

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Cosplay Masquerade will be run by Foamtastic Cosplay Crew at 8 and 9 of July. foamtastic Cosplay Crew will always have the final say in decisions that have to be made. Foamtastic Cosplay Crew will make sure all judging will be done fair and without bias!

Please send any queries by email to ilunaneko@gmail.com

Participation in the Cosplay Masquerade does not grant free entry to El Mundo Fantasia.

HOW TO ENTER SATURDAY

- There is one type of Masquerade entry: Craftsmanship o **Craftsmanship** entries show off their costumes through a simple walk on and a pre judging earlier on the day. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis to eligible entries. Most Costume Display entries will be on stage for 30 - 60 seconds. No performance is allowed! El Mundo Fantasia will provide the music for the show.
- Online sign-ups open 6 weeks before each Masquerade. Applications will close when places are full or 1 week before the Masquerade, whichever event occurs first.
- Only one entry is permitted per person or group. If you enter as part of a group you cannot also enter as an individual.
- On the day of the Cosplay Masquerade, you must check in at Cosplay Square by the time communicated by the Foamtastic Cosplay Crew to confirm you are still taking part and check your details. You will be allocated a time slot (a 15-20 minute window) to appear for pre-judging so the judges can assess your costume construction. All entries will present their costume on the Main Stage in the Cosplay Masquerade, which usually takes place at the end of the relevant day of El Mundo Fantasia.

HOW TO ENTER SUNDAY

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CRITERIA COMPETITION

Cosplay is not limited to costumes from anime and games - any pop culture costume is welcome. Original costumes based on pop culture are allowed, due to judging criteria please explain the design of the costume!

Employees, staff, crew or guests of El Mundo Fantasia and persons connected with the Masquerade, e.g. prize sponsors or judges and their agents, are not eligible to enter the Cosplay Masquerade.

SATURDAY ENTRIES

Juniors (0-12 years old) and family entries (adults with children) can enter regardless of whether or not they made their own costume, but they are not judged or eligible for prizes. Participants over the age of 12 may choose to only showcase their costume on stage and not to be judged if they do not wish to enter competitively.

The **maximum** group size is **4 people**.

Costume Display entrants aged 16 or over must wear a costume that meets the following criteria (***there is no exception for people who do not wish to be judged***):

- All costumes must be made by the wearer or one of the group. A portion of the costume (such as leotard, tights and shoes) may be from purchased, finished goods, but the majority of the costume should have been constructed by the entrant: at least 70% should be their own work. Any customisation work to bought wigs, props, etc. should be the original work of the entrant. If entrants have made heavy alterations to or completely transformed a store-bought garment and wish to enter it into the Masquerade, they must be able to explain how they have altered it and the processes that such an endeavour entailed.
- Commissioned and bought costumes or costumes mostly made up of bought general clothing are not accepted for Costume Display entries, even in a group with some eligible costumes.
- The costume must not have been entered into a Cosplay Masquerade at any previous event.
- All costumes should provide enough coverage to be worn in public and should be in good taste and appropriate for a family-friendly show and must not contain material that is violent, pornographic or otherwise obscene, illegal or racially or morally offensive or endorses any form of hate or hate group, each as determined by the El Mundo Fantasia, at their sole discretion. Further, no costume may include harmful or potentially harmful materials, including, but not limited to, water, cigarettes, flames, fireworks, silly string or any other substance that can be fired, launched or dripped.

The Cosplay Team will provide a royalty free backing track to fit the character or costume for the stage presentation.

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JUDGING CRITERIA SATURDAY

The competition will be judged by a panel of experienced cosplayers.

Costume points (90%) will be allocated on the basis of:

- Complexity (30%) Difficulty of costume project chosen and how confidently this was overcome.
 - Craftsmanship (40%) – how detailed, creative and well constructed the costume is taking into account application of skills, materials used and practicality based on movement and use on stage.
 - Accuracy (20%) – How close the costume is to the characters original design.
- OR**
- Interpretation (20%) – If you have done your own spin on a character (say a female version of a male character), how consistent and authentically this was achieved.

The Last 10% Will be based on the stage presence.

JUDGING & PRIZES SATURDAY

The contest element is open to **ages 16 and over** only.

- Participants may choose to showcase their costume on stage only and not to be judged if they do not wish to enter competitively.
- A 'Best in Show' and 'First and Second Runner up' prize will be awarded to the best entries as determined by the judges. The judges may award additional prizes depending on the size of the Masquerade.
- For a costume to be judged competitively, entrants must attend a pre-judging session as well as participating in the stage show. Any reference pictures or other supporting material to be shown to the judges should be brought to that pre-judging session.
- Groups will be judged as a whole and not just on the basis of the best or worst costumes.
- Prizes are awarded per entry, not per person in a group.
- **The judges' decision is FINAL.- Please respect the judges and the other participants by accepting their decisions.**

JUDGING CRITERIA SUNDAY

The competition will be judged by a panel of experienced cosplayers.

Costume points (50%) will be allocated on the basis of:

- Craftsmanship (30%) – how detailed, creative and well constructed the costume is taking into account application of skills, materials used and practicality based on movement and use on stage.
- Accuracy (20%) – How close the costume is to the characters original design.

OR

Interpretation (20%) – If you have done your own spin on a character (say a female version of a male character), how consistent and authentically this was achieved.

The Last 50% Will be based on the stage presence.

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