

Presents

ARMAGEDDON

EXPO 2012

TRANS TASMAN COSPLAY CUP

Dates:

Regional contests

Australia

Melbourne Sunday October 14th

New Zealand

Hamilton Sunday April 15th

Wellington Sunday April 22nd

Christchurch Sunday July 1st

Auckland Sunday October 22nd

National winners chosen

Australia

Melbourne Sunday October 14th

New Zealand

Auckland Monday October 22nd

Trans Tasman Cup winner chosen:

Auckland Monday October 22nd

The contests will be judged in the morning of these days and then the contestants will present their work on the Main Stage in the afternoon. Please check the printed schedules and downloadable Guidebook Applications for times and room updates.

Awards

At each regional event the following awards are presented:

Best in Show

Open

Best Solo

Best Group

Up to 3 technical awards of excellence

Up to 3 performance awards of excellence

Novice

Best Solo

Best Group

Up to 3 technical awards of excellence

Up to 3 performance awards of excellence

Please note the numbers of awards may vary due to numbers of entrants in each contest.

Prizes

Regardless of a group or solo entry win there is **one prize per award** including *Best in Show* and *Finals* winners. It is up to the winners as to how these prizes will be most fairly shared.

Best in Show winners will receive a \$400 cash prize to arrange your own travel and accommodation for the Auckland event or a domestic flight and two nights hotel as well as passes to attend the event.

Certificates and trophies will be given as appropriate.

Registration dates

Australia

Melbourne Wednesday 10th October

New Zealand

Hamilton Wednesday April 11th

Wellington Wednesday April 18th

Christchurch Wednesday June 27th

Auckland Wednesday October 17th

Forms need to be emailed to armageddon.cosplay@gmail.com

Who can enter?

This contest is open to all amateur and hobby costumers who are not employees or family or friends of Armageddon Expo or the sponsors of this contest. To keep the playing field level however we split each regional contest into Novice and Open levels.

What genres are allowed?

As Armageddon is a multi-genre event you can cosplay any character from any media; East, West, animated, real. Just keep it pg13. More information follows in the list of rules.

How are awards chosen?

All contestants are judged based on the skill of their workmanship and presentation only. Overall impressions count but so do fine details and especially construction. Please consider how costumes in the movies or high fashion are created. As always concessions for health and safety are taken into consideration also. All costumes and members of a group will be judged and averaged..

On the day:

Due to venue and schedule changes please **arrive at the show at show start time** and enquire at the info booth for clarification on where judging will be.

Judging begins at 10.30am and continues until all pre-registered contestants are seen. You must be at the doors 15mins prior as there there will be a prop check as well as head count.

Judging will be in small groups and will be posted on the door after the prop check and head count.

The judging and presentation in public will follow this same order.

Please set phones to silent or off while the judging takes place. Please do not talk loudly while judging of other contestants is happening.

You may be able to leave props and costumes in the room however they may not be accessible until the awards have been decided and written up. This may take until near the start time.

Be ready at the main Stage 15mins prior to the start of presentation (Please refer to the guidebook and printed schedules on the day) and be in the same order as you competed (numbers will be provided at the judging round) so that everyone is ready to present themselves or their skits.

The awards will be announced once everyone has presented themselves and their skits on the stage.

Please note: ***only props, costumes and people presented in the judging will be permitted on***

the main stage.

The rules

Only pre-registered entries will be accepted, there is a Cospaly Parade on the Saturday of each event for exhibition only costumes and as such there will be no exhibition only entries for the contest.

1 Registering:

Registration forms are included at the end of this document. Most document file types can be accepted though .doc and .pdf are preferred.

1a) Registrations must be received by email before ***midday the Wednesday before the contest.*** Please email these to armageddon.cosplay@gmail.com No email entries after this date will be accepted.

1b) Late entries can be ***printed*** and handed in to the Info Booth at the expo on the Saturday of the event. These will be collected at 4pm- ***no later entries will be accepted.***

1b) Your form must be complete regardless of format, this includes all information on how your costume and skirts were created as well as reference images and all media files as below. Your costume cannot be judged without these.

1c) If you have not received confirmation from us by Wednesday evening please print and bring your forms and information to the Information booth on Saturday. It happens rarely but there have been instances of forms not getting through. All folders in the Armageddon Cosplay account are checked to make sure no forms have wound up in the spam folder but ISPs have also been known to not send or accept email as expected.

