

The rules in this document are subject to change, if you are interested in participating, please check the cosplay section of the website often to ensure you are aware of any updates or changes. Be advised that signing up for any cosplay contest is an affirmation that you agree to follow the rules presented on the Prince William Public Library website as well as any decisions made by cosplay staff prior to, or during, PWPL FanFest.

All cosplay events/panels have the potential to be photographed/filmed/recorded in some fashion. These recordings may be used in future galleries or promotions. Signing up for, and/or attending, any cosplay event is done with the understanding that recording could occur at any time, and permission is tacitly given for the participant's likeness to be used.

1. Any weapons must be PROP only. Any realistic type of weapon must have an orange cap to signify it is a prop. No live steel.
2. You can only enter in one category. Example: Adult, Kid, Group.
3. All costumes are welcome though we do encourage you to make some of your costume.
4. To be entered into the craftsmanship category for the contest you will need to have made 50% of your costume.
5. PWPL FanFest is a family-friendly event. All costumes must cover "swimsuit areas"-no nudity. Please limit the amount of gore if you are portraying a character that has gore on them. Nothing political, lude, or vulgar. Violation of these rules may cause you to be disqualified from the competition.
6. The contest is open to characters from published works; movies, TV shows, comic books, cartoons, video games, and card games. Along with original characters, but please bring some kind of reference for the original character.
7. Costumes must be handled by the contestant or by handler(s) the contestant brings to help.
8. Contestants are not allowed to throw anything off stage/walkway, nor use projectiles or use anything on stage/walkway that will leave a mess. This includes (but is not limited to) liquids, glitter, and confetti.
9. No pyrotechnics, fire, explosive devices, live animals, or similar special effects can be used during the competition; this includes smoke/smog machines and flash powder. Anyone who violates this rule may be disqualified from the competition and be asked to leave the event depending on the severity of the incursion.

