

**COUSHATTA CASINO RESORT'S
2026 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES
Saturday, October 24, 2026 · Entertainment Center**

Contest Entry:

- Contest entry free of charge. No purchase necessary to enter.
- Individuals age 21 & over may participate in the contest by signing up at the registration booth inside the Entertainment Center from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Central Time ("CT").
- Limit one (1) contest entry per person.
- Contestants may compete as either an individual (1) or couple (2).
- No group entries allowed.
- Free Coughatta Advantage Club membership and valid state-issued photo ID required.
- Contestant must be present to win.
- Each contestant will be issued a unique contestant number that must be worn and displayed while on-stage during contest judging.
- Associates of Coughatta Casino Resort are not eligible to participate in this contest; associates may attend this event if off-duty and out of uniform.
- Excluded (86'd) guests may not participate in this contest nor claim any associated prize(s).
- **NOTICE: Contestant may wear a mask or head covering only while inside the Entertainment Center. Wearing a mask or head covering is not permitted in the hotel lobbies, casino floor or other venues. Contestants are required to walk through the Casino Floor in order to enter Entertainment Center.**

Costume Regulations:

- Any contestant(s) whose costume, costume accessories, or conduct violates these regulations may be automatically disqualified from the contest and may result in being banned from the property (86'd). At sole discretion of Management, a contestant may be permitted to modify his/her costume to adhere to contest rules.
- **Size Regulations: ALL PROPS/COSTUMES MUST FIT THROUGH THE DOORWAY MEASUREMENTS OF 62 INCHES (HEIGHT) X 80 INCHES (WIDTH). Management reserves the right to refuse entry of any prop/accessory due to size restrictions.** Oversized items must be able to be disassembled to fit through these doorway dimensions & reassembled inside Entertainment Center. Disassembly and any required assistance is the sole responsibility of contestant; Coughatta Casino Resort cannot provide assistance with costume assembly or transport or storage area for oversized costumes.
 - **All props and/or accessories that will accompany a contestant during presentation must be checked in and approved by Contest Staff at time of registration.**
 - **Assembly/Disassembly: Costumes requiring assembly must be assembled & ready prior to stage judging at 9:00 PM.** Any contestants with costumes not prepared prior to judging may be disqualified. Oversized costumes must be disassembled immediately following announcement of contest winners.
- **Costume Accessories: Props or accessories that create any type of hazard are not allowed.** No pyrotechnics, flammable, liquid-based props or accessories permitted. Also prohibited are device(s) that alter the environment of the room, including but not limited to flames or flammable material, smoke, odors, sprays, excessively loud/distressing sounds, noisemakers, or popping. No live animals permitted.
- **Costume Themes: No offensive, revealing, suggestive, culturally insensitive, or excessively tight costumes are permitted. No full or partial nudity is permitted.** Costume design may not suggest, project, or promote (including but not limited to) sexually explicit, obscene, pornographic, violent (e.g., relating to murder, the sales of weapons, cruelty, abuse, etc.), discriminatory (based on race, sex, religion, national origin, physical disability, sexual orientation or age), illegal (e.g. underage drinking, substance abuse, etc.), offensive, threatening, profane, harassing, defamatory, libelous, infringing or otherwise objectionable or unlawful material as determined by Management in its sole discretion.

- **Weapons:** No real weapons or realistic prop weapons permitted; fake/costume-grade props are permitted but will be checked prior to entry into the premises. All item(s) are subject to a security check and procedures.
- **Masks/Wigs/Makeup/Head Covering:** Contestant may wear a mask or head covering only while inside Entertainment Center. Wearing a mask or head covering is not permitted in the hotel lobbies, casino floor or other venues. Contestants are required to walk through the Casino Floor in order to enter Entertainment Center. For security purposes, a contestant's face must be visible at all times outside of Entertainment Center. Face makeup & wigs are permitted outside of the Entertainment Center as long as individual's face is recognizable; extreme/face-altering makeup is subject to same location restrictions as a mask.

Contest Judging:

- Upon registering to participate in the contest, each contestant will be issued a contestant number. Beginning at approximately 9:00 PM (local time), each contestant will be summoned (based on assigned contestant number) to present his/her costume on stage in-person before a panel of contest judges.
 - Costumes/contestants will be judged based on best overall appearance, originality, and stage presence. The panel of judges will work in unison to consolidate the favored contestants (of all judges) into a single list of the Top Ten (10) best costumes.
 - In the event of a tie, an appointed tie-breaker judge will be allowed to determine a final winner(s)/ranking.
 - The Top 10 finalists will return to the stage for a final presentation and be ranked in order from first to tenth place. Judges will work in unison to rank the finalists; winning place of each will be announced immediately following rank determination by judges.
 - The judges will also nominate one (1) Honorable Mention costume that will be called to stage once the Top 10 have been ranked and prizes announced.
- **All contestants must be prepared for judging by 9:00 PM and present when his/her number range is called on the overhead sound system (inside the Entertainment Center) to the stage queue.** Any contestant not present or ready for stage presentation on time may be disqualified from contest. Coshatta Casino Resort is not responsible for contestant's punctuality.