2 Eligibility for categories:

2a) No professional costumers or performers may take part in this contest, it is for amateurs only.

2b) Categories:

Open: open to all non-professionals. Newcomers are welcome to enter this class as well.

Novice: open only to those who have not won a major award in any open costume contest.

You may still enter novice if you have won up to (and including) three (3) Novice category awards of any kind.

2c) All Novice Group members must be novices, if you have any members who have won any open awards as above you must enter the Open division.

2d) An entry will be judged as a group if there is more than one person involved. This includes all “extras” or helpers both on the stage and off. If they are vital to a performance they are part of the group. These “extras” and helpers must be named and participate in the preparation of costumes and props.

3 Special assistance:

3a) Contestants under the age of 13 must have a parent or guardian accompany them in the judging round and be present at the performance. The guardian needs to be named on the registration form. They can form a group with the minor or be present purely as a minder.

3b) Contestants who require help due to health or disability are also welcome to have an accompanying helper. Please let us know of any assistance you require and we will endeavour to help.

4 Costumes and props:

4a) You must be the maker(s) of your costume(s) and props. If you received help this must be mentioned in your registration form. As a rough guide more than 75% (or three quarters) of your costumes and props must be made by members of your group.

No bought costume or props- this includes regular clothing as well as costumes be they bought second hand, off the shelf, from your own closet or commissioned work.

Please make sure that all bought items are modified and/or comprise a minor part of the costume. For example trousers bought and altered for a Tom Baker Dr Who costume are fine but a bought scarf is not as that is the main iconic element of his costume.

4b) In a group everyone must have contributed equally towards props and costumes- labour needs to be equal but can be divided any way between members.

4c) No costumes or props or skits that have already won an award in any other contest can be entered. However people who have won are more than welcome to enter this contest with non-prizewinning costume and props.

4d) Costumes from all media will be accepted, this includes but is not limited to movies, anime, cartoons, manga, games, tv, musicals, comic books, card games etc.

4e) Original or modified costumes and props will not be accepted. NPC characters are allowed from games as are in game sets of armour/costumes/weapons etc. You must be able to supply reference images that show all the elements you are recreating.

Please email armageddon.cosplay@gmail.com if you have any queries.

5 Costume and prop safety

5a) Prop weapons cannot pose a risk to yourself, the organisers, the convention centre or the general public. So we ask that your props and weapons be made of materials that will not cause harm. Plastics, papier mache, balsa and foam are ideal. Pine is acceptable for staff type or half length sword type props. Please email us if this is your main material for your prop.

5b) *No real weapons to be used as props.*

5c) No metal props or weapons. This includes but is not limited to guns and bladed weapons. Small screws, hinges and bolts may be used to hold the prop together but must not be exposed or be at risk of exposure should an accident happen.

5d) Projectile props may use water pistols or Nerf type guns as a base for props so long as they are made permanently non-functioning. Do not bring airsoft type weapons.

5e) Heavy and over sized (over 1m in any direction) props and costumes are allowed for the contest but as they pose a risk they must be kept in the judging room until your performance on the main stage. There will be a ticketing system and they will be held by the Armageddon Cosplay Team to be kept safe.

5f) Choose body make up/paint carefully, keeping in mind your health and safety as well as clothes and costumes of other attendees and guests of the Expo.

5g) The event is billed as a family friendly event but does attract a varied audience so please choose a costume you will feel comfortable wearing in a large and diverse crowd. No costume is no costume.

6 Skits:

Skits are not mandatory but highly encouraged.

6a) Time limits

Solos- 1 ½ (one and a half) minutes

Duos and trios- 2 ½ (two and a half) minutes

Groups of four or more- 3 (three) minutes.

If you have a group of 10 or more please email us at armageddon.cosplay@gmail.com to negotiate any extra time.

You may choose to go under this time.

6b) *Skits must be pre-recorded on a CD in audio format and be the only track.* Please hand them in with your form on Saturday or bring them with you to the judging room.

6c) Your skit will be faded out if it goes over time.

6d) You must include a written copy of your skit and MP3 file with your registration form. This will not be disclosed to anyone outside the judging.

