

## Costume Contest Rules

1. There will be two divisions:

(a) General Costume - Any costume derived from the real American West or the fictional one;

(b) Look Alike Costume - Any costume in which the contestant endeavors to resemble a character in western film, television or a real-life person in American History.

2. Contestants may enter both Divisions only if the costumes are substantially different, and if the costume change can be made quickly between events.

3. Contestants must be registered at the convention the day the contest is held. ( A full day's admission must be paid).

4. Contestants must complete a Costume Contest Registration Form at the Registration Table at least one hour before the announced time of judging and be present at the place of judging at least 15 minutes prior to that time.

5. Children under age 14 must have their parent's approval and be accompanied by an adult guardian during the contest.

6. Contestants may make brief presentations to enhance their costume, such as reading poetry, singing or impersonations. Please limit it to 3 minutes.

7. Duos may compete but will be considered as one act. Only one prize can be awarded, so the duo would decide who gets the prize if they win.

8. **IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY** all working firearms must be unloaded and no live ammunition (including blanks) may be carried on an individual. Weapons are subject to repeated inspections.

9. The decisions of the judges will be final, and prizes will be awarded according to their decisions.