**Cosplay Entry Types and Skill Level Guidelines:**

**Entry Types:**

**Skits –** Contestants perform on stage. Performance can be a skit, music, dancing, martial arts, etc. Skits are restricted to three (3) minutes on the stage.

**Walk-ons –** Contestants walk onto the stage and do several different poses for at least 30 seconds to show off their costume.

**Skill Levels:**

Minor Awards may be counted towards skill placement at the discretion of the judges and staff.

**Junior/Youth:**-Contestants 12 years and younger are eligible to enter this category.   
- A child wearing a costume designed and built entirely by an adult should be entered in either the appropriate skill division for the adult or as an exhibition piece.

**Novice:**  Novices are any contestants who have won two or fewer awards in Novice divisions.

**DO NOT** enter the Novice division if:

-You are a professional costumer.  
-You have won an award in Journeyman/Masters/Advanced at any convention.  
-You have won Best in Show, Best Novice, or Best Youth at any convention.   
-You have won more than three awards in the Novice or Youth divisions at any convention.

**ENTER IF:**

-If you have won three or more awards in the Youth category, or at least three “minor” awards (Judge’s awards).   
-If you are above 12.   
-You have won less than three major awards in the Novice category.

**Advanced:**  Advanced competitors are any costumers who have won three or more major awards in any competition.

**DO NOT** enter the Advanced division if:

-You are a professional costumer.

**ENTER IF:**  
-You are allowed to enter if you are a “Master” in this category. A “master” is anyone who has won more than three awards in Journeyman/Advanced categories or a Best in Show or Best Journeyman at any convention.   
-Both Masters and Journeyman will compete together in the Advanced category. You belong in this category if, again, you have won more three major awards (Best in class/best in show) at any convention.

**Exhibition-Only:** Any competitor can enter in the Exhibition Only category. If you simply want to show off your costume, then this division is for you!

-These entries are not eligible for any awards given.  
-We welcome Professional Cosplayers to display their skills or those who have not made their costumes who still want to be on the stage to enter this category.   
-Exhibition Only entrants must still abide by all rules set forth by Anime Austin Masquerade.