

PELI CON 2025 COSPLAY CONTEST - RULES AND INFORMATION

Peli Con has four (4) categories for the Cosplay Competition. Here is the Breakdown!

Advanced: (14 and up)

This category is for competitors who compete at the Intermediate (Journeyman) and Master levels.

Has won multiple major awards at Intermediate and Master level at other cons.

At least 75% of your cosplay is handmade, crafted, or modified.

Beginner (14 and up)

This category is for first time crafters, or for crafters who compete at the Novice level.

Has never won a major award in Intermediate or Master level. (For example, if you have only won judges awards or best novice/beginner but nothing higher, you may still compete in this category.)

At least 50% of your cosplay is handmade, crafted, or modified

Runway Category (14 and up)

This category is for our non-craftsmanship competitors.

Cosplay can be bought or made, but will not be judged for craftsmanship

Competitors will be solely judged on stage presence.

Youth (13 and under)

Cosplay can be made or bought.

Must have adult supervision and consent to participate.

These young competitors will be judged on stage presence. Craftsmanship will be factored into judging if applicable. If a Youth competitor wishes to be judged for their craftsmanship (though not required) they may choose to attend pre-judging.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Costumes must be from Anime, Fantasy, Gaming, or any fandom genre. Original character designs are

allowed.

2. Contestants must always have shoes on.
3. No projectile props/weapons or throwing objects at the audience during skits and walk-ons that could cause harm to someone else, or anything that requires cleanup.
4. No metal/live/ real weapons
5. Keep it PG!! This is a family friendly event!! No NSFW conduct/ nudity/ profanity allowed
6. No running into audience during performance
7. All forms of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a warning and then disqualification.
8. No custom audio music.
9. Group entries are allowed to have up to 4 people

Craftsmanship Rules: (the following rules do not apply to Runway or Youth categories)

1. You will be judged based on the craftsmanship of your cosplay.
2. Bought cosplays are not allowed in these categories. All bought cosplays will be entered in the Runway category.
3. You MUST be pre-judged before the contest. This is so the judges can look at your craftsmanship and talk to you about your process. Not participating in pre-judging will disqualify you from craftsmanship awards.
4. Build books and reference photos are not required but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!! This helps the judges to see your progress, and how you built your cosplay.
5. Peli Con has a "no sandbagging" rule. Sandbagging is when a person enters a competition with the same exact costume that has previously won a major award at any competition, such as best intermediate, best master, or best in show. Some exceptions are allowed, such as if you modify or upgrade 50% of a best novice or best intermediate winning cosplay. Those exceptions should be entered in our advanced category. A costume that has already received best master or best in show at a previous contest, cannot be entered.
6. During pre-judging you will have up to 5 minutes to show your work to the judges and explain your craftsmanship.
7. Prejudging will take place at 12:30 PM on the main stage. The judges will spend up to 5 minutes speaking with each individual or group entry about the construction of their costume(s).

Peli Con Cosplay Contest Awards: (Prizes TBA)

Best in Show

Best Advanced

Best Beginner

Best Runway

Best Youth