



Jamaica Cosplay Championship 2026: OFFICIAL RULES & GUIDELINES

GreatAgeofPirates  —NationalArena,Kingston,Jamaica

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Presented by AnimeCon Jamaica and the Jamaica Cosplay Club



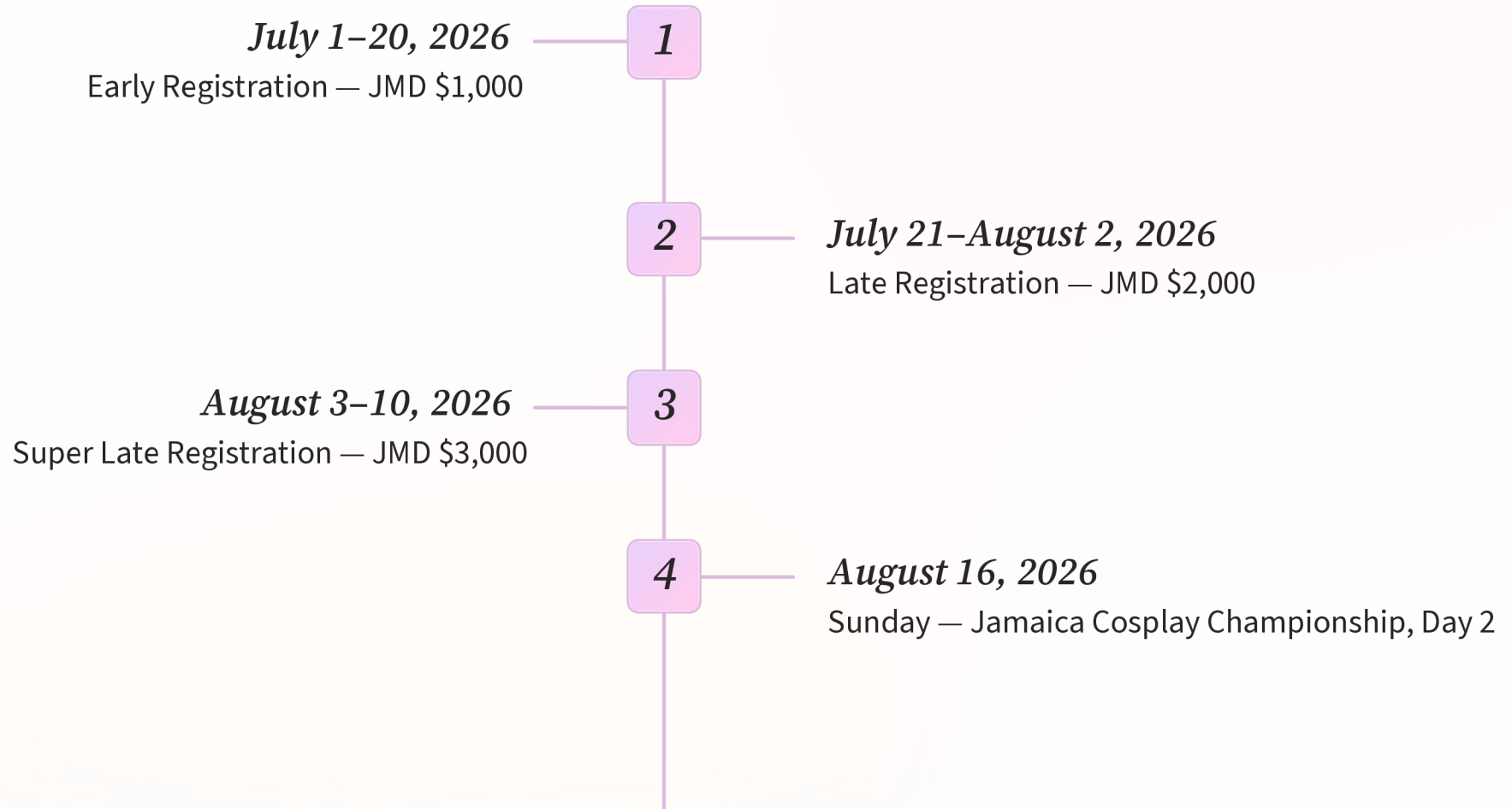
Welcome to the Championship

Jamaica's premier cosplay competition returns for AnimeCom Fest 2026: Great Age of Pirates. AnimeCon Jamaica and the Jamaica Cosplay Club are proud to present the Jamaica Cosplay Championship 2026 — your opportunity to showcase creativity, craftsmanship and performance while competing for the prestigious title of Jamaica Cosplay Champion 2026.

Win a share of **over JMD \$600,000 in cash & prizes** — including an all-inclusive staycation for two at a RIU Hotel on Jamaica's north coast, championship titles, exclusive awards, sponsor prizes and much more!

- Participating contestants **MUST** possess a valid AnimeCom Fest 2026 admission ticket.
- The competition registration fee does **NOT** include convention admission. Contestants must purchase a Regular Day Pass, SUPA Pass or ULTRA Pass.
- Absolutely no registration will be accepted on the day of the competition.
- The Jamaica Cosplay Championship will be held on Day 2 of AnimeCom Fest 2026.

