

RISING STARS RULES



- 1. COSPLAYS MUST BE AT LEAST 50% HANDMADE TO ENTER.**
- 2. A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE COSPLAY WAS MADE MUST BE HANDED TO A MEMBER OF THE COSPLAY TEAM **BEFORE** THE CONTEST. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
- 3. GROUP COSPLAYS ARE PERMITTED. ANY PRIZE WON MUST BE SHARED BETWEEN THE GROUP (THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPLITTING THE PRIZE FALLS TO THE GROUP).**
- 4. COSPLAY CHANGES ARE PERMITTED, BUT THE COSPLAY CO-ORDINATOR MUST BE INFORMED.**
- 5. OC (ORIGINAL CHARACTERS) ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CONTEST.**
- 6. ENTRIES MAY BE MADE ONLINE OR BY FILLING OUT A FORM AT THE COSPLAY ZONE. SIGN-UP CLOSES **1 HOUR** BEFORE THE CONTEST FOR ON-THE-DAY ENTRIES AND **1 WEEK** PRIOR FOR ONLINE SUBMISSIONS.**
- 7. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SUNNYCON ANIME EXPO CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL INVALIDATE THE ENTRY AND ANY WINNINGS WILL BE FORFEITED TO THE NEXT-PLACE CONTESTANT.**
- 8. ENTRANTS MUST HOLD A VALID SUNNYCON ANIME EXPO TICKET.**
- 9. ENTRANTS MUST BE 16 OR OVER ON THE DAY OF THE CONTEST. ENTRANTS AGED 16–17 MUST SUBMIT A SIGNED PARENTAL CONSENT FORM TO THE COSPLAY CO-ORDINATOR TO BE ELIGIBLE.**
- 10. LAST YEAR'S RISING STAR WINNERS MAY NOT RE-ENTER THIS DIVISION. THEY MAY, HOWEVER, ENTER THE MASTERS CONTEST.**
- 11. COSTUMES MUST BE FAMILY-FRIENDLY. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SUNNYCON ANIME EXPO HAS ATTENDEES OF ALL AGES. ANY COSPLAY DEEMED AGE-INAPPROPRIATE MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION OR BE REFUSED ENTRY.**

*** ALL COSTUMES MUST BE TASTEFUL.**

*** THE BARE MINIMUM COVERAGE PERMITTED IS EQUIVALENT TO A BIKINI: PRIVATE AREAS MUST BE FULLY COVERED AT ALL TIMES.**

*** BODY PAINT, LATEX PASTIES, ETC. ARE **NOT** CONSIDERED ADEQUATE COVERAGE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CLOTHING.**

*** THONGS ARE PROHIBITED UNLESS FULLY COVERED BY SHORTS, SKIRTS, CAPES, ETC.**

*** SUNNYCON STAFF HAVE FINAL DISCRETION ON WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE.**

12. PROPS MUST BE UNDER 2 METRES IN LENGTH AND MUST NOT CONTAIN SHARP OR POINTED EDGES THAT COULD CAUSE HARM (I.E. MUST BE LARP-SAFE).

*** ALL PROP GUNS MUST HAVE AN ORANGE CAP OR CLEARLY APPEAR NON-FUNCTIONAL.**

*** TOY GUNS (E.G. NERF GUNS) MUST BE KEPT UNLOADED.**

*** FAILURE TO FOLLOW WEAPON RULES MAY RESULT IN PROP CONFISCATION OR REMOVAL FROM THE CONVENTION.**

*** PLEASE EXERCISE COMMON SENSE WHEN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE CONVENTION WITH PROP WEAPONS.**

IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHAT QUALIFIES AS FAMILY-FRIENDLY, PLEASE EMAIL THE COSPLAY CO-ORDINATOR AT [COSPLAY@SUNNYCONANIMEEXPO.COM](mailto:cosplay@sunnyconanimeexpo.com)

13. OUR STAGE IS USUALLY ACCESSED VIA RAMPS. A MEMBER OF STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU ON AND OFF THE STAGE IF REQUIRED.

THIS CONTEST HAS *ONE PRIZE ONLY***:**

*****1ST PLACE – £250*****

ABUSIVE OR INTIMIDATING BEHAVIOUR TOWARD STAFF WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRIVE AT THE CONTEST AREA AT THE CORRECT TIME (*30 MINUTES BEFORE THE CONTEST BEGINS***) AND TO FOLLOW ALL STAFF INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN EXCLUSION FROM THE CONTEST AND POSSIBLE DISQUALIFICATION. ONLY CONTESTANTS, GUARDIANS, AND ASSISTANTS (IF REQUIRED) WILL BE PERMITTED BACKSTAGE. PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE COSPLAY TEAM FOR DETAILS.**

*****PLEASE NOTE:** THIS CONTEST DOES ***NOT*** QUALIFY FOR THE SUNNYCON COSPLAY MASTERS GRAND PRIZES.***

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CHARACTER GUIDELINES

*** COMPLETELY ORIGINAL CHARACTERS ARE NOT PERMITTED, AS THERE IS NO FAIR OR CONSISTENT WAY TO JUDGE ACCURACY.**

*** NON-HUMANOID CHARACTERS MAY BE PORTRAYED IN HUMAN FORM ONLY AS FAR AS REQUIRED FOR THE CHARACTER TO FUNCTION AS A COSTUME RATHER THAN A PROP.**

*** “FRESH TAKES” ON EXISTING CHARACTERS (E.G. OLDER LINK, STEAMPUNK MARIO) MUST BE JUSTIFIED WITH REFERENCES AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO ACCURACY PENALTIES.**

*** IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER YOUR ENTRY IS ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE EMAIL OR ASK THE COSPLAY TEAM FOR CLARIFICATION.**

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