

## Sac Anime Winter 2009 Masquerade

All sign up for the Masquerade ends at 1pm on Saturday.  
Prejudging will begin 2pm on Saturday  
Back Stage Photography Session will begin at 4pm  
The Masquerade will begin at 6pm

It's a new year and this will be probably be the first con of the year for a lot of you. By reading the rules and information below, you should have an understanding of the Sac Anime Winter 2009 Masquerade. Make sure you don't skip around and actually read all the parts for the Masquerade. If any of the rules aren't followed, we have every right to evict your eligibility in entering and participating the cosplay masquerade.

### IMPORTANT

*Please verify your age with the cosplay staffs in order to sign up for the cosplay contest, they will check off your registration form once you have shown your ID verifying your age. Either bring your Passport/Driver's ID to verify your age at the cosplay sign up table (If you do not have either, a Hospital Card with your name and a School ID will work fine as long as we can check your birth date and photo ID). All those who register online must show their ID as well to the cosplay staffs to verify their age at the con. This is all done for the safety and liability issues for all those who are under aged. If you are under aged, you must have your parent or guardian who is 21 and over to sign the form.*

### General Cosplay Information

**What is a Skit - It is a performance done by one person or a group. We are only accepting a CD with a recorded skit on 1 track. (No multiple tracks accepted/The CD will not be returned to you, so make sure it is a copy on a CD-R)** So there will be no need for microphones. If you do not know how to make one, there are tutorials online, all further questions can be directed to the Cosplay Coordinator. (Examples: A Short Musical/Dance/Recreation of a scene from the series/A short act.)

What is a Walk On - Walk on is like a Cat Walk, you walk up the stage, and show off your character/costume. You pose for pictures and you leave the stage. Music is optional to all those who participate. *(Just like skits, please make a copy onto a CD-R with the 1 track you want played. Those will not be returned to you.)*

Cosplay - The Masquerade is about Cosplay. Cosplay is the word for "Costume Play". It is also better said as dressing up as a character from anime/videogame/manga. It is a hobby that people do to be someone who they are not for a day or you can say it is similar to a stage play costume and not a Halloween dress up. If your just wearing normal clothes and not representing a character or a certain design of some sort, it is not cosplay. Constructed garments following a series design is a cosplay, regardless if it's put together or bought, it is still cosplay as long as the character exists in a form of animation/artwork. Putting on clothing and having random prop accessories/weapons will **not** count as cosplay. You need to show an effort at least to participate in the Masquerade.

Important!: All cosplays must be a recreation of something existing (Anime/Manga/Videogames) That means we will not be accepting any original cosplays. However, Gothic Lolita can be accepted for "Walk Ons" only, if the garment is constructed by you. Any questions you can feel free to ask the cosplay coordinator.

### General Masquerade Rules

2 minutes and 30 seconds maximum for Skits (There is absolutely no extending time limit due to the time we have for the cosplay masquerade.)

30 Seconds maximum for Walk Ons (If you need a few more seconds due to your costume being very large/or massive, you can get permission for exceeding a few seconds from the Cosplay Coordinator's word.)

For both Skits and Walk Ons, if you have a music you want during your performance. You must turn in a **(CD only, with only 1 track specifically for your performance on a CD-R)** when you sign up. There is absolutely no MP3, iPods or any other music set ups. There is a limit to only 35 skits, so sign up early to be the first ones. Once it's full there is no more adding on.

There is a limit of 30 walk ons.

If there is a drop, please alert someone at the cosplay table so we can make that space open for other people to fill in. It can only be done before 1pm Saturday. No fill-ins are possible after that.

If a costume you have worn before won at any of the Sac Anime or Comic Shows awards. It can not be worn again for the Best Costume/Best in Show awards. Though it is eligible to enter for skit performance.

All Cosplayers may **only** go up on stage once, you can **not** join multiple groups and show up on stage many times. Anyone who does not abide by the rules will be disqualified and escorted off the stage.

**Pre-Judging is for all those who are participating in craftsmanship award to show up.** If you are in the judging for craftsmanship, you will be judged for your costumes. Those who do not show up to craftsmanship judging will be disqualified from winning any craftsmanship awards.

**During Pre-Judging, only contestants are allowed on the stage. All other Sac attendees are not allowed on the stage, that means your friends are not allowed to be there. Parents/Guardian are able to attend the pre-judging with their under aged children who are in the Masquerade only.** Only Cosplay Staffs and contestants are allowed in the pre-judging.

Photography Session is open to only the official photographer and press of Sac Anime. No fan photography allowed backstage. If you would like to apply for a press badge, read the info on the website or contact the cosplay coordinator.

