

The Comic Book I-CON Costume Contest rules and registration

1. Anyone in costume, with valid admission to the Midwest Comicon, can enter the contest. All costumes are welcomed and encouraged as long as they conform to the rules.
2. The adult contest will consist of 6 categories: Humans, ages 16 and up. Best male, best female, male runner-up, female runner-up, fan favorite and best in show. The juvenile contest will consist of 5 categories: Smaller humans, ages 15 and down. Best girl, best boy, girl runner-up, boy runner-up and best in show. Youth contestants must have a guardian present during the contestants judging.
3. The registration table is near the stage. Registration must be completed 30 minutes before the contest starts. (1:30 PM for adults, 3:30 PM for juveniles.) Only the first 50 registrations daily will be accepted.
4. All contestants must sign a waiver for photography. Juvenile's guardians will be asked to sign a waiver for photography. Photographs can and will be used to promote this and future events on all media formats.
5. Contestants are allowed to provide a likeness photograph of the character they are portraying. Judges are not responsible for researching costumes and characters.
6. Legal real and prop weapons used as part of the costume are allowed with restrictions. You are expected to act responsibly with your weapon, and you may be asked to check your weapon in to the Midwest Comicon staff if we deem the weapon potentially dangerous to your fellow attendees. If you decide to carry a weapon, by signing your registration form, you accept any legal and financial responsibility for any damage your weapon may cause to persons or property. We ask that the following prop restrictions be observed:
 - No metal weapons.
 - No real guns, loaded or unloaded.
 - No smoke or fog machines.
 - No fluids, gels, or other substances which can stain or require cleaning.
 - No projectiles.
 - No aerosol sprays.
7. Anyone who is purposely scaring or threatening children or other attendees may be asked to leave the convention.
8. Grown-ups: NO blatant nudity. This is a family event. Please use discretion with your character, props, and performance content.
9. No live animals, glitter, confetti, pyrotechnics, or live flames are allowed. Services animals are allowed. Sabretooth tigers are not services animals, Ka-Zar.
10. No electricity or batteries will be provided at the convention for costumes. Character acting is highly encouraged within safety limits, but a skit is not required. No special requests for music, lighting, special effects, relocation of judging, etc. can be provided.
11. All contestants must be able to gain entrance into the judging area under their own power, or with assistance from their own handlers. Handlers will not be provided. Your entry must be completed before you get to the staging area. No sewing, gluing, spray painting, welding, or other construction work is allowed backstage. However, final assembly of large costumes and/or props and unexpected repairs will be allowed.
12. Participants will be given a number at registration. This is how the judges will identify you, and how fan favorite will be voted on by the crowd.
13. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of all categories.
14. Judges rulings are final. Unfortunately, everyone will not receive a prize. The Comic Book I-CON has the right to eliminate any entry from the competition on the basis of taste, danger to the audience/building/participants, violation of any of the above rules, or any other reason deemed sufficient.
15. Have fun. And please print neatly.

Contestant name

Character name

Town or city you live in (You. Not your character)

Phone number and/or e-mail address

ADULTS: I agree that I have read and will comply with the Comic Book I-CON Costume Contest Rules, and I further consent to the use of my picture, video footage, and the likeness of my costume by Show Management in future promotional efforts and news articles. I understand that my personal information will be stored by the Costume Contest Coordinators only and will not be shared with any outside party other than the Iowa Comic Book Club or its designees. By signing below, I attest that I am age 18 or older.

Contestant signature

MINORS: As a legal guardian of this participant, I agree that I have read and will comply with the Comic Book I-CON Costume Contest Rules, and I further consent to the use of the contestant's picture, video footage, and the likeness of his/her costume by Show Management in future promotional efforts and news articles. I understand that personal information will be stored by the Costume Contest Coordinators only and will not be shared with any outside party other than the Iowa Comic Book Club or its designees.

Guardian Signature

Relationship to contestant

Age of contestant