

COSPLAY COMPETITIONS – TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The following terms and conditions (the “Terms and Conditions”) apply for the Illawarra Mercury sponsored Cosplay competition (the “Competition”) at Comic Gong. By choosing to participate in the Competition, you agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions.
2. In the event of any dispute regarding the Terms and Conditions and all matters relating to the Competition, the decision of Wollongong City Council (“Council”) will be final.

Entrants

3. Employees (or members of the families or households of employees) of Council are not eligible to enter the Competition.
4. The Competitions are open to all ages and will be grouped as follows; 0-12 years single entrant, 13-17 years single entrant, 18+ years single entrant, and all ages group (maximum 5 people per group). If you are under 18, you warrant that you have obtained the consent of your parent or legal guardian to enter the Competition subject to the Terms and Conditions.
5. Council reserves the right to disqualify any entrant where it has grounds to believe the entrant has breached the Terms and Conditions.
6. Contestants may register at outside the Heininger Hall in the Heininger Courtyard for their applicable competition on Saturday 24 May 2025 from one (30) thirty minutes prior to the competition commencing until maximum entries have been received or ten (10) ten minutes before the competition is about to start. Any entrants after this time will not be accepted.
7. Contestants must be at the Cosplay stage five (5) minutes before the starting time of their competition or risk forfeiting their place in the competition.
8. Council does not accept any responsibility for any lost, damaged or delayed entries from any cause.

Props and Fake Weapons

9. Event Staff maintain absolute discretion to determine whether a prop or a weapon is deemed suitable for entry to the event. If Event Staff determine that a prop or a weapon is not suitable, Event Staff are entitled to refuse entry to the event. Alternatively, Event Staff may offer to permit entry and to store any props or weapons in the Weapons Check-In for the duration of the event. Contestants must comply with Comic Gong’s Weapons Policy Statement and not carry any props or weapons listed on the prohibited items list.

Prizes

10. The winner(s) will be determined by an independent panel of judges. The winner(s) must be available to collect their prize. The winner(s) may also be requested by Council to become involved in further publicity related to the Competition.

11. Prize values are based on the recommended retail value as provided by the supplier of the prize and are in Australian dollars.
12. Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable and cannot be taken as cash.
13. All winner(s) will be notified on stage at the time of the competition.

Intellectual Property Rights and Use of Entries

14. You consent to the publication of your name in connection with the Competition and your entry.
15. You warrant that your entry is your original work and that it is not in breach of any third party intellectual property rights, privacy or any other rights of any third party. You agree to indemnify Council for any loss resulting from a breach of this warranty and release Council from any liability for any damage or loss by you entering the Competition or accepting any prize.

Privacy

16. Personal information is managed in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and may be accessed by the entrant, on request to Council.
17. Personal information can be used for other purposes permitted by the Local Government Act 1993 and regulations made by or under that Act, and, if necessary, may be disclosed to other public sector bodies, agents or contractors, in accordance with Council's Privacy Management Plan Policy.

Photographic and Video Consent

18. Wollongong City Council may digitally record this event. I agree that Council may use photographs and/or video recordings containing my image and my child's image for reasonable purposes, including on Council's websites, publications and social media. I acknowledge that I will not receive any compensation and that Council will retain copyright of any photographs/recordings. If you have any concerns or do not want your image or your child's image published, please notify staff and appropriate arrangements will be made.