

Performance Rules

All performances must follow the performance rules. Breaking of these rules can and will result in a ban from Guild of Nerds ran competitions.

1. MegaCon Live is a family friendly event. This means strip-teases, simulated nudity, extreme violence, and swearing- live or recorded- are not allowed.
2. Safety is important, as such, we do not allow the following things on stage:
 - a. Glass containers or other items that could break into dangerous shards such as ceramics.
 - b. Liquids of any kind, this includes fake blood in the form of liquid or gel, or blood capsules. Water and other beverages can be brought backstage in a sealable container, but cannot be brought on stage.
 - c. Strobes, flashes or lasers of any kind are prohibited as this poses a safety hazard to other entrants, the audience and judges.
 - d. Anything that could leave debris on the stage, or render the stage sticky or slick. This would include the use of bubble machines or solution, popping of balloons, glitter, powders, confetti or the like. You are not allowed to throw things into the audience, or towards the judges, nor hand anything to the judges or audience members.
 - e. Smoke machines, pyrotechnics, fireworks or anything that may produce a flame are prohibited.
 - f. Entrants are not allowed to exit or enter the stage from the front or sides of the stage, you must use the ramp or provided stairs.
 - g. You cannot enter the stage from the audience, or exit the stage into the audience at any point in your performance (beginning, middle or end).
 - h. You should approach the edge of the stage with caution, as there is not a railing and falling could result in injury.
 - i. If your cosplay impairs your vision, or mobility you should have a handler or stage ninja with you to help keep you from the edge of the stage. Please inform us on your pre-check application if visibility or mobility onstage are a concern.
3. All performances must be under 2 minutes (120 seconds) This is from the time your audio starts or you walk onto stage, whichever happens first. A small buffer for placing and clearing props/set pieces will be allowed but must be within reason.
4. Audio must be submitted in an MP3 format. As the show is not live-streamed or recorded for public release at this time, there is no restriction on origin of audio tracks.
5. If a video screen is available for use, you'll be able to supply an image or video to be displayed on the screen during your performance. This must be supplied as an MP4 (even for still images) and should have your backing track within the MP4. You will still be asked to supply an MP3 of your audio as a contingency for screen issues.
6. You are allowed to use a stage ninja in your performance. You can [learn all about stage ninjas here!](#)
 - a. Stage ninjas must be in all black or dark-coloured clothing if they will be onstage during the performance. They cannot be in costume while assisting you onstage, and are not allowed to have any dialogue lines, recorded or spoken.
 - b. If they are simply placing or clearing props directly before or after your performance, they do not have to be in all black or dark coloured clothing.
 - c. Stage ninjas may interact with the entrant during their performance, they may not interact with the audience as a performer, play a named character in the performance, and may not have lines.
 - d. Some ways you might use a stage ninja is to pre-set your props/set pieces and clear them at the end of your performance, assist with props/set pieces on stage or with costume changes, act as a 'mannequin' within your performance or otherwise. Check out the linked article above for more ideas and info.
 - e. You must recruit your own stage ninja and they will need their own ticket to MegaCon Live.
 - i. Our stage crew may be able to assist you minimally during the show with pre-setting props and the like, but this cannot be guaranteed and depends on many factors, so you may have to pre-set your own props and clear them if you do not have a stage ninja.
7. The cosplay team has a right to intervene or stop a performance should a need arise or the performance is seen as too dangerous, or inappropriate to continue.
 - a. The cosplay team may decline a performance if it seems it may pose a safety risk or is inappropriate, and also must review any scripts or original lyrics.
8. While mics can be requested, they must be requested in advance, they are handheld mics and mic stands are not available. The cosplay team cannot provide stage props, set elements or staff/volunteers to participate in performances.

If any of these rules are broken, you will be prohibited from entering future Guild of Nerds facilitated competitions and masquerades.