

Cosplay Contest Rules

Cosplay Contest Guidelines:

- Only students may compete.
- There will be 2 divisions of competition: **Craftsmanship** and **Presentation**.
- In order to compete for a prize in Craftsmanship, 50% of your costume must be made or altered by you. (example : Painting shoes and/or adding pieces to them = altering). **Registration and Pre-judging is mandatory.** Time and place to be announced.
- Contestants who did not make or alter at least 50% of their costume may compete in Presentation. **Registration is required.**
- Costumes and props must be able to traverse stairs.
- No throwing items off the stage.
- No special effects (ie pyrotechnics, electronic flashes)
- Everything you bring on stage must leave with you; no glitter, water, flower petals, etc.

Costume Guidelines: Nerdvana Con is a family friendly event. All costumes must be suitable for public display and conform to NISD dress code for Con admittance. Shoes must be worn at all times.

Prop Guidelines: *Props will be allowed providing they are composed of foam or cardboard only and do not resemble any of the weapons below*

Misuse of a prop or engaging in any type of inappropriate behavior (fighting, sparring, horseplay) will result in the immediate removal of the prop and/or cosplayer. All props are subject to review by NISD staff. All inappropriate items will be asked to be removed from premises or stored in your vehicle.

The following items WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES:

Firearms/Projectiles: No facsimile or real firearms (replica, antique or otherwise)

Bladed Weapons: No weapons with a metal or facsimile blade (sharpened or not)

Blunt Force Weapons: No real or facsimile blunt force weapons including but not limited to blackjacks, nightsticks, maces, tomahawks. **If in doubt, don't bring it!**