

CosXPo Championships 2022 - Rules

Registration

Registration will be closed on the **11th March 2022 12:00 pm GMT**. By applying to participate, entrants acknowledge that they have an understanding of the rules and therefore accept and agree to abide by all rules listed below.

General

- CosXPo Championship 2022 only allows solo entries.
- Participants must be a minimum of 16 years of age by the day of the competition, 3rd April 2022.
- All participants under the age of 18 must have signed consent from a parent or guardian before entering the competition.
- All participants must have a valid form of ID.(See appendix 1 for a list of accepted identification documents.)
- Each participant must compete with the costume they declared on their registration form, unless a change has been agreed to, with explicit permission from the CosXPo organisers.
- Any competitors who have placed in previous years are not allowed to enter the following year.
- Costumes must provide enough body coverage to be worn in public and should be in good taste.
- Costumes must not exceed two metres in any dimension. This excludes any parts that can be collapsed to a smaller size and kept collapsed when traversing through the convention floor (e.g. wings and props), unless it has been agreed to, with explicit permission of the CosXPo Cosplay organisers.
- The participant must be able to move freely and safely onto the stage unassisted and ascend a small flight of stairs to get onto the stage. Furthermore, Competitor's costume cannot be built on stage.
- When the participant is being prejudged or performing on stage, all other CosXPo costume and prop rules apply.
- Championship entrants must have a valid ticket to enter the competition.
- CosXPo reserve the right to intervene in the case of attire or costumes with the following: insensitive or unnecessary use of makeup, profanities or sexual acts; inciting of hate or crime; and uniforms, emblems, or flags of organisations responsible for crimes against humanity.
- The use of makeup and prosthetics to depict another realistic race is prohibited. If you have any concerns about a costume choice, please email cosplay@cosxpo.com.
- Limitations of Liability: CosXPo is not responsible for:
 - Any incorrect or inaccurate information or data, whether caused by entrant, typographical errors, printing errors or by any of the equipment associated with or utilised in the CosXPo Championship or CosXPo Showcase;

- Technical faults or failures of any kind, including but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions or disconnections in network hardware or software;
- Unauthorised human intervention in any part of the application process or the CosXPo Championship or CosXPo Showcase;
- Technical or human error which may occur in the administration or the processing of entries in the CosXPo Championship or CosXPo Showcase. If for any reason an applicant's entry is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost, corrupted, or otherwise destroyed, the applicant's sole remedy is another entry in the intended applied competition, within possibility.
- If stilts or platforms are a part of the costume, this must be declared in the application as this may potentially violate the health and safety policy. Please contact cosplay@cosxpo.com for further information.

Costume Eligibility

- Costumes for the CosXPo Championships must be from an officially published or broadcast source. There may not be an original design or a design based on derivative works not endorsed by the copyright holder, including use and holding of props not in association with the official source material.
- CosXPo has the right to refuse any entry at registration, if it is deemed inappropriate or in breach of rules outlined here.
- All costumes must be at least 75% handmade by the participant. Any help received from friends or family must be declared during registration and prejudging.
- It is acceptable to use bought wigs, shoes and spectacles as long as they are not customised on purchase or commissioned. Any customisation such as wig-styling or shoe modification must be the sole work of the participant.

Prizes

- CosXPo Championships will award prizes for: 1st place and runner up.
- Prizes will be announced by CosXPo organisers closer to the date.
- Prizes may be altered by the organisation without prior notice.

Judging

- The jury will consist of 3 expert cosplayers, specifically selected by the CosXPo organisers with varied skills.
- CosXPo has the right to modify any member of the jury without prior notice.
- The decision of the jury will be final.
- The scores will be split between two categories: 50% Costume, 50% Performance.
- A breakdown of the mark scheme is detailed below.

