

Costume Contest Rules

1. Any item or activity that presents the possibility of damage to the entrants, their costumes, the audience, or the facility is prohibited. Carrying or displaying weapons or weapon replicas of any sort is prohibited by Convention Management *except during the Costume Contest*. In other words, you may bring secured weapons directly to the contest, but you *cannot* wear or carry weapons into the convention areas or halls. Weapons must be removed and securely wrapped immediately upon leaving the stage. Prohibited items worn into the convention areas will be confiscated. **Functional firearms are not permitted at any time in the convention or the costume contest.** Fire and liquids are not permitted on stage.
2. Good taste must be used in creation and presentation of costumes and talent. Gore, graphic violence, nudity, swearing, or other objectionable elements may be grounds for disqualification as determined by the Costume Contest Staff. The Costume Contest attracts many families each year and Gen Con wishes to maintain a comfortable atmosphere for all spectators (PG-13).
3. Any participant may be disqualified from the contest by Gen Con Show Management or Costume Contest Staff for failure to observe any of these rules. All decisions made by the judges are final. All prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the contest.
4. Special stage requests will be considered but cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be submitted in writing along with the registration form.
5. **All contestants must check in and be pre-judged. A valid convention badge will be required at check-in, as well as TWO generic tickets.** Refer to the Costume Contest timetable on the Gen Con website and in the Program Guide for check-in times and location.
6. **No entries will be accepted after check-in has concluded. Contestants who do not appear at check-in will be dropped.**
7. Restrooms are available in the convention center. Entrants are responsible for their own belongings. Gen Con is unable to provide a secure area for personal items. Contestants may bring an assistant to help with their belongings.
8. **Contestants may supply music** to be played during their performance. Music must be submitted at check-in and must be on a CD or a flash drive in MP3 or MP4 format. Gen Con is unable to connect electronic devices directly to the house sound system.
9. Questions about Costume Contest rules and registration may be addressed to the Costume Contest Coordinator. Contact Anne Brown at genconcostumelady@gmail.com. Please do not send entries via email; emailed entries will be ignored. Include the words "Costume Contest" in the subject line.
10. **Emcee introductions must be emailed to the Costume Contest Coordinator by midnight on Saturday, July 30. See Rule #9.**
11. If you use spam-blocking software, please adjust your settings to accept email from the Costume Contest Coordinator (see Rule #9) so you can receive communication via email.
12. Any prize money not claimed by Sunday at 4 pm at the close of the convention will be forfeited.
13. A maximum of three awards will be presented to winners of the Group category.

All Events to be professionally captured/recorded for livestream/V.O.D. distribution exclusively through Gen Con channels.

Events in program are intended to be streamed live on Gen Con's Main Stage Twitch channel with minimal live editing. Post show, Events to be distributed on all standard channels of digital distribution.

Gen Con Indy 2022 Costume Contest Entry Form

To preregister, MAIL this form to: **Anne Brown, Costume Contest Coordinator, 7028 W. Van Beck Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53220.** Must be postmarked by Monday, July 25. EMAIL your emcee intro by Saturday, July 30 (see below for more details).

To register on-site, deposit this form in the box marked **"Costume Contest Entry Forms"** at the Information Booth before 9 am on Saturday, August 6, or bring it directly to Costume Contest Registration beginning at 9:30 am.

Contestant Name: _____
(Your legal name, **not** the name of the character you will represent.)

Home Address: _____

City, State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Entry: _____

Category: (select all that apply) Please note the rule regarding the Professional category before making a selection

Pop Culture Game Characters Super Heroes Fantasy / Historical

Professional Child Groups Pot Luck (anything else)

Costume Source: (game, movie, etc.) _____ **Presentation Length:** (max 2 min) _____

Special Requests (if known): Music Microphone Other (specify) _____

Onsite: Be sure to attach your typed or neatly written emcee introduction (100 words or less) to this form.

Pre-registrations: Email the introduction by midnight on Saturday, July 30 (see rule #10).

Read and agree to the following before signing:

I agree to comply with the 2022 Gen Con Costume Contest Rules, and I further consent to the use of my picture, video footage, and the likeness of my costume by Gen Con Management for streaming, VOD, and any future promotional efforts.

I understand that my personal information will be stored by the Costume Contest Coordinator only and will not be shared with any outside party other than Gen Con LLC or its designees.

I understand that I must appear at Costume Contest Check-In on the day of the contest to complete the entry process; if I do not appear, I will be dropped from the contest.

Signature: _____
(Parent or Guardian must sign for entrants under 18 yrs. old)

Note: This form enters you in the Costume Contest ONLY; visit the registration area in the Indiana Convention Center to register for Gen Con.