



## STAR WARS CELEBRATION ANAHEIM COSPLAY CONTEST RULES

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### How It Works

The *Star Wars* Celebration Anaheim cosplay competition is a celebration of all things *Lucasfilm*. All entries must represent a character or element from the *Star Wars* universe. Competitors are eligible for the below category awards for the competition.

- **Most Elaborate** – Entries are judged on the overall appearance of their cosplay as well as the quality of the construction of the costume. Purchased costumes may not enter this category, but the costume does not need to be worn by the creator so long as the costume creator is present at the convention.
- **Best Likeness** – Entries are judged on how well they can imitate and personify the character.
- **Group** – Two or more people
- **Best under 13** – Entries must be 13 and under to participate in this category

Each entrant will submit an application to be reviewed by the *Star Wars* Celebration Anaheim team – entrants may only enter one costume into the competition. If approved, accepted contestants will be contacted by the *Star Wars* team and will advance on to the competition stage of the SWCA Cosplay contest. Contestants will be judged on the quality and craftsmanship of their costumes. **No store-bought costumes will be eligible to enter.**

Selected contestants will be pre-judged for craftsmanship off-stage the morning of the competition, and then compete on the Main Stage.

Contestants will provide SWCA with a brief costume description for the emcee to read as they cross the stage and exhibit two to three poses before exiting. No speaking or individualization of music is allowed as pre-selected music will play throughout the event. The time limit per participant on stage is approximately thirty seconds.

### **The Prizes**

Having fun is the prime directive. Compete for glory and recognition from your fellow *Star Wars* fans, and compete for one of the original trophies based on category.

### **Best in Show:**

Best in Show will be determined based on the scores given by the judges. Every costume regardless of whether or not the costume won a category is eligible for this award.

Prize specifics will be revealed closer to Celebration.

### **Category Awards:**

Prizes will be awarded based on judge rankings. Please note: these are the categories currently planned, but SWCA reserves the right to adjust the categories based on entries received.

### **Best in Category:**

A winner will be selected from each category based upon the judges' score in that category.

### **Star Wars Celebration Anaheim Cosplay Rules:**

Participants in the *Star Wars* Celebration Anaheim Cosplay Competition must adhere to the following:

1. All selected contestants are responsible for all expenses related to competing in the *Star Wars* Celebration Anaheim cosplay competition including all lodging and travel to and from the convention center. All contestants must have a valid Saturday or 4-Day Badge.
2. A contestant may participate in the *Star Wars* Celebration Anaheim cosplay competition only once. Applicants **may not** register multiple times with multiple costumes. A contestant can only enter once and only wear one costume.
3. Entrants must provide a written description that the emcee will read during their appearance on stage. This may describe the details of the costume or provide a story about the character being portrayed. You may offer details about the construction process, materials, number of work hours, or anything that might impress the judges and Fans. This description is limited to 100 words and is used in all pre-judging before selecting Semi-Finalists. *Star Wars* Celebration Anaheim reserves the right to edit introduction material for time and content.
4. To be judged for accuracy as a visual reference, please submit a front and back color photo on paper with your application. However, you may not be eligible for accuracy points if the judges are not familiar enough with your character.

