

# *CarrierCon 2024 Official Cosplay Contest Rules*

All participants and assistants must have a CarrierCon admission badge. Signups are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Registration will be on-site at the Info Desk. This will be located on the hangar deck near the entrance. Participants can register until 4PM on the day of CarrierCon, or until we reach a cap of 30 participants + 10 waitlisted, whichever comes first. Judging will take place between 2pm and 4pm. Call time for contestants is 4:45 at the main stage, the show starts at 5pm!

If competing for a craftsmanship-based award, costume(s) should be 70% “hand-made”. Handmade is being defined as having been constructed by the entrant. Craftsmanship entries should be prepared to briefly explain the process through which their costume was created, altered, or modified. Purchased costumes are allowed to enter but may only compete for the performance-based award.

This is a **walk-on** contest only, no full length performances. Each participant will have 30 seconds on stage with music provided by a DJ, to embody their character and show off their cosplay.

Awards include a free membership to the museum, a certificate, and cash! For any questions regarding the rules and sign-up details, please contact Liezl Fernando at [liezl@dreamscapecc.com](mailto:liezl@dreamscapecc.com).

## **General Rules**

- Entries may be by individuals or groups and may be of an existing character from any television show, film, comic, or literary property, or a custom creation by the entrant.
- All costumes and props must adhere to the CarrierCon policies. Please see CarrierCon's policies regarding costumes and props here: <https://uss-hornet.org/carriercon>
- This is a SC-13/PG-13 event – please keep this in mind when on stage. No profanity will be allowed on stage. That includes messages on signs or clothes. Violators will be removed from the competition. If you are unsure whether something is allowed or not, please email [liezl@dreamscapecc.com](mailto:liezl@dreamscapecc.com).
- The use of makeup/bodypaint/bodysocks to darken your skin to the appearance of another human race will not be permitted. This is grounds for immediate disqualification. The use of makeup/bodypaint/bodysocks to emulate a fantasy race with a non-human skin tone will be allowed. If there are any questions regarding this, please email [liezl@dreamscapecc.com](mailto:liezl@dreamscapecc.com).
- Each contestant may only appear on stage in a single entry.
- A Parent/Guardian may accompany participants whose age requires them to be under this supervision according to CarrierCon policy. Entrants must notify the coordinator of any guardians that will need to be present.

- All sign-ups are in-person only.
- No glitter, confetti, pyrotechnics, live flame or smoke generators of any kind are allowed aboard.
- No electrical power connections will be provided. If your costume requires power, it must be part of your costume.
- If a policy violation is discovered by any of the CarrierCon staff or judging panel, that entry will be disqualified.

The award categories are:

- Judge's Choice (3): Each judge will choose an entry that impressed them in some aspect of performance and/or craftsmanship
- Best in Craftsmanship: The entry that displayed the most skill and best execution in craftsmanship
- Best in Performance: The entry with the best embodiment of their character and stage presence
- Best in Show: The entry that showed excellence in both craftsmanship and performance