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h+h americas annual Cosplay Fashion Show Competition and Exhibition presented by Famoré Cutlery

Terms and Conditions

Famoré Cutlery is proud to again host h+h americas Cosplay Competition Fashion Show & Exhibition! h+h americas Cosplay Competition is a unique, one-of-a-kind event connecting the crafting industry with the vibrant, global cosplay community! It brings together creators and industry partners from around the globe.

Cosplay garments will be showcased in a 3-day Cosplay Mannequin Display and featured live on stage during the Fashion Show Competition on **Thursday, May 7, from 3:00–4:00 PM**. Designers, or their chosen models, will present their creations on stage.

After the show, participants and attendees are invited to connect with fellow creatives during a **free cocktail hour at 4:00 PM in Hall D**, near the stage.

To qualify, all entrants must meet the following requirements:

Cosplay Fashion Show & Competition

- The competition is open to individuals aged 18+ years and older (without written permission from the show organizer)
- Competitors will receive a free ticket to attend h+h americas show all three days
- Designers can submit a maximum of one garment
- Competition costumes will be displayed in the show's permanent 3-day Cosplay Exhibition area when not worn in the Cosplay Fashion Show – no Exhibition Only submissions this year
- Join us in person with a free show entry to model your design (or send a representative). Designers are requested to participate in a short panel discussion.
- Fashion Show contestants are required to be present on time for judging and stay for the full duration of the competition.

- You are encouraged to utilize products, materials and resources, which can be sourced from vendors found at h+h americas. Explore the wide range of products to bring your cosplay vision to life at h+h americas. Check the h+h americas website for listing of exhibitors.
- Costume(s) must fit through a normal doorway unless pre-approval has been given by written request.
- Costume(s) must be tasteful and generally PG-rated. Vulgar/Offensive costumes are not permitted.
- Costume(s) can be an original design or a character from any genre such as history, literature, comics, movies, television, video games, and more.
- Show off your progress and excitement on social media! **Post at least once before the event using #hhamericasCosplay and #hhamericas, and don't forget to tag exhibitors whose products you've used.**

Judges

Costumes will be judged by 3-5 high-level cosplay industry professionals; to be announced.

Important Contestant Information

- Register for h+h americas using our online registration system with a complimentary discount code in February 2026. Codes will be distributed in February to approved contestants.
- When you arrive at the convention center, print your badge using the mobile app, and sign-in at the Registration Desk to confirm your arrival.
- We will have private dressing areas to change into and out of your costume. You will be given a number and escorted to the judging room when it is your time to present your work to the contest judges of the competition.
- Additional instructions will be provided closer to the event.

Music: h+h americas will provide music during the Cosplay Fashion Show for contestants.

Show Check-In Time: TBD closer to the event

Reference Materials

- Please provide a digital build book with several reference images of your character for the judges, or a costume sketch if your design is original. If your costume is a re-creation, we suggest providing the judges with one or more reference images of what your costume is based on, since they may not be familiar with your design. If you are presenting an original design, please include a head-to-toe illustration of the front and back of your design.

Large or Heavy Costumes and Props

- While our backstage helpers are happy to assist you if they're able, they are not intended to be your primary means of lifting and carrying heavy or unusually large items. If you are bringing something beyond what you can lift and carry by yourself up a few stairs to stage

level, please alert us in advance, and consider bringing one or more helpers. No set pieces are allowed.

Photography & Media

- By participating in the Fashion Show Competition and Exhibition, participants grant h+h americas the right to use their likeness, photographs, and videos for promotional purposes. Professional photographs will be taken, and your work will be celebrated on social media!

Liability

- Participants understand and acknowledge they are responsible for their own safety during the event.
- The event organizers are not liable for any injuries, damage, or losses incurred during the competition.
- h+h americas is not responsible for any inaccurate information, whether caused by the Official Web Site, by any technical or human error, which may occur in uploading contestant information.

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