



Welcome to the SCI-FI ON THE ROCK COSTUME CONTEST

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023 | SHERATON HOTEL NEWFOUNDLAND COURT GARDEN

What you need to do to compete:

- ☐ Complete the ENTRY FORM (two ways):

ONLINE: Fill out the form linked on our website by [noon the Thursday before the convention](#)
OR

IN PERSON: Fill out the form at the INFO DESK at the con by [noon on the day of the contest](#).

Note: online registration may be closed early if slots fill. Some slots will be held for in person registration.

- ☐ Indicate on the form if you are entering **WORKMANSHIP DIVISION** in addition to the main event.
- ☐ Prepare photo documentation of your costume for the judges (See 'Reference Photos' below)
- ☐ Read & follow the [Weapons Policy](#) on our website.
- ☐ Read through all the rules and division guidelines below :)
- ☐ Note: if you do not wish to compete but would like to display your costume during the contest, you may sign up as a **Showcase Entry** and walk during the contest.

Please message us on Facebook if you have any questions!



CONTEST GUIDELINES

We base our guidelines on those from the International Costumers Guild (ICG) so our contest is on par with other costume contests at conventions around the world.

This is a competition, so while purchased, rented and commissioned costumes may be showcased, they are not eligible for awards.

JUDGING DIVISIONS INFORMATION

All costumes entered into these divisions must be self-made.

You may enter into any division above your current awarded division. Haven't won anything or entered before? Pick the division that best fits your experience.

If you've previously won a division, you must continue to compete in that division or higher and not drop back down (ie. if you won in Journeyman, you cannot drop down to Novice the following year).

COSTUME DIVISIONS

NOVICE | JOURNEYMAN | MASTER | WORKMANSHIP

Novice Division

- ❖ Any person 13 years and older who have not won any major awards in a costume contest at another convention or event may compete in this division.

Journeyman Division

- ❖ Any person 13 years and older who have won awards in costuming in an equal or lower level division may enter Journeyman; Or anyone who feels they have more costuming experience than Novice level may enter.
- ❖ You may compete in Journeyman and win up to three awards in this division before moving up to the Master Division.
- ❖ If you've competed and won in the Master Division at another contest, please enter Master for our contest.

Master Division (NEW!)

- ❖ Anyone 13 years and older may enter the Master Division.
- ❖ While not a requirement, we encourage experienced cosplayers or those who have completed and placed high in Journeyman, to enter the Master Division.

- ❖ All Masters competitors will automatically be judged in the Workmanship Division.
- ❖ Anyone who is a professional in a costume-related business must compete as a Master. For the purpose of this competition, a *professional is defined as making 50% or more of their income in the costume-related or prop-making business.*

If there aren't enough people competing under Masters, those entries will be judged in the Journeyman Division.

WORKMANSHIP JUDGING

Time: Sunday Afternoon (please check the schedule)

Required for Master Division

Optional for Novice and Journeyman

The Workmanship category is an additional level of judging focused on the skill and detail that has been put into constructing a costume.

These awards are for excellence in construction and fabrication. Quality is quality, no matter the division you compete in. Any beautiful job deserves recognition! 😊

You may be judged on your whole costume or just a specific piece or prop. Workmanship judges will look for technical skill, handling of fabric and materials, fit, finishing, etc... they will judge any and all components of a costume, from clothing, props, accessories, make-up, shoes, wig styling... etc.

Please specify which element(s) you would like us to judge on your entry form.

Judging for Workmanship takes a bit of time, so **you meet with the Contest Chairs & judges on Sunday afternoon BEFORE the showcase walk in front of the crowd.** We will let you know the exact time and place.

 **REFERENCE PHOTOS FOR WORKMANSHIP JUDGES** - Please bring photos to the Workmanship

Judging that **reference the character your costume is based** on for the judges to see. (You can bring printed photos or show digital ones on your phone or device.)

JUDGING CRITERIA

The Novice, Journeyman and Master Division will be judged by a panel of judges, made up of the Contest Chair and special guests judges. Judges will select winning costumes based on three elements:

1. **Wow Factor** (Is the costume visually striking?)
 2. **Visibility of Effort** (Can the judges see, from their desk, that significant effort was put into constructing the costume?)
 3. **Adherence to Character Design** (If the character is recognizable, does the costume clearly resemble the character? Original or obscure characters may submit a printed reference image if desired.)
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WORKMANSHIP

Workmanship judging will be completed by the Contest Chair and special guest judges for that year. The winning costume will be selected based on three elements:

1. **Technical Quality of Production**
2. **Attention to Detail**
3. **Adherence to Character Design** (Note that a printed or digital reference image is required.)



Good Luck to you all, We can't wait to see you at the con!

The Sci-Fi on the Rock Committee