Registration Periods & Timeline



Early-registration payment must be made within seven (7) working days to secure your spot. Super-late registration must be paid in full. Registration fees are non-refundable. Entry is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cosplay Contest Policy & General Rules



The Jamaica Cosplay Championship is a craftsmanship award show featuring a pre-judging session and skit performance display. The competition format and all eligibility requirements remain unchanged from 2025.

- All contestants must register and pay the required fee by the appropriate deadline to be eligible.
- All contestants must show respect to the competition, judges, sponsors, attendees and all stakeholders.
- Characters must originate from published sources: anime, manga, comics, video games, films or graphic novels. Fan-art versions are allowed.
- Costumes that have previously competed in the Jamaica Cosplay Championship are not eligible.
- AnimeCom Fest staff and volunteers are not eligible to compete.
- The organizers reserve the right to amend these rules without prior notice.
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Participation Rules & Requirements

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Costume Construction

Costumes must be at least 50% made or altered by the contestant or a team member present during judging. Entirely store-bought costumes are not accepted unless commissioned.

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Photo Submissions

Submit at least two (2) high-resolution, printed colour photos of your character from different angles. In-progress construction photos are also required.

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Skit Performances

Skits are limited to 3 minutes. Audio/video submissions are due no later than August 1, 2026. A skit may include up to eight (8) participants.

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Technical Requirements

Costumes must be self-contained. No external power sources are permitted. No illegal items or materials are allowed.

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Costume Standards

All costumes must be PG-13 and family-friendly. Contestants must appear in full cosplay — including makeup, props and an in-character persona — for pre-judging.

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Escort Policy & Age

Contestants are responsible for their own escorts. Escorts must hold a valid AnimeCom Fest badge or wristband. Contestants age 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.

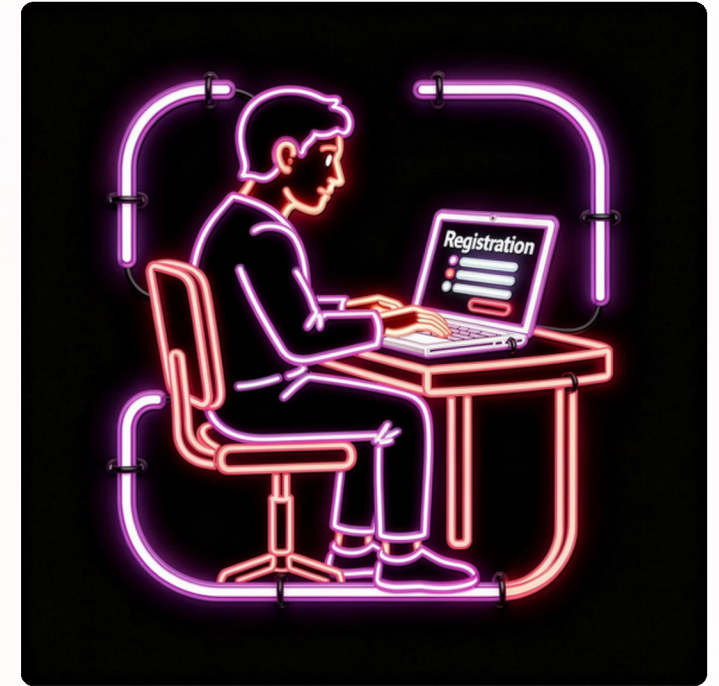
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A Cosplay Workshop

A cosplay and stage performance workshop will be hosted on a date to be announced (TBA). By entering, participants agree to comply with all rules. Non-compliance may result in disqualification.

Competition Procedures

Pre-judging is mandatory and will occur on Day 2. The time and location will be announced. Judging will be by scheduled appointment— times will be provided at the Cosplay Registration Table. Judges' decisions are final.



Pre-Judging (Mandatory)

Failure to appear may result in disqualification. Day 2 — time and location TBA.



Skit Submission Deadline

All audio/video files for skits must be submitted no later than August 1, 2026.



Check-In & Announcements

Contestants must check in and monitor public announcements for updates throughout the event day.

