

Costume Contest Judging Criteria

- **Creativity**
The more creative your costume and character are, the better
- **Accuracy**
We will be checking how faithful your costume, hair, make-up, and props are to the character you're dressing as.
- **Presentation**
The goal of the costume is to look as much like your character as possible, this includes body motions and phrases you say.
- **Effort**
We will try and determine how hard each person had to work to complete their costume, props, style the appropriate wig or do their make-up.

Costume Guidelines

- Costumes from all genres of fandom are acceptable. Handmade and self-constructed costumes are highly encouraged but not necessary.
- 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.
- 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.
- Masks are allowed **ONLY** for the costume contest, masks will **NOT** be permitted throughout the fairgrounds.
- Makeup and/or face paint should not come off in casual contact.
 - Fake blood is **NOT** allowed.
- Costume weapons are **NOT** allowed.
- For safety reasons, the following props are not allowed:
 - Live animals (with the exception of service animals)
 - Substances that might damage or stain facilities or other costumes and participants (i.e. fake blood, silly string, water, messy body or face paint etc.)
 - Aerosol Sprays (Please apply hairspray or hair color before you leave home)
 - Projectiles of any kind. Don't throw anything
 - Flames, pyrotechnics or explosives of any kind
 - No Fake or Costume Weapons of any kind
- **Dinwiddie County Fair Personnel have the right to modify these rules on the spot to protect fair attendees and the safety of the event.**

Contest Guidelines

- 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 throwing props or acrobatics.
- Awards will be presented shortly after each group. Prizes must be claimed on-site and winners must be present to win.