All underage contestants must have their parent/guardian at the prejudging and the masquerade. This only applies to all those who are not in high school. (Due to the understanding of parents letting their teens go to the con themselves.)

There is no option of having any extra electrical set ups for the contest, we cannot spare too much time to set up and clean up between skits. If needed you can request for chairs. All props that you bring on stage must be taken off stage after your performance is over.

Anyone who wishes to participate must register by the deadline & have a valid SAC badge at the time of the Cosplay Masquerade. All contestants must sign a Cosplay Registration Sheet either online or in person.

**No registrations will be accepted after the deadline**

**Divisions** (*You select your division according to your status. Read below for more explanation. Any questions about division placement feel free to ask.*)

**Beginner**

1. If you have never entered the Cosplay Contests at Sac Con or Sac Anime before.
2. If you have entered before and never won.
3. If you have entered and won a honorable mention once.

**Junior** (*Have to of fulfill the first one and either of the other two below*)

1. You have attended Sac Anime or Sac Con's Masquerades before.
2. You have won two or more honorable mentions at any of the Sac Shows.
3. You have won an award at another convention before. (Even if you have never attended Sac Con/Sac Anime before, you will be placed in Junior if you have won an award at another convention before.)

**Advance** (*Have to of fulfill at least two below.*)

1. You have attended Sac Anime or Sac Con's Masquerades before and have won more than two placement award before. Like Best Costume, Best Performance or Best in Show.
2. You have won Best Craftsmanship award or Best Skit Award at other conventions before.
3. You have won more than 2 different awards at other conventions other than the sac shows.

**Professional/Exhibition** (*You must meet all requirements and not just one.*)

1. You have won more than four awards at different cons other than Sac Anime/Sac Con. (Like Fanime, Anime Expo, PMX... etc)
2. You have cosplayed for more than 4 years.
3. You have attended at least 3 or more different cons other than the Sac Shows.

(Professional/Exhibition is not allowed to compete in the cosplay. However, we would love to have you to do an Exhibition Walk On or Skit. You will not count as the entries and will perform for before or after the masquerade.)

**Craftsmanship Categories**

If your costume is not made by you or someone in your group, you are not eligible for competing for any craftsmanship awards. If it is highly altered from an existing garment (More than 50% altered), it can be entered for Craftsmanship awards. If your parent helped you on the costume and you worked on at least half of it, it is eligible for craftsmanship award.

(Costume fraud : There is No Exception at all, for those who claim bought costumes as theirs. Your eligibility for the masquerade will be taken away immediately and possible be banned from entering any future Sac Anime Masquerades. We have no tolerance for "Cheaters" It is not something bad if you bought the costume just do not claim it is your own craftsmanship if it is not.)

**Performance Categories**

All those who enter as skits will be eligible to win performance awards. There is no regulation on what you can enter in, accept it must follow the rules that is state in the Masquerade Rules. You must be a character from a published series in order to be qualified for Cosplay. Regular clothes and simple cosplay accessories are not allowed to enter, even for skits. We would like you to show your effort on not only Skit ideas, but as well as some interpretation of Cosplay. As long as you are cosplaying a character from a recreation it will be eligible to enter.

### **Cosplay Masquerade Safety/Stage Rules**

There are no wet, messy, sticky, toxic, or unsafe substances allowed on the stage. Safety is important. Be sure and read the technical issues, weapons & props, and convention rules to ensure all parts of your cosplay are safe and allowed. This can be downloaded off the site, any further questions can be asked to the cosplay staffs. Most of all you should be responsible and respectful. Horseplay, LARPing, and other wise rude or offensive behavior will not be tolerated.

1. Do not jump off the stage or throw/shoot anything off the stage toward the audience.
2. Do not shout into the microphones, do not drop them, do not tap the microphones.
3. There is no adult related content allowed on stage.
4. Play fighting is allowed if needed in the skit, but actual hurting each other is not allowed.
5. This con is a "Family Friendly" con, so bad language must be kept to the minimum level. We will not tolerate anyone who slanders this rule.
6. Audience are not allowed to run up to the stage area for any reason.
7. Audience should be courteous and respectful, we do not want any booing and any bad respect toward our contestants.

***By signing the Sac Anime Con Cosplay Masquerade permission/consent form, the participant, or their parent/guardian, agrees to release Sac Anime and Comic Cons, their staff and volunteers and all event personnel from all liability in the case of injury or other accidents.***

*-Revised and Rewritten by the Cosplay Coordinator Imari Yumiki  
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