

# Cosplay contest Rules

## Article 01 : Generalities

- 1.a) The following rules determine the course of the cosplay contest held by Be Cosplay. The rules may be supplemented and amended without prior notice.
- 1.b) Participation in the cosplay contest, organized by Be Cosplay, demand the unconditional approval and respect to these rules.

## Article 02 : Definitions

- 2.a) Each Cosplay contest consists of a show of an individual and/or group of people in costume.
- 2.b) The staff of the festival and the Cosplay competitions work to have a good conduct and proper organization of the contest, hereinafter referred to as « Cosplay organization ».

## Article 03 : Themes and Categories

- 3.a) For the shows, participants are allowed to parade as characters from cartoons, video games, movies, series, comics, manga, anime , official licenced music videos. Custom designs and fan arts are allowed within the boundaries of the competition and will be judged as a different category.
- 3.b) The group participants may have a maximum of 10 members per group. Crossovers (characters from different series) are accepted.
- 3.c) Participants must be 18 years or older on the day of the contest. If this is not the case, the participant must have a parental permission (available on our website or on request through [inscriptions@becosplay.be](mailto:inscriptions@becosplay.be))
- 3.d) Bought costumes are not allowed, at least 70% needs to be made by the participant. A friend or family member can help but only for minor work, and it needs to be confirmed if they did. Commisioned pieces are not allowed under any circumstances.
- 3.e) Since the shows are open to the public of all ages acts must be suitable for everyone. No insults or sexist or homophobic comments , no nudity allowed.

## Article 04: Date and Number of Participants

- 4.a) The timetable for the individual and group contest will be announced via email. (confirmation email)
- 4.b) The selections are limited, to 10 groups and 20 individuals based on the time assigned by the organizer of the contest. If you subscribe after it is full you will be placed on a waiting list, should a group or individual cancel you will be notified.
- 4.c) The inscriptions are done according to the principle "first come first served".
- 4.d) This limit may be changed without prior notice by the Cosplay organization in terms of the overall planning of the festival.

## Article 05: Registration for the Contest

- 5.a) Participation in one of the shows means that a registration has been executed according to the instructions found on the website of Be Cosplay.
- 5.b) The persons whose registration on the website have been validated must confirm their presence at the Cosplay stand according to the timetable announced by the Cosplay organization.
- 5.c) In the absence of such confirmation on the day of the event, the participant shall not be able to enter the contest and may subject to a ban for the next contestsubscription.

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5.d) All nationalities may participate.

5.e) Only the catwalk registrations will be done on the day of the contest, depending on the available time assigned for the contest.

5.f) Registration for both days is accepted on the condition of registering with 2 different costumes each day. Even if you participate in both group and solo.

5.g) Changing your participation after your registration has been validated, will put you at the bottom of the waiting list.

## Article 06: Registration Groups Contest

6.a) The term "Registration Groups" includes all entries in which multiple participants are entering the stage.

6.b) Each group should appoint a representative who will deliver all necessary documents for each member of the group to the organization Cosplay

6.c) The representative commits himself to respect the rules and to make the group respect it as well, and will communicate the Cosplay organization's instructions to the group.

6.d) Each member of the group needs to be present at the same time to confirm their presence at the Cosplay stand according to the timetable announced by the Cosplay organization.

6.e) Registration for both days is accepted on the condition of registering with different costumes each day.

## Article 07: Award for Contest

7.a) Individual and group contestants entitle to various prizes, which may include prizes for costumes, performance, personal creations, props, and others that may be defined by the Cosplay organization.

## Article 08: Duration of the Act

8.a) For solo acts, the duration is limited to 1 minute and 30 seconds. For groups, the duration is limited to 3 minutes.

8.b) In case the duration exceeds the limit, your registration will not be validated.

8.c) The duration of the act can be modified at any time, and will depend on the regulations specific to each contest. It is important to turn to the relevant section.

## Article 09: Sound Equipment in Acts

9.a) microphones are not available to participants.

