



2023 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.

Registration is as follows:

- Early bird online will open from February 6 to March 6, 2023, with a registration fee of \$800.00
- Regular Registration will run from March 8 to July 8, 2022, with a fee of \$1200.00
- Late Registration is any time after July 4, 2022, with a fee of \$1,600.00

The rules for entry are below.

Skit of Contestants on Saturday Time/Chinese Benevolent Association

***Should you 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 30, 2023, and you must agree to the following Guidelines.**

2. AnimeCom Fest Cosplay Championship Rules & Guidelines:

1. All contestants are welcome but **MUST** register and pay the required REGISTRATION FEE for a chance to win over \$300,000 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 two (2) high-resolution photos of the cosplay/character you will be cosplaying from different angles upon registering for the contest (Printed in colour so the judges can view them easily)
5. In-progress photos are required. We will not accept cosplays that are wholly bought unless commissioned.
6. Characters should be from a published source namely: anime/cartoon, manga, comics, video game, film or graphic novel. A fan art version is also welcome.
7. All costumes must be at least 50% made or altered by the contestants themselves (or commissioned 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 served 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 or seeing. All escorts or assistants must be in possession of an ACF2023 badge or wristband.
11. There will be a mandatory pre-judging session at Time *TBD* and announced on Day 2 of the event.
12. Not appearing for the mandatory pre-judging session 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' and ACF's discretion. **THE JUDGING 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 considered illegal by Jamaican laws, will not be permitted as part of your cosplay. These items are prohibited in general.
18. Any contestant ages 12 and younger at the time of the Cosplay Competition must have their parent or legal guardian with them at all times during the Cosplay Competition process (sign 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 or listen to the Public Announcements for final updates, and information.
21. Submission of video and audio files for Skit performances will be accepted **NO LATER** than July 15, 2023.

22. All participants **MUST BE IN FULL COSPLAY** when you are getting pre-judged; this means the full cosplay, make-up, props, etc. This also includes your persona or in-character personification of your character. (Judging starts from the moment you enter the venue).
23. 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.
24. All Skit performances are limited to a three (3) minute time period.
25. Jamaica Cosplay Championship 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 is 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 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

4. Awards Categories

26. Jamaica Cosplay Championship has 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:

1. Fan Favourite (Fan Favourite Award x 2) (Male & Female)
2. Craftmanship (Costume Craftmanship Award)
3. Prop Craftmanship (Best Prop Award)
4. Seamstress (Best Seamstress Award)
5. Performance (Best Performance Award)
6. Judges' Choice (Judges' Award)