

# Pixiecon 's Cosplay Contests

## Solo Beginner

- Saturday -

This category is made for all cosplayers who haven't got a lot of experience. We truly believe that everyone deserves to be encouraged, and it is very important for us to give a chance to everyone to win a prize.

## Solo Master

- Saturday -

This category is made for all cosplayers who have participated in a lot of contests and want to compete against the best of the best. Looking for a new challenge? This contest is made for you!

## Character Alteration

- Sunday -

This category is made for all cosplayers who have a creative side that they want to express. You love to create new designs for your favorite characters but you never had the chance to compete with it? This is the perfect opportunity to showcase your talent and your originality as a designer.

## Group

- Sunday -

This category is made for all cosplayers who want to go on stage with their friends. You have a great idea for a performance but you cannot do it alone? Then grab your bestie and register now to this contest. After all don't people say 'the more the merrier'.

# The Rules

## I. General Points

- 1.a) The following rules are applicable to the cosplay contests of Pixiecon. They may be completed or modified without prior notice.
- 1.b) Contestants may be disqualified from the competition if they do not respect the rules.
- 1.c) The cosplay staff will be there to make sure the contests run smoothly. They will be there to answer as best as they can any questions contestants may have on the day of the event.
- 1.d) Every category requires a registration online before the event. NO INSCRIPTIONS on the day will be allowed.

## 2. Themes and Categories

- 2.a) Contestants may perform in costumes representing characters from anime, manga, comics, video games, movies, TV series. The costumes must have official reference pictures. Personal creations are only allowed and compulsory in the «Character Alteration» category. Each entry will have to be submitted and validated by the Cosplay Organizers.
- 2.b) People may participate in solo, in duo or trio. People wishing to participate as a duo or a trio must wear costumes from the same source (for example, Elsa and Anna from Frozen).
- 2.c) Cosplay Organizers always have the final decision on the legitimacy of the material.
- 2.d) The maximum of contestants per category is 20. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, upon receipt of a completed application form.
- 2.e) This limit may be changed without prior notice by the Cosplay organizers depending on the general organization of the convention.
- 2.f) Children may be present in the audience. Therefore, all performances must be family friendly.

## 3. *Attending the Contest*

- 3.a) Contestants will have to fill in the inscription form and provide all the required documents to the Cosplay Organizers before the deadline. Contestants will then receive an email of confirmation and validation.
- 3.b) For the group category, one member will be designated as leader and will have the responsibility to send all the required documents and material to the Cosplay Organizers on behalf of his/her group.
- 3.c) The leader must inform the other members of the group about the present rules and any further instructions that may be given to him/her by the Cosplay organizers.
- 3.d) All members of the group must be present on the day of the event. If any changes in composition occurs before the day of the contest, please keep the Cosplay staff informed. Composition of the group may NOT be changed on the day. If a member is missing the whole team will be immediately disqualified.
- 3.e) Any no-show, may result in penalties for future contests (example : refusing the inscription).

## 4. *The Performance*

- 4.a) Every contestants must perform on stage with their costume.
- 4.b) Solo acts can last to a maximum of 1 minute 15 seconds. Group acts can take up to 2 minutes 30 seconds max. Any soundtrack that exceeds the timing will be refused.
- 4.c) Every contestant that doesn't respect the time limit may encounter trouble; the Jury will inflict a penalty on the contestants' score or disqualify them immediately.
- 4.d) All audio files must be in MP3.
- 4.e) All video files must be in MP4. Full HD video files are required to ensure the quality of the show.
- 4.f) No audio or video montage will be made by the Cosplay organizers, before or during the shows.
- 4.g) Microphones are not allowed during the performance. Any voice should be recorded prior to the event and added to the soundtrack. It is allowed to use the official voice of the character. Dubbing is also allowed.
- 4.h) All voices must be recorded in English so that most of the audience are able to understand the performance.

## 5. Prerequisites

- 5.a) Contestants must provide a picture or illustration of their character.
- 5.b) Contestants must provide an audio file that respects the time limit. (cf : 4.b and 4.d)
- 5.c) All the files must be clearly identified in the following way: Category – Name – Series – Name of the character
- 5.d) Work in Progress pictures of the costume must be provided to the Cosplay Organizers (up to a maximum of 30 pictures per costume).
- 5.e) Some additional documents may be required by the Cosplay Organizers such as a lightplan, a moodboard and an original design for the «Character Alteration» category.
- 5.f) Contestants will be disqualified if any of the documents required is not provided at the deadline date given by the Cosplay Organizers.

