## **CARRIERCON OFFICIAL COSPLAY CONTEST RULES**

All participants and assistants must have a CarrierCon General Admission ticket. Purchased costumes are prohibited from entering the contest. Exceptions can be made for costumes that contain "modified" or "altered" pieces. All participants should be prepared to briefly explain the process through which their costume was created, altered, or modified. Costume(s) should be at least 70% "hand-made". Handmade is being defined as having been constructed by the entrant. Signups are on a first-come- first-served basis.

For questions, contact us at <u>outreach@uss-hornet.org</u>.

## **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: <u>https://uss-hornet.org/carriercon</u>
- 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 <u>outreach@uss-hornet.org</u>
- The use of makeup/bodypaint/bodysocks to darken your skin to the appearance of another human race will not be permitted. 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 <u>outreach@uss-hornet.org</u>.
- 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.
- 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:

- Best Individual
- Best Group\*
- Judge's Choice

\*Note: A group consists of two or more participants in related costumes.