, or fake blood. (Fake blood & paint on the face are the only exceptions)**
  - d. **Cosplays must cover at least the swimsuit area. The contest is for all ages/PG-13 and inappropriate cosplays will not be allowed**
  - e. **Competitors will be denied entry to the convention if their cosplay does not adhere to convention guidelines**
3. Build books are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED but not required
4. **Contestants must be 13+.** Any contestants under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult
5. **Craftsmen MUST go to pre-judging** in order to walk onstage and win awards
6. If a contestant is modeling a cosplay, the original creator(s) must be attending the convention
7. Group entrees involve groups of 2-10 cosplayers. They can qualify for the same prizes and are subject to the same rules--it is up to the group how prizes are split

8. Entrees may only receive one title/prize each
9. No skits will be permitted! It is recommended that you **have 2-3 poses prepared** when you walk across the stage
10. **Competitors are under no obligation to share or do anything they are uncomfortable with!** This may include being filmed, touched, etc.--please let your judges know if you are uncomfortable with any form of contact

### Pre-Registration Requirements

1. Follow all "Rules of Entry".
2. Must fill out the sign-up sheet on FreeCon 22 website.
3. Must be able to participate in an interview in costume.

Registration will be checking props at the door. If your prop does not follow any of the aforementioned rules, you will be denied entry to FreeCon 22; 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.

Registration will be checking for body paint, glitter, or fake blood 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.

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

### Prop Restriction Visual Guide

