



1) General Rules

- Entrants are attendees at Kelowna Fan Experience.
- Entrants must be 13 years of age or older.
- Participants will be photographed (for purposes of event documentation, promotional purposes and advertising) during the onstage portions of the event and award ceremonies. Participation in this competition means participants accept that their image will be captured and displayed beyond the onstage contest itself.

There are three divisions to the Cosplay Contest.

Novice:

The Novice level is a category designed for cosplayers of any skill level who have assembled a costume, but have not won any awards for their craftsmanship or costumes before. Anyone is welcome to enter the Novice category. This is a competitive category and your work will be prejudged by a panel, those interested in showcasing their cosplay in a less competitive environment are encouraged to enter the Masquerade.

Journeyman:

The Journeyman level is designed for those who've already won contests or awards in previous cosplay contests. If you have won any kind of award for your cosplay works, or have been cosplaying for a long enough time to have developed a level of skill that cannot be considered "Novice." Judges reserve the right to bump up contestants to the Journeyman category if they deem them skilled enough. Cosplayers at this level will be more in depth for their technical skill in building costumes and their overall craftsmanship.

Master:

The Master level of the competition is designed for highly skilled cosplayers. Builders with a personal history of cosplay, and awards and skill in their creations. Creators in the Master category have won awards previously and constructed many aspects of their costume from scratch. Competitors in this category demonstrate a level of familiarity with costume making that exceeds the average.

2) Registration

Registration for the Cosplay Contest must be done prior to the contest itself. Make sure to have your registration completed by July 14th to guarantee a spot in the contest. The registration link is below. To enter, contestants must be a ticket holder for Saturday at Kelowna Fan Experience 2023.

Tickets can be purchased at the door onsite during the event, but to guarantee entry, **purchase online here:** <https://theatre.kelowna.ca/upcoming-events/kelowna-fan-experience>

Register Here: <https://kelownafx.com/cosplay-contest/>



3) Costume Regulations

Costumes should NOT:

- Depict hateful or offensive content
- Include any materials that can pose a danger to others at the event
 - These include but are not limited to: sharp objects, real weapons, and wooden or metal props or costume parts that can pose a danger to other attendees.
- Include projectile launching props or throwing props or parts of the costume into the contest audience or crowds at the event
- While lights and effects are allowed on your costume, they should not pose a danger to others or yourself.
 - Examples include laser pointers or glitter cannon devices that can harm another person’s eyesight if misused.
- Have any open flame and flammable effects. They are 100% not allowed onsite.
- Your costume and its maintenance are your own responsibility- any repairs you need to make onsite should be made before lining up for the contest.

4) Conduct and Behaviour

KFX is a family friendly event. Contestants are expected to behave respectfully, and conduct themselves appropriately onstage and offstage. Be cool and compete in a way that reflects the hard work you’ve put into your costume! Basic human courtesy and politeness go a long way here. Cosplayers, like any attendees, are subject to the same rules for behaviour and etiquette. Do not photograph other competitors without permission, do not interact with others inappropriately. Respect personal boundaries. If at any time an attendee is found to break any of these rules, they will be asked to leave the premises.

5) Awards

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| Best in Show Highest Scoring contestant | Winner, Novice Highest scoring contestant in the Novice category |
| Winner, Master Highest scoring contestant in the Master category | Judge’s Choice (x3) Personal favourite entries of each Judge |
| Winner, Journeyman Highest scoring contestant in the Journeyman category | <i>*Additional Prizes subject to change</i> |

6) Contest Format

The Cosplay Contest will be conducted in order of numbered contestants. You will receive an email detailing your pre-judging time. Please make sure to be there for your assigned time or you will be unable to participate. As well, it is important to bring a **reference image** (printed or



on your phone) of your character (ideally the specific version you are cosplaying!). Our judges are skilled, but they may not be familiar with the character you are cosplaying, so this gives them a visual benchmark to compare your work to.

The contest will be judged on the following categories by each judge:

- **Craftsmanship (10 Points) - The technical skill involved in making your cosplay.**
- **Aesthetic Appeal (10 Points) - The visual appeal of your cosplay- is it visually engaging?**
- **Character Accuracy (10 Points) - The resemblance to the character you are portraying.**
- **Creativity (10 Points)- The level of personal ingenuity used to create variations on the existing design/add your own flair, or to solve technical challenges or complex elements of a character design using your own creative abilities.**

Each judge's score is worth up to a possible total of 40 points. The combined total of the judge's scores will be used to determine the winners of each award, with a maximum combined total of 120 points.

You will be judged by the panel of judges assigned. The MC/MCs will conduct the contest and give colour commentary.

Contestants will be introduced and conduct their stage walk in order, you will be given a number corresponding to your position in the order. You will have a maximum of 45 seconds-1 minute for your stage walk, as directed by the MC. Once you have concluded your stage walk, you will wait offside with the other contestants until recalled to the stage. Contestants will all line up for the audience and judges, who will determine their choices for the awards. The Judges' decisions are final, and once awards have been given, contestants are expected to stay onstage for a short period of time for audience and staff to photograph the assembled group- once you have been dismissed by the MC, you will leave the stage and be free to carry back on through the rest of the KFX event. While not a requirement, it's always good to congratulate your fellow competitors and thank the technical staff backstage on your way out!

We are on a schedule, and missing the timeline for contestant lineup, stage walk or awards will mean being ineligible to participate and/or win any awards.

7) Further Information

Any questions about KFX 2023's policy on costumes, costume safety, contest rules, etc. can be directed to festivals@newvintage.ca

Register Here: <https://kelownafx.com/cosplay-contest/>

Buy KFX Tickets Here: <https://theatre.kelowna.ca/upcoming-events/kelowna-fan-experience>