

Rules:

- All contestants must have admission to the fair. There are no registration fees for the contest.
- The Cosplay Contest will be held in our Cascade Arena (indoors).
- We do have dressing areas provided for contestants.
- We encourage you to enjoy the fair after the contest and walk around the fairgrounds in costume.
- Costumes are judged based on the craftsmanship of the costume.
- Contestants must be present during the cosplay contest to be eligible for winning.
- Store-bought, online-purchased, or rented costumes are not allowed.
- 50 percent or more of the costume should be handcrafted by the contestant.
- NO SKITS ALLOWED due to time.
- JUDGES WILL BE LOOKING CLOSELY AT YOUR COSTUME (seam examining, prop checking, wigs, helmets, etc.)
- All costumes and props must comply with both rules, guidelines, and weapon policy.
- The cosplay contest is a PG-13 event; females must keep bikini areas covered (no side or under boob, nor underbutt) and males must keep boxer areas covered.
- Any inappropriate behavior while backstage or on the stage will automatically disqualify the offending contestant.
- No food, drinks, "sticky," or "wet" substances that may spoil your costume or the costumes of other contestants are allowed backstage.
- Contestants may be assisted by a handler. If the contestant is under 12 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must be present.
- Anything that comes onto the stage with you must leave the stage with you. Please do not leave behind any confetti, rose petals, glitter, or similar items...like, please don't!
- Any props that come on stage with you must be approved.

Prop Policy:

- All contestants will go through fair security upon arrival.
- No functional props or weapons allowed.
- Costume swords must be tied to your costume in such a way that they cannot be drawn.
- The Nashville Fair reserves the right to refuse entry if any prop or weapon is deemed unsafe or appearing unsafe to the public.

Tips:

- We are foremost concerned about your health and safety! Please make sure that you are adequately fed and watered before the contest.
- A comfortable costume makes for a much happier cosplay experience! Take the time to break in shoes, heavy jackets/capes, gloves, or any other part of your cosplay prior.
- Be nice to your fellow cosplayers! Remember to have fun!

