

## **RAGECON Cosplay Contest Prizes and Rules**

### **Categories and Prizes**

**Best in Show:** 3 Day Pass for RAGECON 2023 + More prizes to be announced

**Best in Masters:** 3 Day Pass for RAGECON 2023 + More prizes to be announced

**Best in Journeyman:** 3 Day Pass for RAGECON 2023 + More prizes to be announced

**Best in Novice:** 3 Day Pass for RAGECON 2023 + More prizes to be announced

**Best Themed Cosplay (Video Game/Tabletop Game Characters):** RAGE Bucks

**Best Youth Costume:** RAGE Bucks

**Judges Awards:** RAGE Bucks

ALL WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A FRAMED PLAQUE/PRINTED CERTIFICATE ON TOP OF MENTIONED PRIZES

### **General Rules**

\* Any costumes that have won an award at a previous convention are not allowed. If the costume was featured in a past cosplay contest but did not win any awards, you are more than welcome to enter with that costume.

\* Although all prizes and awards will be presented based on craftsmanship, anyone is welcome to display their costume in the contest, bought or made! However, please note that any costume which does not appear for craftsmanship judging will not be eligible for a prize (excluding youth costumes).

\* Please do not bring any items to the judges that may be seen as a bribe. Even if it's in character, anything that is seen as a way to boost your chances of getting a better score with the judges such as bringing gifts or food is not allowed. We want our judges to focus on your amazing work, no need to win them over with anything else other than your awesome self!

\* Please keep all cosplays PG-13. RAGECON is a family friendly event and any costumes that may be deemed too inappropriate to fit the PG-13 rating will be disqualified. If you have any questions regarding your costume, please contact our cosplay coordinator at [cosplay@ragecon.com](mailto:cosplay@ragecon.com).

\* All costume entries will be walk-ons! A walk-on is a short presentation where you'll have 30 seconds to shine! Pose for the cameras, show off your hard work, and bring your character to life!

\* Finally, have fun! We're offering some awesome prizes this year so it's easy to get caught up in the competition. But this is all for fun so bring out your best costume, flaunt your stuff on stage, and make this years RAGECON a memorable one!

### **Best in Show**

\* Costume must be at least 70% made by the participant, or the creator of the costume must be present with their model at the time of judging.

\* Stage presentation will be taken into account when judging, however the craftsmanship will be the main focus.

\* Anyone from any skill category is eligible for the title of Best in Show.

### **Best in Masters**

\* Costume must be at least 70% made by the participant, or the creator of the costume must be present with their model at the time of judging.

\* Stage presentation will be taken into account when judging, however the craftsmanship will be the main focus.

\* Anyone is welcome to join the Masters category as this is the highest tier. There is no limit on past awards or professional background.

### **Best in Journeyman**

\* Costume must be at least 70% made by the participant, or the creator of the costume must be present with their model at the time of judging.

\* Stage presentation will be taken into account when judging, however the craftsmanship will be the main focus.

\* In order to be considered a Journeyman cosplayer, you must have won no previous major awards over Best in Journeyman.

\* Competitors who run cosplay as a business or have professional costuming backgrounds may not enter the Journeyman category.

### **Best in Novice**

- \* Costume must be at least 70% made by the participant, or the creator of the costume must be present with their model at the time of judging.
- \* Stage presentation will be taken into account when judging, however the craftsmanship will be the main focus.
- \* In order to be considered a novice cosplayer, you must have never won any major awards at a convention over Best in Novice, such as Best in Show. If you have won smaller awards at previous conventions such as a judges award or a non-craftsmanship related award such as best performance, you are still eligible for the Novice category.
- \* Competitors who run cosplay as a business or have professional costuming backgrounds may not enter the novice category.

### **Best Themed Cosplay (Video Game/Tabletop Game Characters)**

- \* Costume DOES NOT need to be made by the participant or anyone else. Store bought costumes are eligible for this category.

### **Best Youth Cosplay (12 and under)**

- \* Costume DOES NOT need to be made by the participant or anyone else. Store bought costumes are eligible for this category.

### **Judges Awards**

- \* Three judges awards will be given out to each judges favorite entry, whether the costume was made or not. Judges may choose their personal favorite entry based on craftsmanship, stage presentation, or both.