

Regulations for the Cosplay Contest Japan Matsuri 2022

General Rules

The cosplay enrolled in the contest have to come under one of the following categories

- Anime
- Manga
- Card Game
- Fantasy
- Movies
- Comics
- RPG
- Gothic
- J-Rock
- Videogames

Not allowed :

- real weapons, explosives, liquids or the employment of fire in general;
- If the chosen character is equipped with weapons, **these cannot result dangerous** for who performs and for the others (audience and judges);
- The chosen cosplay must not harm the **sensitivity** of the audience; the use of artificial blood is severely forbidden;
- If the enrolled person plans to perform, this must not injure the audience and the person performing;
- Dangerous and/or acrobatic acts: only persons for who such acts are a professional or common activity may perform such acts, and any such acts are performed strictly at your own risk and peril
- Obscene and/or vulgar acts are not allowed during the performance;
- Any vulgar performance against any law applied or against the failure to comply to the rules will immediately cause the **disqualification** from the contest and the interruption of the performance;

The cosplayer who participate in the contest implicitly accept the present regulations, the organization reserves the right to exclude in any moment who does not follow and respect the rules;

Soundtrack

1. The participants will be able to have a soundtrack during the performance chosen by themselves;
2. The track must exclusively be in mp3 format: tracks in other formats than mp3 will not be accepted (NO CD AUDIO, NO CELLPHONES,...);
3. The arrangements delivered in other occasions than the enrolment will not be accepted (e.g. NO arrangements delivered on stage before the performance);
4. The soundtrack has to be only one: if the track has musical mixes, these must be prepared beforehand and delivered as single track at the enrolment.

Enrolment:

It is possible to enroll to the Cosplay Contest in two ways:

1. **Pre-enrollment** : through the form on the official „Japan Matsuri“ web page. The online enrollment will be active only until September 01, 2022. If during the enrollment the track has not been delivered, it must be done by the date mentioned above.
When the enrollment is done a confirmation of enrollment or non-enrollment should be sent to the entrant.
2. **Enrollment at the festival**: by September 11, 2022 at 2:00PM turning up in front of the “Japan Matsuri” stall. The participant will have to fill out the enrollment form and deliver, if necessary, the soundtrack.

Validation:

Every participant will have to show up by September 11, 2022 at 2:00PM, day of the Contest, at the "Japan Matsuri" stall with an ID and the signed releasing contract. For minors the releasing contract must be signed by the parents. In case of an eventual hindrance please promptly announce it by e-mail.

Judges:

The judges will value every participant according to the global similarity to the character performed (please provide a picture during the enrollment), the interpretation, the performance, the difficulty, the costume/accessories and the originality. The choice cannot be appealed and their judgment is final.

Performance

The time limit is:

- single: 2 minutes
- couples: 3 minutes
- groups of 3 to 5: 4 minutes
- groups of 6 and more: 5 minutes

Award Ceremony

The contest award ceremony will take place on **Sunday September 11, 2022**. The organization has the right to modify anytime the present regulations. For further questions or problems an e-mail can be sent to the staff: cosplayjm@gmail.com

Polymanga Swiss Cosplay League 2023

This year there will be the opportunity to join the selection of the best cosplayer from Japan Matsuri. The winner will participate at the Swiss Cosplay League final at Polymanga 2023, with a money prize of CHF 3,500. The event organizers will cover transportation and hotel expenses.

Please inform the Japan Matsuri staff, if you want to join the Swiss Cosplay League selection

Rules valid only for the Swiss Cosplay League 2023 final selection.

Handmade cosplay (> 80%)

Cosplayers living in Switzerland

80% of the rating based on the costume, 20% on the performance

Same costume can be used for Polymanga finals than for qualifiers with an improved part.

These regulations were modified on the 28.08.2022