

## **The March Hare's Mad Cosplay Soiree Costume Contest Rules**

### Categories:

- Handmade  
Must be at least 80% handmade. Please be prepared to explain your processes.
- Hybrid Made & Purchased  
Costume is less than 80% handmade.
- Group  
Groups may be of any size and be one costume worn by multiple people or multiple costumes in a related group.
- Best Alice in Wonderland Themed Costume  
May be any character from the Lewis Carroll pantheon
- Best Altered Costume  
Costume takes inspiration from a character but alters it. For example, Steampunking, Genderbent, etc. This is open to your interpretation.

### The Contest:

- Registration opens at 6pm.
- Please have your form completed and reference materials readily available. Forms will be available at the site.
- At registration, you will meet with the judges who will assess your costume. They may ask you questions regarding your processes, your inspirations, your reference, etc.
- During the ball, there will be a "walk" during which time you will go before the audience. You will have approximately 15-20 seconds to show off your costume.
- Judging will be completed and winners announced shortly after the walk.

### Costumes may be judged on:

- Faithfulness to source material (Can we tell who you are?)
- Originality
- Quality of execution
- Presentation (Are you selling it?)

### Rules:

- All entries are strongly encouraged to bring reference material for their costume. While we will not turn away entries that do not bring reference material, it is very helpful! Not all judges know all characters and creatures, so it's in everyone's best interest to bring a color photo (or several) if at all possible. If costume is an original design, then reference images of inspiration or in cases of characters from novels, a printed description from the literary work will be most helpful. Digital devices may be used to present reference photos to the judging panel.
- No political or religious statements. No hate or gang symbols, even historical hate symbols like swastikas

- No roller blades, roller skates, skateboards or any other wheels on the ground (Unless medically necessary).
- No animals of any kind (Except service animals)
- No nudity. Full body paint is not considered a costume.
- No confetti, silly string, liquid, loose glitter, fireworks, pyrotechnics, smoke machines, or any other small messy items that can be tossed, dripped or fired at the crowd or judges. Everything that comes on stage with you must go back off with you. Nothing that cannot be and is not picked up by you easily at the end of your entry.
- No electrical power connections will be provided. If your costume requires power, it must be part of your costume.
- Must follow the weapon's policy
- Please be reasonable when determining the size of your costume as this is a ballroom. Costume should be manageable by the wearer, and fit easily through a handicap sized standard doorway, both forwards and sideways. Wearer must be able to move freely and safely.
- Each contestant may present or wear one and only one costume, or in cases of group entries, each member may wear one costume per person or may wear one costume together (i.e. large costumes that require several people inside to move it.)
- To be considered in the Hand-made category, costumes do not have to be worn by its creator. Costume creators may have a "model" for their costume but the costume creator MUST be present at the pre-judging portion as well as the entire costume contest.
- The judges' decisions are final. Management reserves the right to modify, update, or amend these rules at any time.
- Open only to ticket holders.
- We reserve the right to limit the number of participants in the contest.
- Not responsible for any personal items and unfortunately cannot hold or secure any belongings for contestant entrants. Please leave your bags, phones, etc with a friend or family member. Not responsible for lost or damaged property.