



2022 JAMAICA COSPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Cosplay Contest Policy at AnimeCom Fest

The Jamaica Cosplay Championship* is a craftsmanship award show, with a pre-judging session and a skit performance display.

Put your skills to the test and compete for prizes and honours with the best cosplayers around. Early bird Online Registration will open from May 18 to June 3, 2022. The registration fee is \$500. Regular Registration will run from June 4 to July 4, 2022. The registration fee is \$800. Late Registration is any time after July 4, 2022. The registration Fee is \$1600.

The rules for entry are below.

Skit of Contestants on Saturday Time/Campion College

***Should like to participate in the Cosplay Contest, the pre-judging location will be announced during opening ceremonies (and at the Information table) on Sunday, July 31, 2022, and you must agree to the following Guidelines.**

2. AnimeCom Fest Cosplay Contest Rules & Guidelines:

1. All contestants are welcome but **MUST** register and pay the required **REGISTRATION FEE** for a chance to win over \$100,000 in cash and prizes.
2. All contestants must be respectful of the **COMPETITION, JUDGES** and **EVERYONE** else.
3. There will be a cosplay and stage performance workshop on TDA
4. Submit at least 2 (two) photos of the character you will be cosplaying from different angles upon registering for the contest (Printed in colour so the judges can view it easily)
5. In progress, photos are required.
6. Characters should be from a published source naming: anime/cartoon, manga, comics, video game, film or graphic novel.
7. All costumes must be at least 50% made or altered by the contestants themselves (or commission or by one of the members within a group so as long as the individual is present during the judging process)
8. Entries will be allowed on a first come first serve basis
9. Costumes should be self-contained and self-sufficient (connections to electrical outlets will be unavailable)
10. You must secure your own escort if your costume is bulky and/or requires assistance for moving around in or seeing
11. There will be a mandatory costume contest pre-judging, at Time TBD and announced on the day of the event.
12. Not showing up for the mandatory costume contest pre-judging, at Time TBD may result in you not being allowed to compete
13. Judging will be done by appointment. You will receive your judging time at the Cosplay Registration Table at Time TBD.
14. All awards presented will be at the judges' discretion. **THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**
15. No member of **TEAM AnimeCom** is eligible to enter.
16. All costumes must be safe and family-friendly (pg-13)
17. Anything which is illegal in Jamaica is unlawful or prohibited in general as part of your cosplay.
18. Any contestant ages 12 and younger at the time of the Cosplay Competition must have their parent or legal guardians with them at all times during the Cosplay Competition process (signing in/up, pre-judging, the actual show etc.).
19. Skit performances may only have up to 8 people in them
20. All contestants must check in at the Cosplay Registration Table for final updates, and information; submission of video and audio files for Skit performances will be accepted **NO LATER** than July 15, 2022.
21. All participants **MUST BE IN FULL COSPLAY** when you are getting pre-judged; this means the full cosplay, makeup, props, etc. This also includes your persona or in-character personification of your character. (Judging starts from the moment you enter the venue)
22. By entering this contest you agree to read and abide by all rules as detailed herein and that failure to do so will result in your disqualification from the contest and/or removal
23. All Skit performances are limited to a three (3) minute time limit
24. Jamaica Cosplay Champion judging is based on the following criteria, factors and categories:
 - a. Costume Quality
 - b. Costume Craftmanship
 - c. Performance
 - d. In-Character/Character Personification
 - e. Character Resemblance
 - f. Costume Stage Presence

3. Judging Criteria

Competition Judging (200 points)

Points are awarded according to the following five criteria related to the production of the constituent elements that express the character (costumes, hand props, etc.):

3.1) Costume Quality (35 points)

Evaluated according to multiple factors, such as how well the costume is combined, how well it suits the contestant, how clean and beautiful it is designed/sewn/glued, etc.

3.2) Craftsmanship (50 points)

Evaluation of costume-making skills Costumes that have been made by utilizing a variety of challenging techniques are scored more highly than those using a small number of basic skills. This criterion looks more at the level of quality rather than the number of techniques employed.

If any special effects or techniques such as electronics or other mechanisms are used, the concepts will be evaluated here.

3.3) Performance (40 points)

An evaluation of how impressive a skit performance is. It is taking into consideration the contestant's skit performance staging, creativity, entertainment value, finesse, etc.

3.4) In-Character/ Character Personification (20 points)

Contestants will be judged on the degree to which faithfulness to the original (story, character, and atmosphere) can be felt. This criterion assesses the cosplayers' devotedness -- in other words, the cosplayers' love and respect -- for the original as communicated to others (in this case, the judges) through the personification and performance.

3.5) Cosplay Character Resemblance (35 points)

This criterion assesses the following: How faithful is the costume to the submitted character entry photos? How many ideas have been incorporated into the costume? How are the costume and other elements that have been produced being shown on stage?

3.6) Costume Stage Presence (20 points)

This is an evaluation of the costumes while on stage, based on factors such as their vibrancy (how they appease the audience) during the performance and how dazzling they look coupled with the lighting. Rather than costume details, this is an evaluation of the impression created by the costumes on stage - of the merits of the costumes that can only be appreciated once they actually appear on stage. Special technical concepts such as electronics, special effects or other mechanisms will be considered with regard to how effective they are.

The judging combines the scores from all six categories for a possible maximum of 200 points

25. The judging combines the scores from 1. Costume Quality 2. Craftsmanship, 3. Performance, 4. In-Character/Character Personification, 5. Resemblance to Character, 6. Costume Stage Presence for a possible maximum of 200 points

Awards Categories

26. Jamaica Cosplay Championship have a total of six award categories as set out below:

- a. **FIRST PLACE AWARD** (Jamaica Cosplay Champion)
- b. **SECOND PLACE AWARD** (Jamaica Cosplay Champion 1st - Runner-up)
- c. **THIRD PLACE AWARD** (jamaica Cosplay Champion 2nd- Runner-up)

Special Awards categories:

- a. Fan Favourite (Fan Favourite Award)
- b. Prop Craftmanship (Best Prop Award)
- c. Judges' Choice (Judges' Award)