## *C. Prizes and Awards*

- 6.a) Every category will be awarded a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- 6.b) Additional prizes may be added by the organization without prior notice.
- 6.c) 2nd and 3rd places will receive a bag of goods and a cup.
- 6.d) 1st places will receive a cup and a cash price:

Solo Beginner : 450 euros

Solo Master : 600 euros

Character Alteration : 750 euros

Group : 450 euros

# *T. Rating Criteria*

7.a) Contestants will receive a score out of 100 points based on their overall performance :

Costume (50 points) :

- Choice of Material : 10 points
- Craftmanship : 10 points
- Accuracy (Design for the «Character Alteration» category) : 10 points
- Difficulty : 10 points
- Presentation : 10 points

Stage Act (50 points) :

- Medias and Stage props : 10 points
- Excecution : 10 points
- Storyline : 10 points
- Difficulty : 10 points
- Audience Perspective : 10 points

7.b) Stage props are not compulsory, they will be judged based on their complexity and usefulness during the performance.

7.c) The costumes presented during prejudging must be identical to the ones used for the performance on stage. Any modifications will be penalized.

7.d) Accessories or props that are not used or displayed during the stage act won't be accepted during prejudging.

## 8. *The Jury*

- 8.a) The Jury is made of 3 persons.
- 8.b) The members of the Jury cannot take part in the contest.
- 8.c) The podium will be established by the Jury based on the grading criterias (cf. 7.a).
- 8.d) The number of members of the Jury may be modified by the Cosplay organizers at any time without prior notice.
- 8.e) Results will be announced on the day of the convention. No modifications in the podium order are allowed after the award ceremony.
- 8.f) The Jury will make themselves available for feedback after the award ceremony.

## *9. Restrictions*

- 9.a) Contestants are not allowed to enter with a costume previously awarded.
- 9.b) The Cosplay organizers, as well as the members of the Jury, cannot take part in the contest.
- 9.c) Each contestant must have made at least 80% of their costume themselves.
- 9.d) Help from friends or relative is tolerated as long as the majority of the work is done by the contestant.
- 9.e) Any purchased or commissioned costume will be disqualified.
- 9.f) Any part of the costume not made by the contestant will have to be declared. Failing to do so will result in penalties or disqualification.

## 10. Props

- 10.a) Large props cannot exceed 20 kilos, cannot be larger than 3 meters and cannot be higher than 2 meters.
- 10.b) Contestants may not have more than 1 large prop. However they are allowed to have a few smaller ones. Cosplay Organizers will tell you if your props composition is allowed after your registration. Make sure to fill in the form correctly.
- 10.c) Contestants are responsible for the construction and strength of their props. These accessories must be strong and stable enough to be carried in and out the stage without special care.
- 10.d) Contestants must send detailed information, as well as pictures, about their props. Any prop that is not declared/validated beforehand will not be allowed on stage, even if they fit within the designated limitations.
- 10.e) Cosplay Organizers are the only ones who can decide if a prop fits the rules and regulations.

## *11. Safety*

- 11.a) Pyrotechnics (fireworks, firecrackers, lighters, inflamed or incandescent objects, candles) and liquids are forbidden.
- 11.b) Confetti and glitters are forbidden on stage.
- 11.c) Any performance may be interrupted by the organization if they appear to be dangerous to the contestants or the nearby audience.
- 11.d) Contestants are not allowed to get closer than a meter from the edge of the stage.
- 11.e) All contestants are responsible of their own medical care.

## 12. *Image Property*

- 12.a) Upon registration, all contestants allow every pictures or videos taken during the convention to be used for means of communications or promotion of this contest without any financial compensation.
- 12.b) The organizers promise that the pictures comply with the ethic and the law. Every picture degrading an individual, pornography and violence are strictly forbidden.

## 13. *Final Informations*

- 13.a) For the prejudging contestants are allowed to bring books, portfolios, samples. The documents may be left to the jury for examination at a later time.
- 13.b) The organizers or any other outsider are not allowed to help you during your act. No stage ninjas will be allowed.
- 13.c) By registrating to the contest you automatically agree to all the rules stated in this document.