

## EC3 Cosplay Contest Rules

- Entries will be separated into four categories:
  - Children** - Ages 0 - 11
  - Teens** - Ages 12 - 17
  - Adults** - Ages 18 and up
  - Group** – At least two people in any combination of ages
- As with all other aspects of EC3, photographs will be taken during the Cosplay Contest. Any such photographs may be used for any Library or EC3 promotional or informational purpose.
- All contestants will be required to sign up to participate in the contest. Sign-ups will
- continue until 2:15, judging will begin at 2:30.
- Minors under 16 years of age may participate in the EC3 contest only if the sign-up form is signed by the minor's legal guardian.
- All cosplayers must abide by the rules of the convention. Please review the dress code, weapons policy, and other important rules. EC3 is a family-friendly event.
- No glitter, confetti, pyrotechnics, live flame, smoke generators, or noisemakers of any kind are allowed in the Anderson County Library.
- Parents/legal guardians are required to accompany children 11 years and younger during the Cosplay Contest.
- Vendors, Speakers, their guests, volunteers, and ACLS staff may participate in the Cosplay Contest, but will not be eligible to win prizes.
- Purchased, professionally made, or rented cosplays are prohibited for Teens and Adults. Such items are permitted for Children.
- Cosplays will be judged on a variety of criteria, including craftsmanship and overall effect.
- Official judging will take place at 2:30 on the stage. All cosplay contestants MUST be signed up already, with their identifying number, and present at judging to be considered for prizes.
- Contestants will be grouped by category. They will walk across the stage and may strike a pose in front of the judges before walking off. There will be no character monologues or scenes, and contestants will have no access to the sound system for voiceovers or music. However, this will be an opportune time for photographs.
- Decisions of the judges are final.