



## JUNIOR COSPLAY SHOWCASE 2026

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, Aug 1** 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.

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

There will be onsite sign-ups available at the convention at the Cosplay Booth up until one hour before the showcase. The showcase will be limited to 20 participants.

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.

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!

Each contestant may only enter one costume into the contest.

Contestants will need to appear on stage and have approximately 20 seconds for 3 poses. Pose spots will be marked.

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

Prizes for awards **can** include but are **not guaranteed to be or limited to**: award certificates, METROCON merch, METROCON weekend passes for 2027, vendors room swag, and donations of gift cards by sponsors for wigs, makeup, cosplay supplies, and more!