**Cosplay Contest Rules:**

Below are our rules for cosplayers and for the cosplay contest. These rules apply to ALL cosplayers regardless of entry to the contest or not.

1. Costumes must be suitable for a family audience and in compliance with the Harris-Elmore Public Library Code of Conduct. All entries must maintain a PG-13 rating or below. All costumes must be secured at all times, without episodes of indecency or wardrobe malfunctions. No violent or sexual costumes, content, or displays; foul language will not be tolerated. Library Staff reserve the right to turn away any entry deemed inappropriate and/or in violation of the Harris-Elmore Public Library Code of Conduct. If turned away, you must change into appropriate attire or leave.

2. Mock or Play-fighting is prohibited (unless it is part of a scheduled demonstration). Wielding or handling weapons or props in a way that could potentially cause harm to others is prohibited, whether there was intent to harm others or not.

3. Oversized props that pose a mobility hazard through doors or public areas are prohibited. Recommended dimensions less than four feet in any direction; items in excess will be judged on a case by case basis.

4. Any prop, outfit, or armor piece must not be made of a material that can injure a passerby via a sharp edge, point, spike or stud. If those shapes are required for the costume, then use cloth or foam—not metal or hardened/reinforced plastics.

5. All weapons must be non-working. No functioning projectile weapons – including water pistols, silly-string guns, and ping-pong pistols. Bladed weapons must be cased or sheathed and zip tied at all times.

6. Props cannot be thrown, tossed, shot, or swung regardless of its construction and functionality. They must be under the holder’s control at all times.

7. Props must be secured to a costume or held in a manner such that they do not endanger others. Be aware that the Fan Fest may become quite crowded, so take appropriate precautions.

8. Props may be inspected at any time, even if they are not listed in this

document specifically.

9. Props in violation of these guidelines will not be permitted in the building.

Anyone found in violation of these guidelines may be disqualified from the competition and asked to leave the library.

10. Contestants MUST be registered ONLINE in for the contest they want to enter at by September 15th at 8pm. The Contest will begin on September 17th at 11am at the Elmore Community Center (410 Clinton St.). We will not allow any last minute or in person entries.

11. Contestants MUST be in the Elmore Community Center at least 30 minutes prior (10:30 am) to the posted start time for that contest for pre-judging (rules, registration, etc.)

12. No skits! We will also not accept soundtrack suggestions or lighting cues.

13. Contestants can only participate in the category that corresponds to their age:

* Kids (age 11 and younger),
* Teens (age 12-17)
* Adults (age 18 and older).

Each category will be judged individually

14. Each contestant may only enter one costume into the competition.

15. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

* Presentation
* Creativity (Use of imagination or originality of concept)
* Craftsmanship
* Overall appearance, and how well the character is presented and showcased to judges

In the event of a tie, the two contestants will be asked to present their cosplay to judges again. The resulting scores will break the tie.

**POINT SYSTEM FOR JUDGING**

* Each criteria will be judged 1-10 with 10 being the highest
* All criteria will be added together
* Judges will combine scores and discuss discrepancies

**CONTEST TIMELINE**

10:30 am-11am

 Contestants will check in with judges at the Elmore Community Center. They will receive a number to display while judging.

11am-11:15am

Kids Cosplay Contest Begins

11:15am-11:30am

Teen Cosplay Contest Begins

11:30am-11:45am

Adult Cosplay Contest Begins

11:45am-12pm

Judges will compile all contest scores (kids/teens/adults).

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners in all Contests will be announced

Prizes Awarded. Pictures Taken. Thank you to the contestants.