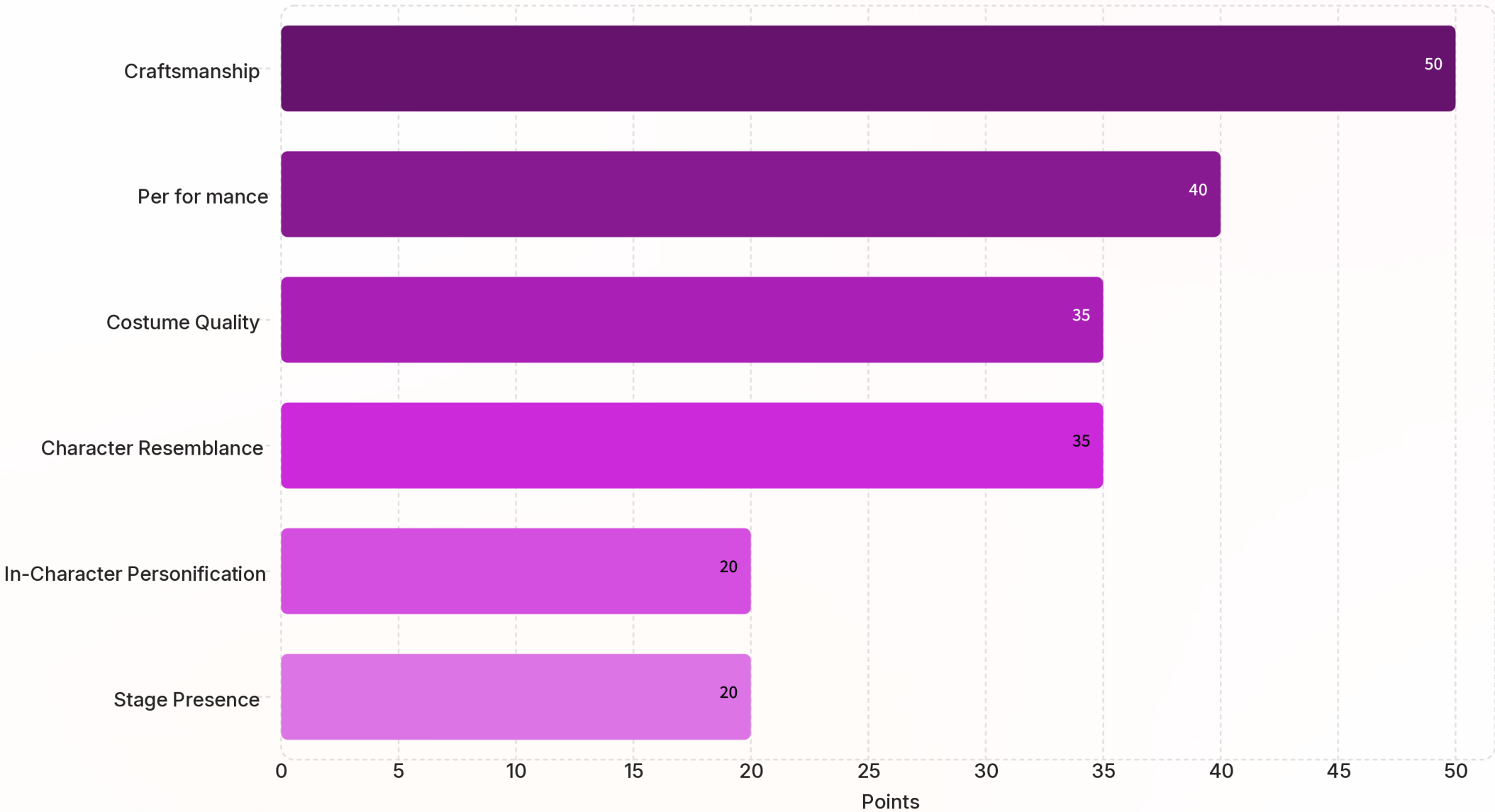


Full Cosplay Required

Participants must appear in complete cosplay — including makeup, props and in-character persona — for all judging sessions.

Judging Criteria (200 Points Total)

Category



Contestants are scored across six categories by a panel of judges, totalling **200 points**. Craftsmanship carries the greatest weight at 50 points, followed by Performance at 40 points. Costume Quality and Character Resemblance are each worth 35 points, while In-Character Personification and Stage Presence are each worth 20 points. The contestant with the highest combined score wins the title of Jamaica Cosplay Champion 2026.

Award Categories



Jamaica Cosplay Champion

1st Place — Seasoned Cosplayers



1st Runner-Up

2nd Place — Seasoned Cosplayers



2nd Runner-Up

3rd Place — Seasoned Cosplayers



Beginners Category

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place — First-Time Entrants



Fan Favourite Award

Male & Female



Craftsmanship & Props Awards

Costume Craftsmanship, Best Seamstress, Best Prop Award



Performance & Sponsor Awards

Best Performance Award, Sponsor's Choice Award



Kiddies Cosplay Contest

Free Entry — Open to kids 13 & under — Day 2 only —

Registration on the day — 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need an AnimeCom Fest ticket?

Yes. Every contestant must hold a valid AnimeCom Fest 2026 ticket. The competition registration fee does not include admission.

Can I buy my costume?

A costume must be at least 50% made or altered by the contestant or a team member present during judging. Entirely store-bought costumes are not accepted unless commissioned.

Can I use a costume from a previous Championship?

No. Costumes that have previously competed in the Jamaica Cosplay Championship are not eligible.

Is pre-judging mandatory?

Yes. Failure to appear for pre-judging may result in disqualification.

How long can my skit be? Can a group perform?

Skits are limited to three (3) minutes and may include up to eight (8) participants.

What must I bring for judging?

At least two high-resolution printed colour reference photos from different angles, in-progress construction photos, and your complete cosplay including makeup and props.

Can children enter?

Yes. Contestants age 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The separate Kiddies Cosplay Contest is open to kids 13 and under with registration available on Day 2.

Contact & Registration

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Official Jamaica Cosplay Club social channels

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