

42 Festival Cosplay Contest

BCN Cosplay is organising the Barcelona 42 Festival Cosplay Catwalk Contest.

- Theme: Characters from literature or literary adaptations of fantastic genres (fantasy, horror and science fiction).

Please read the rules carefully.

1.- Cosplayers may parade on stage individually or as a themed group, but all participants will be assessed individually by the judges, with no group category (meaning that everybody must register individually, even if taking to the stage by themed group). Participants will have to take part as characters from books or literary adaptations (films or TV series). There will be a maximum of 30 participants, whether taking to the stage individually or as a group.

2.- The Cosplay Catwalk Contest will be held in Room 2 of the Fabra i Coats. Fàbrica de Creació de Barcelona on **10 November**, at 1 pm. The registered cosplayers must go to the initial viewing session for the panel ONE HOUR BEFORE the contest, at 12 noon, (in the jury's review room, on the third floor) so that the judges can make a preliminary assessment of their costumes. Any possible queries about the rules will also be answered during this session.

3.- With a maximum of 30 participants, up to 25 will be registered through the online process on the 42 Festival website (www.barcelona.cat/festival42) from 23 October, and a minimum of 5 places will be reserved for people to register in person on 10 November, from 11 am to 11.30 am, in a designated space at the entrance to the Fabra i Coats complex. Those who registered online will have to confirm their participation in the contest in person on Sunday 10 November by attending the initial viewing session for costumes at 12 noon on the third floor, or they will lose their place.

4.- During the catwalk event, participants will parade in order with their costumes and props before the audience, the panel and photographers, answering possible questions from the panel about their character or cosplay. Special effects connected to the power network, generators or any other external connection are not permitted. Effects involving fire or smoke, lasers and firecrackers containing gunpowder are also prohibited. Objects may be placed on the stage while cosplayers participate, but staining, marking or damaging the stage is prohibited. Any element which needs time to be cleared from the stage is prohibited.

5.- The nature of the contest is a catwalk parade, meaning there is no scoring for performances; but (to enhance the portrayal of the character) participants are free to show off their costumes and props with a brief display (less than one minute) that does not require a pre-prepared audio recording.

6.- The categories and prizes are as follows:

- 1st prize: €150
- 2nd prize: €60
- Honourable mention, dragon theme: €60

All participants will receive a little something for taking part.

7.- After deliberating, the panel will choose the winners directly. Their decision will take into account the handmade nature of the costumes, accuracy and fidelity to the character, the difficulty and challenging elements, the originality of the character and the staging by participants (referring only to the attitude on stage and the representation of the character, not the performance).

Wholly prefabricated or commissioned costumes are not allowed, but modified versions are. Prefabricated or commissioned elements and accessories may be used to complete the participant's costume, but the panel must be notified in the initial viewing session.

If the panel has any questions over the handmade nature of the costumes, photographs of the process will be requested as proof. Participants can bring reference photos, whether on their mobiles or printed out, of their characters, or of the process of making their costumes as support for any checks made by the panel.

8.- At all times during the contest, any minors taking part must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who will be fully responsible for them and, in general, represent them before the event organisers if there are any issues. All minors taking part and taking to the stage alone must provide authorisation from their parents or legal guardian to be able to take part. To this end, during the registration process, their parent or legal guardian will have to fill out an authorisation. The same document authorises the production and publication of photos of the minor taking part in the Cosplay Catwalk Contest.

9.- By taking part in the Cosplay Catwalk Contest, participants and their legal representatives grant BCN Cosplay and the 42 Festival intellectual property rights, as well as the right to use the resulting work, creations and inventions which are solely for this contest and which have been accepted by BCN Cosplay. Participants also automatically consent to the unrestricted use, publication and reproduction of their image and name by the organisers, for any sort of promotion, publication, including on the internet or any other type of medium, for

information and publicity purposes as long as they are linked to this contest, without this use conferring any right to remuneration or any other benefit for either party.

10.- In accordance with Royal Decree 137/1993, on the regulation of weapons, participants are strictly prohibited from using in their performance firearms, metal weapons or other heavy objects or imitations with characteristics that may lead to confusion as to their true nature. Dangerous elements that may cause bodily harm to people, such as fireworks or inflammable materials, are also prohibited. Only imitation weapons will be permitted, and only as long as they are made of plastic, cardboard or other materials which can cause no harm to participants or the audience.

11.- The organisers reserve the right to abbreviate, cancel, expand or amend the rules for this contest if circumstances outside their control require this. Their responsibility will not be affected if this situation occurs. Any difficulty arising from the application or interpretation of these rules, or not covered by them, shall ultimately be resolved by the organisers. The organisers and the panel reserve the right to implement any initiatives which, without being governed by these rules, contribute to the greater success of the contest, without compromising the dignity of participants. Participation in the contest implies full acceptance of these terms and conditions.