

## Cosplay Craftsmanship Contest Rules Hamilton Comic Con

**Sign up at Cosplay 4 a Cause **  
**10 am - 2 pm for Craftmanship Contest**  
**2:30pm - 3:30pm for Walk-on Only**

1. If you don't want to be part of the Craftmanship Contest but just want to strut your stuff in our Walk-on portion please sign up at the time stated above
2. Journeyman, Artisan and Master Divisions must have made from scratch 80% of the costume you are entering. The Novice division may enter having made only 60% or more of their costume.

The Junior division has two sub-divisions.

- Junior Self-made: A Junior contestant who has largely or wholly constructed their own costume. Approximately 50% or more
- Junior Adult-Made: A Junior contestant whose costume has been largely or wholly constructed by an adult. If 60% or more was made by the Adult enter here.

3. The CREATOR of the costume/cosplay is the official "Entrant" and must be present at Judging. (The Costume/cosplay may be worn by a "model" who may be a friend or family member)

4. You will have 5 minutes or less assigned to you for judging, from start to finish.

5. There is no stage performance but a 'cat walk' done right before awards presentation
6. Recreation costumes and original designs allowed. All genres welcome.
7. Judges' decisions are final. Any disagreements or bullying may result in disqualification.
8. No cosplay that has Won a major award (honorable mentions or judges awards do not count) at another convention may be entered. Any entry found to be doing so will be disqualified.
9. **Store-bought costumes**  
**Are only allowed as part of the walk-on-stage portion of the contest and not eligible for prizes.**

### Craftmanship Judging

Pre-Judging will take place at the Cosplay 4 a Cause booth. You will be given a judging time at registrations. Our Judges will look for and ask about technical skill, finishing, fit, handling of fabric and materials, etc.

### Documentation aka Build Book

What is a build book? It is your documentation of your cosplay's work in progress containing examples of you working on your craft, it can include photos, fabric swatches, sketches, etc. Basically, proof that YOU did the work. **Build Books are optional BUT** all contestants should have a **reference photos** of the character design you are creating/cosplaying as the Judges may not know them.

The Standard Division System, in accordance with the International Costumers' Guild Guidelines, will be used as follows:

### Junior

- Any competitor under 13 years of age at the time of competition may compete in the Junior Division. The Junior Division is divided into two subdivisions:
- Junior Self-made: A Junior contestant who has largely or wholly constructed his/her own costume. Approximately 50% or more
- Junior Adult-Made: A Junior contestant whose costume has been largely or wholly constructed by an adult. If 60% or more was made by the Adult enter here.

### Novice Division

- A competitor who has won fewer than three (3) major awards in the Novice division of any masquerade, costume contest or other such events. Purchased costumes, professionals, and winners of Best in Show, Best in Class: Novice in the last year, or any award from a higher division from any event may not enter this division.

### Journeyman Division

- A competitor who has won fewer than three (3) major awards in the Journeyman division of any masquerade, costume contest or other such events. Purchased costumes, professionals, and winners of Best in Show, Best in Class: Journeyman in the last year, or any award from a higher division from any event may not enter this division.

## Artisan Division

- A competitor who has won fewer than three (3) major awards in the Artisan division of any masquerade, costume contest or other such events. Purchased costumes, professionals, and winners of Best in Show, Best in Class: Artisan in the last year, or any award from a higher division from any event may not enter this division.

## Master Division

- Any competitor, with the exception of those with purchased, commissioned, or rented costumes, may enter this division. If there are not sufficient Masters competing to fill this division, all entries for this division will be judged in the Artisan Division.

**This is a workmanship-based contest, if you have any questions or concerns, please talk to**

