

COSPLAY RULES & GUIDELINES

Make sure you have read these rules and that you understand them - if you have any questions, contact us.

If you've never been in a Cosplay competition, it will work something like a fashion parade. The Master of Ceremonies will announce each entrant, who will then go on stage either to parade or do a short performance to best display the costume. What you do on stage is entirely up to you; we advise you to record a short soundtrack to accompany your act. The judges will be seated in front of the stage.

Unlike a fashion show though, this is an ideal opportunity to make and present the costume you've always wanted to do for yourself! Reproductions of historical costumes; costumes from film, TV or a favourite book; fantasy; science fiction; anime and cartoon; and any other original designs of costuming are welcome.

A special note on the judging: You have a 45 second time limit on stage. Although a quick presentation is often the best, the judges in previous years have mentioned that they found some entrants difficult to judge because the costume was not fully displayed. So, whether you are doing a straight walk-on or a devised presentation, we recommend that you give each side of your costume, as well as any special features, a good showing. But please keep within the time limit.

HOW DO I ENTER?

First, tick the box to enter when you purchase your ticket, the organiser will email you the competition form to fill out and return. There is also an online form on our website at www.acg.org.au/ball. Either way it must be received by us before 24 August 2017.

The Basic Ball Rules also apply to all Parade Entrants.

You - that is the person entering the costume - must be attending the Ball to enter the Cosplay Competition. If you are using a model (or models), they must also have tickets to the Ball.

A NOTE ON WHAT IS COSTUME; AND WHAT IS HISTORICAL

The Oxford English Dictionary's definition of 'costume' is: "*The mode or fashion of personal attire and dress (including the way of wearing the hair, style of clothing and personal adornment) belonging to a particular nation, class, or period.*" However the Guild broadens that definition to include any outfit that would not be considered 'normal' everyday clothing, for this current time period.

The Guild's definition of Historical is a re-creation of any costume or costume style that was around *before **you** were born*. You may choose to re-create from an historical movie, artwork, photograph or any other past times source. You may wish to interpret a style from the past either directly or in some variation.