**Anime Austin Cosplay Contest Rules  
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**General Entry Guidelines**

1. A costume that has won a major award may be entered under the following conditions:
   1. At the discretion of the directors (if the audience, competitors, and judges are significantly different);
   2. The costume is entered as an exhibition piece;
   3. **OR**, the competitor is willing to enter in a more experienced skill division.
2. Purchased or commissioned costumed are **ONLY** allowed as exhibition pieces, and are **NOT** eligible for any awards.
3. You must have constructed or altered at least **50%** of the costume.
4. While we are an anime convention and put a strong emphasis on anime costumes, manga, Japanese video games, etc. However, costumes from sci-fi, movies, American comics, Korean sources, original designs, etc. are also allowed for entry.
5. The cosplay directors reserve the right to refuse entry to any entrant for any reasons.

**Regulations, Rules, and Guidelines**Read these rules and regulations carefully, please!

1. This is a family friendly convention.
2. Costumes must maintain a **PG-13** rating. No excessive violence, sexual content, exposed bodies, etc. This pertains to both skits and costumes.
3. All awards are presented at the judges’ discretion. That being said, in order to be eligible for an award, you must have made at 50% of your costume. If you are the maker of a costume, but have a “model” wearing it, you are also eligible for an award, but you **MUST** be present at pre-judging.
4. You may still enter the contest if you did not make your costume, but as a walk-on or skit only. You will not be eligible for any craftsmanship awards.
5. Please be sure to bring at least one color reference picture with you. While the judges are highly skilled, it is unfair to ask them to know what every anime or sci-fi character is. Bringing a reference picture will ensure that they can accurately judge you. If you are entering with an original character, a drawing is fine. Reference images cannot be guaranteed to be returned, so please make sure it is not on anything you will miss.
6. Costume judging is **NOT** open to the public. Only participants, handlers, and parents of those in the YOUTH category will be allowed inside.
7. Children aged 12 and under will be judged separately in a YOUTH category. Parents are required to accompany those in this category.
8. You MUST attend the cosplay pre-meeting or you will be cut from the show.
9. Registration forms will be available online and during the convention on Friday and Saturday at the Cosplay Sign-Up Booth until we run out of spaces. You can guarantee entry into the contest by filing out an online entry form no later than July 1, 2016.
10. You must turn in both your reference picture and your completed entry form no later than Saturday, before pre-judging.
11. Nothing is to be left on the stage. You may also not dirty the stage. If it goes on with you, it comes off with you. You may also not throw anything into the audience or at the judges. Examples include: props, glitter, confetti, water, petals, etc.
12. For safety concerns, any battle or fight scenes must be done at ¾ speeds, and one leg must remain on the stage at all times.
13. Cosplay is for everybody, and all cosplayers must be treated with equal respect at all times. Respect is your secret word.
14. Skits will have 3 minutes (after setup) and walk-ons will have 30 seconds.
15. Groups are allowed, but only 8 people are allowed on the stage at one time.
16. If you are a group, only use **ONE** group registration form and use the back if necessary.
17. Competing in multiple groups is not allowed.
18. All skit entries are required to submit a copy of their script for pre-screening. If you are doing a dance skit, you must also submit a “script” outlining the basics of your skit with stage directions and detailed choreography. You may submit the script in person at the convention or e-mail it to cosplayaac@gmail.com
19. Skits may also be subject to an in-person pre-screening. You do not have to be in costume, but a time will made available to you to meet with the cosplay directors, where you will act out and talk about your skit. Any changes will be made at this time, and all say is final.
20. If you’d like to submit a video of your skit prior to the convention to cut this line, you are welcome to. Videos must be submitted no later than July 1, 2016 to: cosplayaac@gmail.com
21. All skit audio must be turned into staff at sign up. Only audio formatted CDs will be accepted (MP3, wav, etc.) No data discs or flash drives are allowed. No music for walk-ons will be accepted.
22. If any contestant becomes unruly or disruptive during judging or the contest, you will be asked to leave and disqualified.
23. Professional costumes are not allowed to enter. A professional costumer is anyone who makes a significant portion of their income from costume design, construction, or sales.