6e) In a group everyone will be judged and the performance marks averaged over the group.

6f) No profanity, nudity or hateful language will be accepted even when appropriate to the genre. Please email armageddon.cosplay@gmail.com if you have any queries.

7 Skit safety:

7a) No acrobatics or weapon displays.

7b) ***No explosive or incendiary devices will be allowed no exceptions.***

7c) No mess is to be left on the stage, audience or judging area after your skit. No messy skits will be accepted. This includes but is not limited to food items, liquids and confetti of any sort.

7d) If you have any set dressing it must be able to be set up and taken down as you enter and exit the stage. We do not have time or crew to help. It must also pose no hazard to the stage audience or yourselves. Email us in advance as each stage in each venue has a different configuration of stairs and stage depth/height/width.

8 Judging

If you are going to be late for judging please inform another contestant or attendee to pass the message on to the cosplay organisers. If you miss the start of judging you may still be able to be seen if you make it in time for your allocated slot.

The times will be posted on the judging room door and there will be a volunteer posted outside the door to bring a message in. Please do not open the door as there will be a contestant being judged on the other side.

If you miss your time slot we will endeavour to accommodate you however it is absolutely dependent on what times are available. If you miss judging entirely you will not be able to be seen.

These rules and prizes are subject to change without notice. However where possible notification of such changes will be made here or in other appropriate media.

Decisions made are final. No Exceptions. The Armageddon Cosplay organisers are not responsible for your lost forms or damage to you or your costume or damage caused by you or your costume.

Please email armageddon.cosplay@gmail.com if you have any questions.

GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

1 Contest (city and year):

2 Your group name:

3 Members of the group (names and ages):

4 Contact details:

5 Please nominate someone from your group to accept and take up the prize should you win:

6 Their contact info:

7 Australia only, please confirm that they have a valid passport for travel to New Zealand:
(They must be able to travel to NZ for the Auckland event, please check the Armageddon website for those dates <http://www.armageddonexpo.com/>)

8 Division; Open or Novice:

9 Characters:

10 Series:

11 Describe the creation process of YOUR costumes, be as descriptive as you can especially detailing how each of YOU made it and what from:

(Please mention any materials you used including paints; any patterns including sewing patterns or pepakura/paper folding files; any tools you used such as sewing machine or sanders etc.. Please also feel free to include progress photos)

12 Did anyone help you with your costumes and props?:

Please explain how if so:

13 Why did you decide to cosplay as these characters?:

14 Are you doing a skit?:

15 Who created the skit and produced the audio file?

(Please include a written copy and MP3 audio file of your skit)

16 Describe your characters and any interactions between them:

17 Have any of you previously won any awards for costumes, props or performance in any contest? If so what were they:

18 If you have any special requirements (as per rules 1g) and 1f) please describe them here:

19 Have all of you fully read the rules and understood them?:

Participation in the Cosplay Contest implies an understanding and acceptance of the rules and regulations. Any breaking of the rules will result in disqualification.

20 Attach or embed reference images of the characters you are portraying:

These are needed to compare your work to the originals, use the best files you used that show all the views and details you recreated.

Please email your completed form to armageddon.cosplay@gmail.com

SOLO REGISTRATION FORM

1 Contest (city and year):

2 Name you wish to be announced as:

3 Your full name:

4 Your age:

5 Contact details:

6 Australia only, please confirm that you have a valid passport for travel to New Zealand:

(You must be able to travel to NZ for the Auckland event, please check the Armageddon website for those dates <http://www.armageddonexpo.com>)

7 Division; Open or Novice:

8 Character:

9 Series:

10 Describe the creation process of YOUR costumes, be as descriptive as you can especially detailing how each of YOU made it and what from:

(Please mention any materials you used including paints; any patterns including sewing patterns or pepakura/paper folding files; any tools you used such as sewing machine or sanders etc.. Please also feel free to include progress photos)

11 Did anyone help you with your costumes and props?:

Please explain how if so:

12 Why did you decide to cosplay as this character?:

13 Are you doing a skit?:

14 Who created the skit and produced the audio file?

(Please include a written copy and MP3 audio file of your skit)

15 Describe your character:

16 Have you previously won any awards for costumes, props or performance in any contest? If so what were they:

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