

Cosplay Masquerade & Contest:

Awards:

- Best in Show
- Fan Favorite
- Veteran Cosplayer
- Best Kid's Costume
- Best Group or Couple
- Newbies
- 50% Handmade



Categories

- Best in Show: This category applies to anyone in the contest.
- Fan Favorite: This category will be determined by Cosplay Masquerade attendees.
- Veteran Cosplayer: This category is for participants who have participated in a cosplay contest before.
- Best Kid's Costume: This category is for any child 10 and under that would like to participate in the contest.
- Newbies: This category is for any cosplayer who has not competed in a cosplay contest before.
- Best Group or Couple: Any couple or group that wishes to participate and compete as such. You may not compete in any other category.
- 50% Handmade: This category is for anyone who handmade 50% or less of the costume.



Rules:

1. All contest participants must be a **registered attendee** of Vaca-Con 2020.
2. **No nudity.** No costume is no costume. Body-paint costumes are not eligible.
3. Costumes need to be **at least 50% crafted by you** to participate in the Veteran Cosplayer Category. Commissioned costumes are eligible to participate in all other categories.
4. All genres of costume are allowed, it is encouraged that your costume have an original source (e.g. anime, manga, video game, etc.) that judges would recognize.
5. You will have **30 seconds** on stage to show off your costume. You can take less time, and there's a few seconds leeway if you run over. Host introductions will be done as soon as you enter the stage.
6. **No profanity allowed.** That includes messages on signs or clothes. Anyone who violates this may be disqualified from the competition and asked to leave the convention area.
7. **No political or religious statements.** Anyone who violates this may be disqualified from the competition.
8. **Costumes must be self-contained.** If costumes are too large for the participant to handle and navigate by oneself an assistant may be used. Contestants must bring their own assistant, no assistants will be provided by Vaca-Con staff.
9. Nothing is to be left on the stage after the performance including, but not limited to, glitter, confetti, and streamers.
10. **No projectiles, flashpots, explosive devices, or similar special effects** are to be used. Anyone who violates this rule may be disqualified from the competition and asked to leave the convention area.
11. **Do not bring real swords, guns, or any type of authentic weapon to the show**—only props are allowed. Simulated or costume weapons are allowed as long as they are in compliance with the following rules:
 1. No projectile weapons (including but not limited to airsoft or paintball weapons)
 2. No weapons with a metal blade, regardless if it is dull or sharp
 3. Metal weapons, chains, bats or shields (with or without sharp edges) are not permitted
 4. Prop weapons should be made of lightweight materials such as foam, cardboard, or plastic
 5. No heavy wood props including shields and bats
 6. All prop firearms must have an orange cap on the barrel
 7. Weapons which are capable of firing (Nerf guns, bows, etc.) must be rendered inoperable
 8. Do not brandish weapons or props in a threatening manner
 9. Keep weapons in the convention area
 10. If you leave the convention premises, please put away any weaponry—even if it clearly looks fake
12. For safety reasons, the following are **not allowed**:
 1. Live animals
 2. Substances which might damage or soil
 3. Aerosol sprays
 4. Entries that could potentially damage the facilities, other participants or the wearer will not be allowed
 5. Entries with electric power requirements
13. Each contestant may **only enter one costume** into competition, appearing on stage once in a single entry.
14. Tech rehearsals are not offered.
15. Children participating in the contest should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

****All cosplayers and their costumes are subject to approval by the City of Vacaville and event staff****

