

## Cosplay Etiquette

Hello all and welcome to the SunnyCon Anime Expo guidelines for what cosplay you can wear at our 2020 event.

Cosplay is a passion and one of the most freeing things you can do taking your favorite character and taking on their look persona and just being them for a day can help you escape reality. When it comes to cosplay we try to be as relaxed when it comes to rules however we are also an event where all ages of attendees are present over the weekend and so we must follow the law of the land when it comes to what people can and can't wear for the event.

First question we get asked is 'can I come in normal clothes?' and yes you can cosplay at our events aren't mandatory and we don't discriminate against non cosplayers.

If you are to come in cosplay there are a few rules to follow;

- No cosplay over 7ft in height. This is down to the venue size and in some rooms being low ceilings and it would be a struggle to enjoy the convention if your cosplay is too tall. The same point remains for wide cosplay too as pathways are needed and we don't want to cause obstructions in case of an emergency.
- 'Sexy cosplay' is allowed within reason. Now we know that some characters cosplays can be a bit revealing at times so there are a lot of, shall we say eye catching, costumes out there. However, we are an event where people 16 and under attend which means we must implement a modesty rule. If you intend to wear a more revealing cosplay keep this in mind. Coverage should be over 50% of your body meaning if you are wearing just a bikini, for example, wear nude skin colour tights or if you have some skintight bodysuits wear a dance belt to avoid any unsightly bulges. Last thing we want is complaints that attendees are exposing themselves to younger attendees and this can lead to you being ejected from the event and even criminal charges.
- Weapons and props. There will be a whole separate weapons and props policy document on our site but the basics are no real weapons please!
- Dress appropriately with regards to weather. SunnyCon is held in the height of summer and as such we are recommending you to choose a cosplay that allows for good heat regulation and for you to stay hydrated. We as organisers cannot control the weather this is down to you to prepare and act accordingly.
- Remember cosplay is a fun hobby. Take care of yourself and don't over exert yourself with its creation. As soon as it becomes uncomfortable or stressful take a step back and put yourself as a priority. This goes before, during and even after the event. When something fun stops being that always step back and assess why. We don't want you to burn out cosplaying as your health and happiness should be number 1 priority.

Outside of cosplay there are also rules for normal attire;

- Follow the law of the land with normal attire.
- No clothing with curse words or hate speech will be allowed entry. It's not allowed in public and it won't be allowed at our event.
- Ahegao won't be allowed. Anyone wearing ahegao won't be allowed entry and will be ejected from the event.

These guidelines are set in place to help make SunnyCon a welcoming event suitable for all ages. These will be updated at any time at the discretion of SunnyCon staff.