Contest Prizes:

- A total of \$25,000 USD in prizes will be awarded during this promotion to the top ten (10) contest finalists and one (1) Honorable Mention costume. Each contestant may win up to one (1) prize during this promotion.

Place:	Prize Description:	Total:
First Place	\$5,000 USD Cash & \$5,000 USD Free Slot Play	\$10,000
Second Place	\$5,000 USD Free Slot Play	\$5,000
Third Place	\$3,000 USD Free Slot Play	\$3,000
Fourth Place	\$2,500 USD Free Slot Play	\$2,500
Fifth Place	\$1,500 USD Free Slot Play	\$1,500
Sixth-Tenth Places	\$500 USD Free Slot Play each	\$2,500
Honorable Mention	\$500 USD Free Slot Play	\$500
TOTAL		\$25,000 USD

- **Couple Prizes:** The total prize amount won will be evenly split between the two individuals. For any applicable taxes, each of the contestants will be considered an individual winner.
- **Cash:** Prize is non-transferable. Cash prize will be presented in the form of cash or a check (by request). Winner must sign a Prize Information Form and will be required to furnish his/her Social Security number for the sole purpose of preparation of an IRS Form 1099 reporting the value of any prize(s) as required by federal law. Winners are responsible for any federal, state, or local taxes and/or government fees that may be imposed in connection with the acceptance prize(s).
 - **Non-U.S. Citizen:** Any winner who is a non-U.S. citizen (Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities) is required to complete an IRS Form 1042-S (Foreign Person's U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding) and withhold 30% of the cash prize value towards taxes, or as mandated by location of residency.

- **Free Slot Play:** Free Slot Play awarded is valid until 11/24/2027, 11:59 PM. Free Slot Play may not be redeemed for actual cash, check, or table play. Free Slot Play will be issued to the winner's Coushatta Advantage Club account Power Reward balance. Amount may be redeemed on eligible slot machines inside of Coushatta Casino Resort, in any increment permitted on any chosen machine, during valid date(s). Upon expiration, any unused portion of the awarded balance will no longer be available and will not be reissued. Awarded balance may not be transferred. Coushatta Casino Resort is not responsible for any winner(s) inability to redeem an awarded amount due to a lost, stolen, or damaged Advantage Club card beyond the extent of issuing a free replacement card at request of individual.

Miscellaneous:

- **Limitation of Liability:** Coushatta Casino Resort will not be held liable for any type of damage that occurs to any costume/accessory while on property. Coushatta Casino Resort will be held harmless from any claims, losses, actions, or damages of any kind, whether actual, incidental or consequential, for injury or accident, damages, losses or expenses arising out of or relating to any individual's voluntary participation in this contest, and any affected individual assumes all liability thereof.
- **Conditions of Participation:** By accepting any prize(s) associated with this promotion, patron(s) agree to be bound by these Official Rules including all eligibility requirements and the decisions of Coushatta Casino Resort management, which are final and binding. By participating in this promotion, participant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless, Coushatta Casino Resort and its entities from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, harm, damage, cost, or expense of any kind to any person(s), including, without limitation, property damage, personal injury, and/or death, arising in whole or part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, use, and/or misuse of a prize or participation in this promotion or any activity related to this promotion and for any claims based on publicity rights, defamation, or invasion of privacy. Coushatta Casino Resort is not responsible for any cancelations or delays, or if any prizes cannot be awarded or used, or the promotion cannot be conducted as planned for any reason due to non-authorized intervention, fraud, weather, force majeure event, acts of war, natural disasters, terrorism events or other causes beyond control.
- Management reserves the right to alter or cancel this promotion at any time without prior notice. All drawing times listed are in Central Time (CT). All monetary values are represented in US Dollars (USD). All Free Slot Play value(s) and other prize(s) value(s) are represented in US currency.
- **Administrator:** This promotion is administered by Coushatta Casino Resort, P.O. Box 1510, Kinder, LA 70648.

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Joel Koonce, Interim Director of Marketing

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Warren Davidson, Acting General Manager

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