

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Cosplay Masquerade will be run by Collect O' Fest at 5th of April.
Collect O' Fest will always have the final say in decisions that have to be made.
Collect O' Fest will make sure all judging will be done fair and without bias!

Please send any queries by email to collectofest@gmail.com.

Participation in the Cosplay Masquerade does not grant free entry to Collect O' Fest.

HOW TO ENTER

- There are two type of Masquerade entry: **Craftsmanship and Showmanship** entries show off their costumes through a simple walk on and in character posing. They are all of entries in the Masquerade. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis to eligible entries. Most Costume entries will be on stage for 30 - 60 seconds. No performance is allowed! Collect O' Fest will provide the music for the show.
- Applications will close when places are full or 1 week before the Masquerade, whichever event occurs first. If there's still space left on the day of the convention, on location sign up will be allowed.
- Only one entry is permitted per person.
- On the day of the Cosplay Masquerade, you must check in at the Cosplay area before 13:00 to confirm you are still taking part and check your details. All entries will present their costume or performance on the Main Stage in the Cosplay Masquerade, which takes place at 14:00 of the relevant day of Collect O' Fest.

CRITERIA

Cosplay is not limited to costumes from anime and games - any pop culture costume is welcome. Original costumes based on pop culture are allowed, due to judging criteria please explain the design of the costume!

Employees, staff, crew or guests of Collect O' Fest and persons connected with the Masquerade, e.g. prize sponsors or judges and their agents, are not eligible to enter the Cosplay Masquerade.

SHOWMANSHIP ENTRIES

Showmanship entries can enter regardless of whether or not they made their own costume for the showmanship category.

CRAFTSMANSHIP ENTRIES

Craftsmanship entrants must wear a costume that meets the following criteria:

- All costumes must be made by the wearer. A portion of the costume (such as leotard, tights and shoes) may be from purchased, finished goods, but the majority of the costume should have been constructed by the entrant: at least 60% should be their own work. Any customisation work to bought wigs, props, etc. should be the original work of the entrant. If entrants have made heavy alterations to or completely transformed a store-bought garment and wish to enter it into the Masquerade, they must be able to explain how they have altered it and the processes that such an endeavour entailed.

- Commissioned and bought costumes or costumes mostly made up of bought general clothing are not accepted for Costume Display entries.
- The costume must not have been entered into a Cosplay Masquerade at any previous Collect O' Fest event.
- All costumes should provide enough coverage to be worn in public and should be in good taste and appropriate for a family-friendly show and must not contain material that is violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene, illegal or racially or morally offensive or endorses any form of hate or hate group, each as determined by Collect O' Fest, at their sole discretion. Further, no costume may include harmful or potentially harmful materials, including, but not limited to, water, cigarettes, flames, fireworks, silly string or any other substance that can be fired, launched or dripped.

The competition will be judged by a panel of experienced cosplayers.

Costume points (90%) will be allocated on the basis of:

- Complexity (30%) Difficulty of costume project chosen and how confidently this was overcome.
- Craftsmanship (40%) – how detailed, creative and well constructed the costume is taking into account application of skills, materials used and practicality based on movement and use on stage.
- Accuracy (20%) – How close the costume is to the characters original design.
- OR Interpretation (20%) – If you have done your own spin on a character (say a female version of a male character), how consistent and authentically this was achieved.

The Last 10% Will be based on the stage presence.

JUDGING & PRIZES

The contest element is open to **ages 16 and over** only.

- Both categories will have a first, second and third place as determined by the judges.
- Prizes are awarded per entry.
- **The judges' decision is FINAL.- Please respect the judges and the other participants by accepting their decisions.**

Rule Set up by Foamtastic and Ilunaneke