

# WBFL Halloween Costume Code

## Congressional Debate Tournament

To maintain a respectful, inclusive, and professional environment while celebrating Halloween, all participants are expected to follow the costume guidelines below. Although Halloween costumes are welcome, competitors should keep in mind that this is still an academic debate tournament where professionalism and good judgment are valued.

## Costume Guidelines

- **Appropriateness:** Costumes must be in good taste and appropriate for a high school academic setting. Costumes that are oversexualized, excessively revealing, gruesome, or otherwise offensive are not permitted.
- **Professionalism:** Midriffs, undergarments, and tattoos must be fully covered at all times. Costumes must provide appropriate coverage consistent with the standards of a school-sponsored academic event.
- **Prohibited Clothing:** Masks, leotards, bathing suits, and undergarments (tanks, t's, underwear, or bras) may not be worn as costumes, either on their own or as the primary components of a costume.
- **Respect for Others:** Costumes must not include offensive language, discriminatory imagery, or content that mocks or demeans any individual, group, culture, or community.

## Enforcement

Tournament staff and league officials reserve the right to determine whether a costume meets these guidelines. Participants wearing costumes that do not comply may be asked to modify their costumes or change into appropriate business attire before competing.

**The goal is to have fun, celebrate Halloween, and maintain the respectful and professional atmosphere that makes congressional debate a meaningful academic activity.**