9.b) Audio files should be in mp3, if allowed by the convention video files should be in mp4.

9.c) The files must be named accordingly: name, first name, series and character.

9.d) The Cosplay organization will not do any audio editing before or during the acts.

9.e) In case you want to change your audiofile, you will need to make a new subscription. Your first subscription will then be cancelled.

9.f) If your audio quality is insufficient we can ask you to change it, this will not place you back at the bottom of the list.

## Article 10: Required Elements

10.a) A reference picture should be sent to the cosplay organisation, this is a picture of the character you portray. There is a limit of 2 files per character, we encourage you to make a good collage.

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10.b) The files must be named accordingly: name, first name, series and character.

10.c) The absence of this picture makes the registration invalid. The images cannot be looked up on the spot.

## Article 11: Evaluation

11.a) The assessment of the jury is about 4 elements. the assesment of the jury will be done based on 2 subjects , which count equally.

- Costume: design, quality, chosen techniques , complexity , similarity.

- Act: Acting, inventiveness, entertainment, staging, quality of the sound or video.

## Article 12: Jury and Scoring

12.a) The official Jury consists of 3 to 5 persons for each contest.

12.b) The members of the Jury official may not participate in the competition.

12.c) The winners of the contests are indicated by a collective decision of the jury.

12.D) The number of members of the jury may be modified at any time by the Cosplay organization without prior notice.

## Article 13: Limitations to Entry

13.a) Each participant commits to participate with the costume he or she submitted during registration.

13.b) The members of the Cosplay organization that work the day of the contest, as well as the members of the jury are not allowed to participate in the contest.

13.c) A participant cannot participate in the same contest with two different costumes/acts (except if these costumes are part of the same act).

## Article 14: Security

14.a) For security reasons, pyrotechnics (fireworks, lighters, firecrackers, candles, burning objects...) are prohibited.

14.b) Liquids in any form (water gun, filled bottles,...) are forbidden on the stage.

14.c) Weapon replicas (swords, etc.) are prohibited, with the exception of weapons made by the participants, and provided that these replicas are not a danger to the environment.

14.d) Glitter, confetti, small flowers, flour or anything that will make the stage dirty etc. are forbidden on stage.

14.e) The organization reserves the right to stop an act if they consider that the safety of the participants or persons present is compromised.

14.f) For their own safety, participants must remain at 1 meter from the edge of the stage.

14.g) Breakable and sharp objects in cluding stage props are not allowed , glass, porcelain , ecetera.

14.h) Every prop and accesoiry needs to be checked during validation , failure to comply will result in disquialification.

14.i) If you wear body paint, you are not allowed to touch the stage.

14.j) Dangerous gasses are not allowed on stage, or in the dressingrooms( bugspray, hairspray, deodorant ecetera).

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14.k) Exeptions: Baloons with helium, small airstanks for pneumatics, vape machine only if the liquid does not exceed 4ml.

## **Article 15: Disqualification**

15.a) Any participant who does not comply with one of the articles from these rules or with the regulations belonging to his category will be automatically disqualified.

15.b) Each participant that fails to comply the guidelines of the Cosplay organization can be immediately disqualified.

15.c) Any contestant found guilty of vandalism, theft, verbal or physical aggression, shocking behavior or any other crime during the festival will be immediately and irrevocably disqualified. Legal procedure will be initiated against those who misbehave.

15.d) Being caught lying to the jury will result in disqualification. Being caught after the day of the contest may result in a ban.

## **Article 16: Pictorial rights**

16.a) By accepting these rules, participants allow pictures and movies taken of themselves during the festival, to be used within the context of the communication or promotion.

16.b) This authorization is valid for a period of 3 years.

16.c) The organization commits to ensure that the images are used conform to morality and the law. Each image that dishonors human value, promotes pornography and violence are strictly forbidden.

16.d) The rules will be completed and signed, and are issued afterwards by each participant to the Cosplay organization.

16.e) When delivering this document a piece of identification must be presented.