



2022 West Coast Haunter's Convention Costume Ball

Costume Contest Criteria and Rules

The 2022 West Coast Haunter's Convention Costume Ball Costume Contest is the chance to show your creative and artistic skills.

Judges will be using the following CRITERIA to determine the winners of the Costume Contest:

- **Craftsmanship** – This is how well the costume and makeup is executed. Simple and well-done items can be more impressive than average craftsmanship on complex costumes. Judges will examine the costume seam stitching, construction, makeup application, prosthetic edges and blending. The quality of your finished product is important.
- **Presentation** – How well does your costume and makeup show off the character you are trying to portray? Having a gory zombie that is covered in blood may hide the details of your design. Does your character portray the regal nature of your Galaxy Queen? Feel free to be in character and let your actions complement your costume. Unfortunately, we do not have time for skits so keep your acting to a brief introduction to the judges.
- **Functionality** – Being able to wear and exist in your costume is as important as how good it looks. Are you able to move as appropriate? Does it move and allow you to move freely or in the manner the character would? Will the costume last more than one night?
- **Originality/Accuracy** – If you are portraying an existing character from movies, TV, video games, novels or other media an accurate recreation will earn you higher marks. If this costume is an original or blend of characters show your originality in concept. Creative use of materials, adaptation of materials props or original props will also score higher.