



Fashion Show Rules and Event Details

Contest Rules/Requirements and Prop Policies:

Rules:

- No nudity.
- No profanity. This includes messages on clothes.
- No political or religious statements. This includes messages on clothes.
- Keep costumes, music, skits and poses family friendly and PG-13
- Must be registered by September 23. Online form available on Wailoa Center website. Registration form which includes a description of character and costume to be read by MC at the event.
- No dangerous props such as weapons, or pyrotechnics.
- Costumes must fit in and out of a double door frame (8' H x 6'W)
- Entrants must make 65% or more of the costume they intend to enter. No store bought costumes allowed.
- Entrants under the age of 16 **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.*

Build Book:

Reference material (commonly referred to as a “build book”) of your costume’s creation is required. A digital or physical version of your build book is acceptable, and must be present during prejudging. Your build book should contain: reference photos of the character that is being created/recreated, progress photos of the handmade

components to your costume, photos of mock ups/test fittings, swatches of materials used (if necessary), etc. Please keep your build book as concise as possible, with it being no longer than 8 pages front and back.

Use of Generative AI:

Given that this competition is an event to showcase artists and creativity, any and/or all use of generative AI is strictly prohibited. Any suspicion of generative AI being used to aid in a contestant's design or construction will result in **immediate disqualification**.

Entry Categories

Novice: Has never won awards and/or has never competed in a cosplay contest before. All ages welcome.

Journeyman: Has won a few contest awards, but never Best Journeyman or Best Master. All ages welcome.

Master: Any individual may enter. You must enter this category if you've won Best Journeyman, Best Master, or worked in professional costuming/FX/any equivalent field. All ages welcome.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded for each category: **Best Novice,** **Best Journeyman,** **Best Master**

BEST NOVICE:

\$50 Cash, \$10 EPICCOSPLAYWIGS Gift Card, \$15 Gam3 Escape Gift Card, Blane's Drive Inn Gift Certificates, & Sewing Supplies from Discount Fabric Warehouse

BEST JOURNEYMAN:

\$100 Cash, \$25 EPICCOSPLAYWIGS Gift Card, \$30 Gam3 Escape Gift Card, Blane's Drive Inn Gift Certificates, & Sewing Supplies from Discount Fabric Warehouse

BEST MASTER:

\$200 Cash, \$50 EPICCOSPLAYWIGS Gift Card, \$40 Gam3 Escape Gift Cards, Blane's Drive Inn Gift Certificates, & Sewing Supplies from Discount Fabric Warehouse

Juror

Yaya (aka YAYAIZEN) is a Hawai'i-based cosplayer with skills in sewing, beadwork, pattern drafting, prop making, and wig styling. She's been cosplaying for six years and making her own costumes for five. Yaya has both competitive and judging experience. Her favorite way to cosplay is to upcycle old items and turn them into something entirely new. She's looking forward to seeing what everyone creates!

Registration

- Must be registered by **September 23rd at 11:59pm**
- Online form available on Wailoa Center website. ([link here](#))
- Registration form which includes a description of character and costume to be read by MC at the event.
- Entry is FREE!!

Event Logistics

Understanding Time Commitment:

- The Full Bleed Cosplay Contest is set to take place on September 25th, 2026, with the showcase starting at 6:00pm. Please expect to be at prejudging a few hours before the showcase begins. All contestants are expected to show up to their prejudging time slot, which will be emailed to them no later than September 21st, 2026. Failure to show up before the showcase begins will result in automatic disqualification.

*Notice: *We understand unforeseen circumstances can happen. So, if you are running late to your time slot/can no longer make it, please let us know immediately so we may accommodate that change.**

- On September 25: Participants must be at Wailoa Center no later than 4:45. There will be space to get dressed if needed and put on finishing touches to your costume.
- Fashion Show will start at 6:00.
- Participants will be introduced with the description of character and costume provided, read by the MC. Participants will walk during description and can do a quick skit (30 sec max) or pose in character.
- Because all jurying will take place prior to event, winners will be announced at the end of the fashion show.
- Wailoa Center will be open until 7pm to view exhibits etc.

Harassment Policy

This event is intended to be a safe space for cosplayers. Harassment or disparagement of any kind towards contestants or staff participating in the event whether in person or on social media, will not be tolerated. Violators will be met with immediate disqualification, removal from the event, and/or a ban from future entry into the Full Bleed Cosplay Contest.

Contact

For any questions, comments, issues, or concerns, please contact **Wailoa Center (808) 933-0416**, dlmr.sp.wailoacenter@hawaii.gov

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