



Cosplay Contest Japan Matsuri Rules

Registration:

Registration for the Cosplay Contest can be done in two ways:

1. **Pre-registration:** Through a dedicated form available on the official "Japan Matsuri" website. Online registration will be active **until August 23, 2023**.

2. **On-site registration:** By 1:00 PM on September 3, 2023, participants should visit the "Japan Matsuri" booth and complete the registration form. If required, they should also submit the music track or video.

Validation:

Each participant must present themselves at the "Japan Matsuri" booth **by 1:00 PM on Sunday, September 3, 2023**, the day of the Contest. They must bring a valid form of identification and a signed waiver. For minors, the waiver must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Prohibitions:

- Real weapons, explosives, liquids, or the use of fire in general are not permitted.
- If the chosen character is equipped with weapons, they must not pose any danger to the performer or others (including spectators and judges).
- Weapons that may resemble real ones are strictly prohibited.
- Any displays of inappropriate or offensive content, violation of applicable laws, or disregard for the rules will result in immediate disqualification from the contest and termination of the performance.
- Any obscene or vulgar acts during the exhibition are strictly prohibited.
- Selected cosplays must not offend the sensitivities of the present audience, and the use of fake blood is strictly forbidden.
- If a registered participant plans to perform, it must not in any way endanger the audience or themselves.
- Acrobatic performances can only be carried out by individuals who are professionals or engage in such activities regularly. Nevertheless, these performances are undertaken at their own risk and peril.



Participants in the cosplay competition implicitly and fully accept this regulation. The organizers reserve the right, at their sole discretion and at any time, to remove or exclude individuals who fail to comply with this regulation, even without prior notice.

The organizers disclaim any responsibility in the event of accidents and reserve the right to disqualify participants from the contest at any time.

Performance

The maximum time allowed for the performance is as follows:

- Individual: 2 minutes
- Couples or groups: 4 minutes

Participants may have background music of their choice during the parade or they can choose to project a video with integrated audio.

1. If a participant submits separate audio and video files, they will not be accepted.
2. The music track must be a single track: if the track includes musical mixes, they must be prepared in advance and submitted as a single track at the time of registration.
3. The track must be exclusively in MP3 format: audio tracks in other formats, such as CD audio or cell phones, will not be accepted.
4. Video formats must be in MP4 or AVI.
5. Both audio and video must not exceed the maximum time allowed for the performance.
6. Bases submitted at times other than during registration will not be accepted (e.g., no bases submitted on stage during the performance).

Judges:

The judging panel will assess each contestant based on overall resemblance to the character (please provide a photo during registration), interpretation, performance, difficulty, and craftsmanship of the costume/accessories.

Their decision is binding and their judgment is final.

Polymanga Swiss Cosplay League 2024

Cosplayers participating as individual entrants have the opportunity to compete in the selection for Best Cosplayer. The winner will earn a spot in the final of the Swiss Cosplay League at Polymanga 2024.

To participate in the selection, please inform the Japan Matsuri staff.

Rules applicable only to the Swiss Cosplay League 2024 final selection:

- Handmade cosplays (>80%)
- Cosplayers must be residents of Switzerland.
- 80% of the evaluation is based on the costume, while 20% is based on the performance.

The same costume worn at Japan Matsuri can be used for the Polymanga finals, with potential improvements made to certain aspects.

The organization reserves the right to amend this regulation at any time. If you have any questions, please contact the staff at the email address: cosplayjm@gmail.com.

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