



## JUNIOR COSPLAY SHOWCASE

A runway show for our junior cosplayers 12 and under. Give our stage a walk to show off your awesome costume!

### GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The showcase will take place on **Saturday, July 6** in the Exhibitor's Hall at the Tampa Bay Convention Center.

All contestants must have a valid pass for **Saturday** of METROCON.

All contestants must have a present parent or guardian.

All entrants must fill out an application form to be considered. You must use your legal name and information on the application (preferred name will be used onstage).

Contestants must be 12 and under. There is no minimum age, but contestants must be able to walk onstage by themselves (unless a handler or accessibility accommodations are otherwise needed). If a contestant requires assistance getting on a stage with stairs, please notify cosplay staff in the application so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

Applications will close June 1, 2024 or when 20 contestants have applied. Applications will be reviewed in the order they were received. There will be limited onsite applications available at the convention at the Cosplay Booth until **Saturday at 12pm**.

Costumes may not exceed a PG13 rating (at the discretion of the cosplay leadership).

All props must comply with METROCON prop policy and must be checked for safety prior to entering the convention.

Contestants may not throw anything into the audience or enter the audience during the contest.

All contestants must arrive 30 minutes prior to the contest start for lineup.

The results of our judges are binding and final. Harassment of Judges or Cosplay Staff over disagreement of awards will not be tolerated and may result in being banned from future METROCON costume contests.

METROCON staff reserves the right to disqualify a contestant for misconduct or any reason at their sole discretion.

By submitting an entry, contestants confirm that they have read and agree to all of the rules and regulations of the Junior Cosplay Showcase.

The showcase will be limited to 30 participants, 20 pre-reg and 10 sign ups available at the convention.

Groups will be allowed up to 4 participants. Groups will have a singular award and prizes for the entire group. Groups must be from the same series.

Contestants are highly encouraged to make or modify their costume. Fully pre-made costumes will not be allowed.

Original designs will be accepted if based on existing source material.

Each contestant may only enter one costume into the contest.

Contestants will need to walk up several steps onto the stage and have approximately 20 seconds and 3 poses. Pose spots will be marked.

Contestants will be judged during a brief intermission by our cosplay guests. All contestants will receive a prize for participation.

Prizes for awards **can** include but are **not limited to**: cash prizes, medals, trophies, METROCON merch, METROCON weekend passes for 2025, vendors room swag, professional photoshoots, and donations of gift cards by sponsors for wigs, makeup, cosplay supplies, and more!

## **JUDGING**

Judging categories are as follows:

- Cleanliness
- Creativity
- Technical Skills
- Stage Presence
- Overall look and presentation