



1) General Rules

Masquerade is open to competitors of any skill level, experience or skill in costumery. There are no restrictions on the level of hand-crafted components needed. As a beginner-friendly and informal cosplay competition, it is a great competition for first-timers or those wanting to start off in a less competitive setting. There are no prerequisites for experience to enter.

To enter, contestants must be a ticket holder for Saturday June 16th at Kelowna Fan Experience 2022. Tickets can be purchased at the door onsite during the event, or purchased early at a lower rate through Select Your Tickets.

2) Registration

Registration should be done online before the Saturday KFX event, but can also be done during the Saturday of the event when the contest takes place. Registration is required. Registration is cut off 30 minutes before the event time, the day of the contest. Last minute signups will be taken up to 30 minutes before stage time at the contest!

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/masquerade_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

Masquerade Winner

The winner of the category, as determined by the panel of judges. This award is given based on a combination of factors, mostly in relation to the impression of your Stage Walk, and the Judges' assessments made during it.

Judge's Choice

Each judge will give an award for their favourite among the contestants. This award does not overlap, each Judge selects a different contestant and the Masquerade Winner is not eligible for a Judge's Choice award.

6) Contest Format

The Masquerade is an accessible, open format cosplay contest but serves more as a showcase for costumes. Awards given here are granted in part for costume quality but also for stage presence and engagement with the audience. Because of its informal style, it is judged in a less formal way. 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 of registration, 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 Masquerade Winner and Judge's Choice 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! If you are a contestant in the larger Cosplay Contest



as well, you should promptly find your place in the lineup of contestants for that event, as it immediately follows Masquerade.

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

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