

SunnyCon Anime Expo Newcastle 2022 - Talent Contest Rules

Hello and thank you for your interest in our talent competition. For years now we have been inviting our attendees to show us what they have and every year we're blown away with the talent on offer. It's not just one talent either we've had magicians, dancers, singers, signers, comedians and soo much more.

With this in mind we actually have added this document with some rules and guidelines in for a start, amazing. Be sure to read through below before submitting an entry.

- 1. All entrants must hold a valid SunnyCon Anime Expo Newcastle Ticket.**
- 2. All performances must be family friendly. Bear in mind the audience is all ages and there will be youngsters in the audience so acts must be appropriate for them.**
- 3. There is no restrictions on type of performance you can do whatever you wish all we ask is you can fit it onto our stage.**
- 4. Time is limited attempt to keep your act below 5 minutes this allows us to schedule and keeps the event on track.**
- 5. Cosplay is advised but not required. With our contest being at an anime expo cosplay will be worn by many however if you wish to perform it is not needed should you wish to perform in normal clothing.**
- 6. Planning is key. We like to run a tight schedule and pre planning is the secret to a well oiled SunnyCon event. We know a lot of you put time and effort into the performance and we like to be on the same page. If you have any audio, video or special requirements for your set tell us in advance and we can work together. On our submission form we now allow for file attachments which means you can add music files and more when entering. If you don't have anything at hand you can always send over at a later date to michael@sunnyconanimeexpo.com.**
- 7. For 2022 there we will have trophies for those who finish in the top 3 unlike previous years when we only recognized 1st place.**
- 8. Alongside a trophy there will also be prizes for the top 3 placing contestants. Prizes are still to be confirmed.**
- 9. All entrants will be updated approx 1 week before the event with times and details of the contest.**
- 10. Finally the most important thing. This contest is to be fun, yes there is a competitive edge but we are thankful for everyone who enters. It can be daunting standing on a stage in front of hundreds of people and even more so if you have to perform. We will do everything within our power to make you comfortable and calm but we need you think before applying. We have had entries in the past where they have applied and forced themselves and ended up with stage fright. Your well-being should come first at all times so please think before entering as there is lots of time as entries will close on June 22nd so there is no rush.**

The Serious Part

- Talent contest is pencilled in for Sunday afternoon, all entrants should be prepared for this and any big changes will be announced up to a month before the event**
 - Contest is open to individuals and groups aged 16+. There is no skill classifications as anyone can enter regardless of circumstance or ability.**
- We can supply a stage, sound equipment, microphones and we have 2 backing screens for visuals.**

- All correspondence related to contest matters must go through the e-mail of michael@sunnyconanimeexpo.com. Any messages sent through other channels will be ignored or missed, please only use this e-mail.
- If you intend to cancel please do so the moment you know for whatever reason.
- With winning act/s or in the case where a prize must be shared this must be agreed among the winning participants and SunnyCon Anime Expo™ takes no responsibility should any disagreement arise. We will Allocate the prize to the first participant listed on the entry form.
- Whilst taking part in this contest you are agreeing that SunnyCon Anime Expo™ and their partners will reserve the right to use any footage or images taken from participation in the SunnyCon Anime Expo™ Newcastle talent contest. By entering you agree to these terms.
- Judging will be taken by 3 anonymous attendees who will be placed in the audience. They will be taking notes on performances and we may have feedback on acts should you require after the events end. Their judgement is final and cannot be reversed. There will be no checklist of what to look out for during a performance just know you will be marked on entertainment value and the crowds reaction.
- SunnyCon Anime Expo™ reserves the right to make amendments and changes to these rules and the contest at any time and all entrants will be informed if changes are made.

