



The World Series of Cosplay is a collaboration of all pop culture. It is a craftsmanship contest with a pre-judging session and a stage display. All entries must represent a character or element from the pop culture realm. Competitors will be evaluated on:

- Needlework – Cosplay constructed primarily through sewing, stitching, embroidery, etc.
- Armor – Cosplay constructed primarily by molding and shaping its outer layers using acrylic, EVA foam, Worbla, Wonderflex, cardboard, etc.
- FX – Cosplay that primarily features animatronics, optical effects, mechanical effects, special effects makeup, prosthetics, etc.

60% of the costume must be made by the wearer.

Selected contestants will be pre-judged for craftsmanship off-stage and then compete on the Main Stage. It is this part of the judging that each judge will tally up points based on the 3 skill categories to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of the World Series of Cosplay Qualifier.

Contestants will provide judges with a brief costume description for the host to read as they cross the stage. Only pre-selected music will play throughout the event. The time limit per participant on stage is approximately one minute. There are no group entries allowed.

World Series of Cosplay Qualifier Prizes

First Place

- Two (2) VIP Tickets for ToyCon (held in Las Vegas, USA)
- Championship Custom World Series of Cosplay Belt
- Hotel for two (2) nights in Las Vegas for ToyCon 2019
- Automatic entry into the World Series of Cosplay Finals

Second Place

- \$500 Prize
- Commemorative Medal

Third Place

- \$250 Prize
- Commemorative Medal



Prizes will be awarded based on judge rankings in each of the following categories: Needlework, Armor, and FX. Please note: these are the categories currently planned, but ToyXpo/ToyCon 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.

The World Series of Cosplay Rules:

Participants in the World Series of Cosplay must adhere to the following:

1. All selected contestants are responsible for all expenses related to competing in the World Series of Cosplay including all lodging and travel to and from the convention center. All contestants must have a badge or wristband valid on Sunday at ToyXpo.
2. Applicants can only enter once and only wear one costume per Show year. Applicants may not register multiple times with multiple costumes per Show year.
3. Group costumes are not allowed.
4. 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. ToyXpo reserves the right to edit introduction material for time and content.
5. All accepted contestants must check-in for craftsmanship judging on the contest day. Failure to appear at check-in will result in disqualification.
6. To be judged for accuracy as a visual reference, please bring a reference color photo of the character you are cosplaying when you arrive for onsite check-in..
7. 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.
8. No profanity, political, or religious statements are allowed on stage including messages on signs or clothes. Anyone who violates this will be disqualified from the 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 political agenda or message.



10. Costumes cannot be obscene or offensive, endorse any form of hate or hate group;
11. Costume cannot communicate messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and/or goodwill to which ToyXpo wishes to associate; and
12. Costume cannot depict, and cannot itself, be in violation of any law.
13. 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 before or after the competition.
14. No nudity. All costumes should provide enough coverage that's appropriate for a family-friendly Show. Gore, graphic violence or other objectionable elements may be grounds for disqualification as determined by the judges or ToyXpo Staff. TOYXPO reserves the right to decide what is considered appropriate for the show's audience.
15. 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.
16. Any participant may be disqualified from the contest by TOYXPO for failure to observe any of these rules. All decisions made by the judges are final.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. All entrants must be 12 or older to compete.
20. All participants who make it to prejudging will be required to sign a permission/release/waiver form to participate in the contest.
21. 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.



- 22. 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.**
- 23. 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.**
- 24. TOYXPO 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 TOYXPO's reasonable control impairs the integrity or proper functioning of the Contest, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. TOYXPO 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, TOYXPO reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. TOYXPO's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.**
- 25. Limitations of Liability: TOYXPO 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.**



26. The judge's decision is final and will be subject to independent audit review.

27. COSPLAY is NOT CONSENT Please be aware we strictly enforce a safe and fun environment at the ToyXpo. If you are found causing any issue, you will be removed from the event and banned for lifetime at any and all Toy Fanatics LLC events.

