

HNL x FANDOM Cosplay Showcase

Saturday, August 8, 2026 | 4:00 PM

Step into the spotlight and showcase your cosplay at the HNL x FANDOM Cosplay Showcase! This exciting, audience-friendly showcase is open to cosplayers of all ages and experience levels. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or making your first appearance on stage, we invite you to celebrate your favorite fandoms with fellow fans.

This is a cosplay showcase, and participants are welcome to present costumes that have previously appeared at other events. There will be no pre-judging sessions or craftsmanship interviews.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged and may be completed online or in person at the Pacific Expos Booth in the Exhibition Hall on the day of the event, subject to availability.

Entry Requirements

- All participants must have a valid HNL x FANDOM admission ticket for the day of the showcase.
- Participants under 18 years of age must have permission from an accompanying parent or legal guardian.

Awards

- Every registered participant who completes the showcase will receive a commemorative participation award.

Registration Requirements

- Individual or group-based (up to 10 participants per group).
 - Limited to 50 participants.
 - Online registration is available prior to the event.
 - Day-of registration is first-come, first-served at the Pacific Expos Booth, subject to availability.
 - Day-of registration closes at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 8, 2026.
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Check-In

- Check-in details will be sent via email prior to the event.
- At check-in, participants will:
 - Confirm registration details
 - Receive lineup and stage instructions

Failure to check in on time may result in forfeiture of participation.

Costume Guidelines

- Costumes may be store-bought, handmade, commissioned, or modified.
- Costumes must be appropriate for a general audience and comply with a PG-13 standard.
- Costumes that excessively obstruct aisles, emergency exits, or create safety hazards may be restricted at the discretion of Pacific Expos staff.
- Nudity, simulated nudity, or excessively revealing costumes are not permitted.
- Costumes, symbols, or imagery promoting hate, discrimination, harassment, or violence are strictly prohibited.
- Participants must be able to safely move in their costume.
- Pacific Expos reserves the right to deny entry or remove any costume deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

Props & Safety Rules

All props must comply with HNL x FANDOM prop policies and general guidelines.

Prohibited Items:

- Functional weapons of any kind
- Open flames
- Fireworks, sparklers, or pyrotechnics
- Smoke effects
- Liquids or water effects
- Confetti, glitter, streamers, or similar materials
- Bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, Heelys, rip sticks, or any transportation devices
- Any item that may be launched, fired, sprayed, or thrown

Additional Restrictions:

- No nudity or body paint used as clothing.
 - No profanity in any form (spoken, written, gestures, signage, or clothing), including all languages.
 - Costumes and or signage intended to provoke, campaign, or disrupt the event through political or religious messaging are not permitted.
 - No overt sexual content. While costumes may be stylized or “sexy,” they must remain appropriate for a family-friendly environment.
 - No projectiles or items released from the body or costume at any time.
 - All prop weapons must be inspected and approved by event staff prior to entry.
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Stage Rules

- All costumes must remain PG-13 or below.
 - If you plan to use music, recorded narration, or other audio as part of your presentation, please email your file in **MP3 or MP4 format** to **jan.pascua@pacificexpos.com** no later than **August 1**. This allows us time to review the content and make any necessary adjustments before the event.
 - Please note that **microphones will not be provided** to participants during the cosplay showcase. If your presentation includes dialogue or narration, it must either be included in your audio track or submitted in writing for the emcee to read during your showcase.
 - If you do not wish to provide your own audio, event staff will provide an appropriate background track.
 - Participants may pose with props, but may not brandish, throw, or use props in a way that could cause harm or damage.
 - The stage operates under a Clean Stage Policy—no water, glitter, confetti, smoke, powder, or residue-producing materials.
 - Participants must leave the stage clean and undamaged.
 - Good sportsmanship is required at all times. Harassment, sabotage, bullying, or disruptive behavior will result in possible removal from the event.
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Stage Presentation Format

- Each participant will:
 1. Walk across the stage at a comfortable pace
 2. Strike poses for the audience
 3. Exit as directed by staff
- The emcee will introduce each participant(s) name, character, or cosplay title.
- Stage time is limited to 1 minute per participant or group.

Clean Stage Policy

The stage must remain clean and safe at all times. The following are prohibited:

- Confetti, glitter, powder, liquids
- Food items
- Smoke or vapor effects
- Any residue-producing or airborne materials

Participants must leave the stage in the same condition they entered.

Sportsmanship

HNL x FANDOM promotes a respectful and inclusive environment. All participants must:

- Treat others with respect
- Avoid harassment, bullying, or intimidation
- Follow all staff instructions

Violations may result in removal from the showcase and/or expo without refund.

Photography & Media Release

By participating in the HNL x FANDOM Cosplay Showcase, participants grant Pacific Expos permission to photograph, film, and record their participation for promotional, marketing, social media, and future event purposes without compensation. Pacific Expos will not use participant photos or videos for AI-generated content. Images and video will only be used for event promotion, archival purposes, and recap materials.

Final Authority

Pacific Expos reserves the right to:

- Disqualify any participant
- Modify or stop the showcase at any time
- Enforce all rules to ensure safety, fairness, and event integrity

Pacific Expos reserves the right to interpret and enforce these rules at its sole discretion. Decisions made by event staff are final.

Questions?

For questions regarding the cosplay showcase, please contact:

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