

# Chelsea Jamboree Costume Contest Guidelines

## Costume Guidelines

- Costumes from all genres of fandom and non-cosplay Halloween costumes are acceptable. Handmade and self-constructed costumes are highly encouraged but not necessary.
- As a courtesy to other patrons, please have any makeup or costuming done before the event.
- All costumes must be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages.
  - Nudity or any illusion to it is prohibited. All contestants must have at least 60% of their body covered with clothing- extreme necklines, bare chests are not allowed. Contestants wearing Mesh, sheer or other see-through clothing or body paint as a part of their costume must still meet the minimum coverage requirements.
  - All contestants must wear clothing (shorts, skirt, etc) that completely covers their behind.
- Shoes, boots, slippers, or plastic type foot prosthetics are required (socks are not considered foot coverings.) If your character does not wear shoes, the lack of accuracy in your costume will be forgiven.
- Makeup, body paint or face paint should not come off in casual contact.
- No open carry of firearms.
- For safety reasons, the following props are not allowed:
  - Live animals (with the exception of service animals)
  - Substances that might damage or stain the stage or other costumes and participants (i.e. fake blood, glitter, confetti, silly string, water, messy body or face paint etc.)
  - Projectiles of any kind. Don't throw anything.
  - Flames, pyrotechnics or explosives of any kind.
  - Metal bats, large wrenches or shovels.
- **The Chelsea Chamber has the right to modify these rules on the spot to protect conference attendees and the safety of the event.**

## Contest Guidelines

- [Contestants must register for the contest by 10:45 a.m. and be ready by 11am.](#)
- Contestants will have 45 seconds to complete the catwalk. This is enough time to walk to the end of the catwalk, strike a pose and walk back.

- Swearing, sexual humor, flashing, extreme political or religious statements or other inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Contestants engaging in such behavior will be immediately disqualified and removed from the event.
- For safety reasons, no running, jumping, or acrobatics.
- Throwing props is not allowed.
- Awards will be presented shortly after each group. Prizes must be claimed on-site and winners must be present to win.
- **CONTESTANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL DAMAGES AND/OR MEDICAL BILLS THAT MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF NOT OBEYING THE RULES.**

## Costume Contest Judging Criteria

- **Quality**  
What we look at: If your costume is handmade or store bought, we look at the stitching, material and fit. Handmade costumes get a bonus on this category. If you have compiled your costume from things found around the house, we look at how you have modified them, how you paired them and how creative you were. We also take into account, wig styling and make-up.
- **Tips:** We favor handmade costumes over anything else. If your costume is handmade, make sure to let us know how you made it, if not, try and put more emphasis on something you styled, like your wig or make-up.
- **Accuracy**  
What we look at: We will be checking how faithful your costume, hair, make-up and props are to the character you're dressing as.
- **Presentation**  
What we look at: The goal of the costume is to look as much like your character as possible, this includes body motions and phrases you say. Those who act in character will score higher than those who do not.
- **Tips:** Talk in the tone of your character and try to say things that he would say. Stand, pose and move like him too.
- **Effort**  
What we look at: We will try and determine how hard each person had to work to complete his costume, find a rare prop, style the appropriate wig or do his make-up.