

Best Practices for Cosplay Pictures and Video

★ **Uploading Pictures and Video Footage to the Entry Form**

All cosplayers are asked to upload photo or video footage of your cosplay to the registration form in order to show off your creation. Remember that this is the only way the judges will be able to see your cosplay so far! Here are some tips to make sure the media you upload accurately represents your awesome work:

- Be sure to read over the rules before uploading any media files. Submissions with content against the rules will be disqualified from the contest.
- Video clips are highly recommended to give judges the best view of your cosplay.
 - Please try to keep these to MP4 or MOV format.
- Lighting is important! Make sure your cosplay is visible and well-lit in all pictures and video clips.
 - If you are looking for an affordable light to help bring more life to your photos we suggest looking for ring lights online, like this [one!](#)
- These uploads may be used later on during the SWC Broadcast and on official game social channels, so make sure you are happy with the media you share!

★ **Interviewing with the Judges and Showing Off Your Cosplay on Camera**

Stage 2 of the Contest will be a video call. This will be your opportunity to show off your cosplay live in front of the judges! Here are some tips to make the most out of the call:

- Check your internet connection ahead of time. We want to chat and see your cosplay, so laggy internet and pixelated videos will be your worst enemy!
 - We recommend checking your internet at least 15 minutes before just in case you need time for a quick reset. For a speed test you can use sites like fast.com.
 - If you find yourself having internet issues beforehand, let the judges know as soon as you can so that we can try to reschedule if possible.
- Make sure you have a webcam or phone capable of capturing your cosplay in good quality. Being able to move it around as necessary will be a bonus to better show off detail.
- Lighting is important! Find a well lit space or set one up yourself.
 - Ring lights are your best friend when doing this from home.
- Have your costume already on and ready.
 - Give yourself time before the call to make sure everything is in place and in top shape to show off!
- Don't stress out! The judges will ask you questions about the cosplay and may ask to see different parts more closely on camera. Don't worry about not knowing what to say or what to do -- we're here to help!