Costume		Performance	
Accuracy	20%	Entertainment	20%
Craftsmanship/ Finishing	20%	Delivery	20%
Complexity/ Diversity of Techniques	10%	Creativity	10%

- The costume segment will be judged by the jury prior to the performance [Prejudging].
- Prejudging slots will be allocated to each participant prior to the event.
- Participants must be signed in at the cosplay registration desk, before cut off at 11:59.
- The Participant must be fully ready upon arrival for prejudging, including assembly of props and being fully changed into costume.
- Stage Props are not required to be judged, however any item taken into prejudging with the participant shall be presumed as part of the costume assessment and be taken into account for the score.
- The performance segment will be judged by the selected jury, during the CosXPo Championship show on the main stage.

Performance Rules

- Performances must be between 1 minute 30 seconds and 2 minutes 30 seconds duration.
- Performance must not consist of any offensive language, hate speech or behaviour deemed inappropriate/vulgar.
- Confetti, glitter, projectiles, pyrotechnics and liquids are forbidden on stage.
- CosXPo has the right to interrupt/cease any performances that could be a danger to the participant, CosXPo staff and audience members.
- Helpers or assistants are not allowed on stage during the performance.
- General convention health and safety rules apply.

Stage Props

- Stage props must possible to be carried in one journey only by a maximum of two stage crew.
- All stage props must be less than 15 kg.

- The maximum of 3 props in total, may be placed on stage for the performance.
- The largest a prop dimension may be is (W)1 metre x (L)1.5 metre x (H)2 metre. Weight limit still applies.
- Participants and helpers are not allowed on stage to assist with prop set up.
- A maximum of 30 seconds of setup time is allowed for all props.

Submission of Material

- All participants must submit images from the official source material of the costume as a reference during registration.
- All materials must be submitted to cosplay@cosxpo.com.
- Deadline for submission, **18th March 2022 12:00 pm GMT**.
- A minimum of 6 photos and a maximum of 10 photos showing proof of construction of the costume, must be submitted by the deadline date. The costume is not required to be completed for the submission deadline. More can be brought on the day for the judges benefit.
- Reference image(s) of the character;
 - - Any additional reference images not submitted during registration may be brought to prejudging. We recommend a minimum of 2 images, so the jury has a clear representation of the character to score for the accuracy category.
 - Each image must be in a separate file, within the format of jpg, jpeg or png.
- Audio for performance;
 - All Performances must be recorded for the competition (i.e. Live performances will not be accepted).
 - Audio length must be longer than 1 minute and 30 seconds.
 - Audio length must not exceed 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
 - Audio files must be in MP3 (.mp3) format.
- Documents must be clearly named with the following prefix: "INITIALS_CHARACTER_FILENAME" for example "JS_THOR_PERFORMANCE.mp3"

Disqualification

- Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification of the participant.
- Failure to comply with CosXPo operation staff during the event may result to the disqualification of the participant.
- CosXPo have the right to disqualify any participant at their own discretion.
- Every participant guilty of vandalism, theft, acts of aggression against either towards staff or attendees (physical or verbal), or any other behaviour deemed inappropriate during the event, will be instantly and permanently disqualified.
- All illegal behaviour will be pursued and prosecuted to the full extent of the laws.

Image property

- By applying to participate and accepting these rules, it is also accepted that the participant agrees to allow every picture and video taken during the event, be used freely by the CosXPo organisers for means of communications and promotions of this contest and towards future CosXPo events. All pictures will comply with ethical consideration and be within the law.

Appendix 1

Accepted Identification Documents:

- (signed) full EU Passport
- (signed) non EU Passport
- National ID card (non UK Nationals)
- Full UK Driving Licence
- Provisional UK Driving Licence
- Citizencard
- Provelt Card
- UK / EU Photocard Driving Licence with Counterpart
- Firearms/Shotgun Certificate
- State Pension notification letter¹
- Benefits Agency letter¹
- Current years HMRC Tax Code Notification
- Identity Card by Electoral Office of Northern Ireland
- Current MOD90 Armed Forces ID

Any form of ID must be IN DATE at the time of CosXPo otherwise they will NOT be accepted.