



Cosplay Competition Entrance Form

If you would like to enter the Cosplay Competition, please complete all sections of this form prior to the event and register your entry in the Cosplay Zone between 10am and 1.30pm on Sunday 21st May 2023.

Please give as much detail as possible as the judges will use the information you provide to decide the finalists of each category. If you are filling in the form on behalf of an entrant please try to use their words and express their thoughts and feelings as much as possible.

For junior entries please also include who made the costume but try to emphasise the parts that the child made themselves or helped with.

Entrant's Full Name/s

Age (If under 16)

Which Category will you be competing in? (Please choose ONE category only)

Senior (Age 14 and over)

Junior (Under 14 years)

Team Cosplay (Groups of 2 or more. Characters must have a connected theme)

A Grand Champion will be chosen from the winners of all three categories.

I agree that I have read and will comply with the MDC+ Cosplay Competition Rules & Guidelines. I consent to the use of my picture and/or video footage for any future promotional efforts. I understand that my personal information will be stored by the Costume Contest Coordinators only and will not be shared with any outside party other than MDC+ Events or its designees. I understand that I **MUST** appear at Costume Contest Check-In on the day of the contest to complete the entry process.

Signature

(Parent or Guardian must sign for entrants under 18 yrs.)

SECTION 1 Originality/Accuracy

Which character are you cosplaying and from what Comic/TV series/Movie/Game/Book etc. does your character come from? (If you are depicting a character of your own creation please give us their name and a brief description of their powers)

Which elements of your costume do you think are key features of the character you are portraying? Is it the colour scheme? A particular weapon or prop? Their armour? Their hair? What do you think defines your character? For Example: THOR – Hammer, Blonde Hair, Armour. 4TH DOCTOR – Hat, Striped Scarf, Sonic Screwdriver

SECTION 2 Craftsmanship

Which elements of your costume have you made from scratch and/or adapted from bought items (please give details of what you have adapted and how).

SECTION 3 Creativity

Please tell us what materials you used to build items in your cosplay. For example: - Have you transformed a Bombay Pot Noodle into a Jawa Blaster? Made a utility pouch from a £1 Wash bag? Or constructed a Minion using hula hoops and chicken wire? (Yes we have actually done these things!!) This is your chance to show off how creative you've been. If you have made your costume, approximately how long has it taken to complete your outfit? Did you spend hours looking for the right materials or learning a new skill?

If your costume is made up from bought items, please give details of any pieces you spent time searching for and how long it took to adapt them to your finished cosplay.

SECTION 4 Passion

In your own words please tell us what you love about your character and why you wanted to cosplay them.

Please tell us the reasons why you love cosplay. Include how long you have been cosplaying for, what cosplay means to you and how it enhances your life.

The MDC+ Team and Unipool Cosplay would like to thank you for taking part in our cosplay competition and we have loved seeing your wonderful creations. Remember even if you don't get an award, there are no losers in cosplay. We are all winners if we're having fun!

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	<i>Judge 1</i>	<i>Judge 2</i>	<i>Judge 3</i>	<i>Judge 4</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Section 1</i>					
<i>Section 2</i>					
<i>Section 3</i>					
<i>Section 4</i>					
				<i>Grand Total</i>	

Competition Rules and Guidelines

Entry is free to all attendees with a valid purchased ticket. Entrants with complimentary passes may enter but in the interests of fairness will not be eligible for prizes. In these circumstances special commendations may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

All contestants must complete a Competition Entrance Form prior to registration, which will take place between 10am and 1.30pm in the main character and prop marquee. Whilst forms will be available on the day it is highly recommended they are completed prior to the event. Please give them as much information as possible as this will be used in the initial judging stage to decide the finalists in each category. A photograph or picture of the character you are portraying and/or the construction of your costume would also be beneficial and may be attached to your entrance form. Please use copies as we will be unable to return them at the end of the competition.

During registration each contestant will be photographed (front and back). Should there be a particular piece of your costume you spent hours slaving over or has a lot of detail that may be missed, please speak to the team and we will be happy to include a close up of that item.

To make the competition as fair as possible each judge will independently award up to 5 points for each section. The scores will then be added up and the 5 highest scores will have an extra opportunity to wow the judges in the finals later in the afternoon, where they will make their final decision based on the overall scores and any additional information provided.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Any item or activity that presents the possibility of damage to the entrants, their costumes, the audience, or the facility is prohibited. Carrying or displaying real weapons or weapon replicas of any sort is prohibited by Convention Management. Costume weapons may be worn as long as they are made from plastic, wood or foam and considered safe by event management. Prohibited items worn into the convention areas will be confiscated. Functional firearms are not permitted at any time in the convention or the costume contest. Fire and liquids are not permitted. Should you be unsure of the acceptance of any part of your costume please check with MDC+ Events prior to attending.
2. Good taste must be used in creation and presentation of costumes and talent. Gore, graphic violence, nudity, swearing, or other objectionable elements may be grounds for disqualification as determined by the Costume Contest Staff. The Costume Contest attracts many families and we wish to maintain a comfortable atmosphere for all spectators (PG-13).
3. Any participant may be disqualified from the contest by Show or Facility Management or Costume Contest Staff for failure to observe any of these rules. All decisions made by the judges are final. All prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the competition.
4. No entries will be accepted after check-in has concluded. The finalists from each category will be invited on stage at approx. 4pm. where the winners will be announced. Full costume must be worn at this time. Finalists must attend the final judging in full costume to qualify for their Awards.
5. Questions about Costume Contest rules and registration may be addressed to the Cosplay Contest Coordinators; please include "Costume Contest" in the subject line to unipoolcosplay@gmail.com.