

Cosplay Policy

- BPL Comic Con is an all-ages and family-friendly event. Costumes, cosplay, and “acting the part” are always encouraged but please be aware that costumes must be suitable for all audiences.
- Genitalia and/or nipples must not be visible through the costume. Liquid latex/ body paint do not a costume make. All “private parts” must be covered by actual clothing and you may use liquid latex/body paint as an enhancement.
- The illusion of nudity is unacceptable. No Exceptions.
- Shock costumes, or costumes which have the sole purpose of offending and disrespecting other individuals, cultures, or religions in any way, will not be tolerated. We ask that you be respectful in your submissions.
- No gang signs, no racist symbols.
- Emblems of genocide are prohibited.
- No costumes may be realistic depictions of American law enforcement, current American military uniforms, first responders, emergency medical personnel, or any official government agent.
- ONLY PROP WEAPONS are permitted to be shown in your videos, online post, or photos submitted.

Judging Criteria

Design: *For original designs/mashups:* how well does the concept work? Are the elements unified? *For new designs of existing characters:* how well does this design reflect the essence of the original character? Are all of the Key Elements present? *For existing characters:* is it an accurate portrayal of the character? Are all the Key Elements present?

Construction, Craftsmanship, Function, Effort: How much effort was put into this costume? Are the seams holding together? Can participants move in it without it falling apart?

Presentation: Do participants embody their character? Did participants rock a killer pose?

Group Cohesiveness (for Group division only): Do all the cosplays go together? Is this a squad of Clone Troopers? The Incredibles? The Addams family? How well do they use the space available? Do they interact with each other? Is there choreography?