

Cosplay Contest Judging Criteria

Contestants will be judged on the following criteria:

Costume Construction is 40% of the overall score.

The judges will pay close attention to:

- The quality, stitching and finish of fabric
- The choice of structural materials and the way they were treated
- The detail put into crafting the decorations and trimmings
- The overall techniques used and the originality of ideas applied in the costume
- The quality of the wigs, wig-styling, props, customized shoes, and/or makeup

A costume which was not fully handmade will have its customized elements scored as per the above list while the rest of it will get marked according to how much effort was put into collecting the appropriate parts and pieces.

Costume Originality is 40% of the overall score

- For costumes based on known characters, the judges will be checking how faithful your costume, hair, make-up and props are to the character you're cosplaying as.
- For original characters, the judges will look at the overall creativity of the costume and that all design elements fit together cohesively and appear proportionate.

Character Presentation is 20% of the overall score

The goal of cosplay is to look as much like your cosplay character as possible, this includes body motions, poses and phrases you say. Those who act in character will score higher than those who do not.