5. Electronic media (i.e. CDs) will not be accepted nor will bringing a laptop or video device (i.e. iPods) to pre-judging. No skits are allowed on stage or during judging.
6. No profanity allowed on stage. That includes messages on signs or clothes. Anyone who violates this may be disqualified from the competition.
7. No political or religious statements are allowed on stage or during judging. Anyone who violates this may be disqualified from the competition.
8. No cosplay masks will be permitted; only approved facial coverings shall be permitted and such facial coverings must be in line with the guidance provided by Sponsor at the Event and/or Competition.
9. Costumes cannot promote alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing), any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous or any particular political agenda or message.
10. Costumes cannot be obscene or offensive, endorse any form of hate or hate group;
11. Costume cannot defame, misrepresent or contain disparaging remarks about *Star Wars* or its products, or other people, products or companies;
12. Costume cannot communicate messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and/or goodwill to which *Star Wars* wishes to associate; and
13. Costume cannot depict, and cannot itself, be in violation of any law.
14. Please refrain from wearing or using any substances that may potentially interfere with another participant's costume. If you are wearing body paint or make-up, please make sure it will not come in contact with others. Do not bring anything on stage that could damage the other costumes. Do not leave anything on stage at all.
15. No nudity. All costumes should provide enough coverage to be worn in public and should be in good taste and appropriate for a family-friendly show. Gore, graphic violence or other objectionable elements may be grounds for disqualification as determined by the judges or *Star Wars* Celebration Anaheim Staff.
16. Contestants are responsible for their own belongings. We are unable to provide a secure area for personal items. We recommend bringing an assistant to help with belongings.
17. Any participant may be disqualified from the contest by SWCA for failure to observe any of these rules. All decisions made by the judges are final.
18. Pre-fabricated, store-bought costumes cannot compete in the Cosplay Contest. 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 at least 60% of the costume should have been constructed by the

creator of the costume. If you have made heavy alterations to a store-bought garment and wish to enter it into the construction part of the contest, you must be able to explain how you have altered it and the processes that such an endeavor entailed. Unaltered, store-bought assemblies of clothing to represent a character or "costume" are NOT allowed.

19. No electrical power connections will be provided. If your costume requires power it must be part of your costume design.
20. Wings, large props, or large costumes are just fine, but if your costume is over 8 feet tall, or 3 feet wide you may not fit through the doors. If possible, make wings and other parts that make your costume detachable. We have no limit on the size of costumes or props, but ask that you be safe and aware while on stage. You will be responsible for ALL damage to the stage, lighting, technical aspects or any convention property.
21. Large elaborate costumes must be handled by the contestant and/or assistants. SWCA will not be able to provide help.
22. HAVE FUN!
23. All participants who make it to prejudging will be required to sign a permission/release/waiver form to participate in the contest.
24. Your costume must allow movement with limited assistance. Your costume must not impede your ability to get on and off stage. Furthermore, your costume cannot be built on stage.
25. Any prize won by an eligible entrant who is a minor will be awarded to the minor's parent or legal guardian, who must sign and return any required documents. Receiving the prize is contingent upon compliance with these Official Rules.
26. **Release:** By accepting a prize, each Winner agrees to release and hold harmless Sponsor and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, suppliers, distributors, advertising/promotion agencies, and prize suppliers (if any), and each of their respective parent companies and each such company's officers, directors, employees and agents; from and against any claim or cause of action, including, but not limited to, personal injury, death, or damage to or loss of property, arising out of participation in the Contest or receipt or use or misuse of any prize.
27. SWCA reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify the Contest, or any part of it, if any fraud, technical failures or any other factor beyond SWCA's reasonable control impairs the integrity or proper functioning of the Contest, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. SWCO reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or to be acting in violation of the Official Rules of this or any other promotion or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Any attempt by any person to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil law, and, should such an attempt be made, SWCA reserves the right to seek damages from any

such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. SWCA's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.

28. **Limitations of Liability:** SWCA is not responsible for: (1) any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by entrants, typographical errors, printing errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest; (2) technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software; (3) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the Contest; (4) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Contest or the processing of entries; or (5) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from entrant's participation in the Contest or receipt or use or misuse of any prize. If for any reason an entrant's entry is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost, or otherwise destroyed or corrupted, entrant's sole remedy is another entry in the Contest, if it is possible. If the Contest, or any part of it, is discontinued for any reason, Sponsor, in its sole discretion, may elect to hold a random drawing from among all eligible entries received up to the date of discontinuance for the prize offered herein.
29. **The judge's decision is final and will be subject to independent audit review.**
30. All attendees entering the event will be reviewed for any props that resemble a weapon and this item will be tagged once deemed safe to the public. All other items deemed unsafe will be confiscated by Show Management.

**Questions:**

If you have any questions about the *Star Wars* Celebration Anaheim Cosplay Competition, please contact us at [SWCCosplay@reedpop.com](mailto:SWCCosplay@reedpop.com).