

# **SunnyCon Anime Expo Masters Cosplay Contest Rules**

- 1. The cosplay must be at least 75% home made.\***
- 2. Commissioned cosplays and store bought cosplays are not eligible for entry.**
- 3. Original Characters (OC) cosplays are not eligible for entry.**
- 4. Once a cosplay has been entered, full cosplay changes are not permitted. If you wish to change your entry you must withdraw the current entry and re-submit with the new cosplay. (Minor changes to detail are allowed however)**
- 5. Cosplays that have been entered in previous contests are not eligible for entry. This includes both UK and International contests. Any entry found to have been used in any other contest will be disqualified. (This is to give all entrants equal footing in the contest). Also previous winners (Anyone who places in the top 3) from the previous years SunnyCon Anime Expo contests are not permitted entry. We have added a gap year for winners to allow a varied and more open contest. Former winners are once again allowed entry after a one year break.**
- 6. Costumes must be family friendly. Please bear in mind that SunnyCon Anime Expo will have attendees of all ages and any cosplay deemed too age inappropriate may require modification or it will be refused entry. All costumes need to be tasteful and the barest minimum of coverage that will be allowed at the event will be that of a bikini i.e. private parts must be fully covered at all times (SunnyCon staff have discretion in what is or is not acceptable, it is unfortunate that this has to be stated). This means body paint, latex pasties, etc. are not considered adequate body coverage without additional clothing being worn over it. Thongs are not allowed unless covered by shorts, skirts, capes, etc.**
- 7. Group entries are permitted and any prize won would have to be shared amongst the group.**
- 8. Contestants are required to bring with them a scrapbook\*\* detailing how the cosplay was created. This must be handed in to the Cosplay Co-ordinator at the Cosplay Zone before the contest takes place.**
- 9. Contestants are required to attend a post-judging session with the cosplay judges. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. We advise being 5 minutes early and to plan ahead for the event.**
- 10. Entrants must hold valid SunnyCon Anime Expo tickets.**

**11. Entrants must be 16 or over on the day of the contest. 16/17 year olds must hand in signed parental forms to the Cosplay Coordinator to be eligible for entry. (Forms available upon request)**

**12. All contestants are to gather 30 minutes before the contest at the backstage area. If you show up late you run the risk of disqualification. Please be sure to plan ahead as it is imperative all entrants are punctual as lateness can throw off the schedule which impacts other events and performances.**

**13. All contestants must be available for the SunnyCon Anime Expo closing ceremony for announcement of the winners. Failure to do so will lead to an invalid entry and any winnings forfeit to the contestant in the next place. This ceremony will take place on Sunday next to the charity auction and closing ceremony. You do not have to be in costume to collect your prize, however in cases of emergency an exception may be made, speak to the cosplay coordinator if you have any questions.**

**14. Entries will close 1 WEEK before the Expo. There will be NO on the day sign up.**

**15. Any props must be under 2 meters in length and must not contain any sharp, cutting or pointed edges that could cause physical harm (commonly referred to as LARP safe). Any prop guns must have an orange cap or otherwise be obvious that it is non-functional. Any toy guns (such as nerf guns) must be kept unloaded, failure to follow the weapon rules may result in prop confiscation or you may be asked to leave the convention. Please exercise common sense when traveling to and from the convention with any prop weapons.**



This contest will have 3 prizes of 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the prizes will be as follows:

**1ST: £500**

**2ND: £250**

**3RD: £100**

**Abusive or intimidating behaviour to our staff will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification. It is your responsibility to be at the contest at the correct time (30 minutes before the start of the contest) and to follow staff instructions, failure to do so may result in delays to the contest and you may be disqualified. Only contestants, guardians and assistants (if required) will be permitted back stage, please see a member of the cosplay team for details.**

**Winners are required to submit bank account number and sort code to us after the closing ceremony. All prizes are paid via bank transfer within 2 weeks of the end of Sunny Expo with a period of due diligence to ensure all entries have met the rules above.**

**\* Home made refers to the costume having being made by the cosplayer, with store bought, commissioned or pre-made items (made specifically for the cosplay) making up no more than 25% of the total costume. Any evidence of this can be shown in the scrapbook. Items bought but modified may count as home made, however this decision is up to the cosplay team, if you are unsure please ask a member of the cosplay team for confirmation.**

**\*\* The scrapbook is how we make sure that the costume truly is made by the contestant, you will be required to explain how you made the cosplay. This can be as detailed as you wish. Scrapbooks must be handed in to the Cosplay Co-ordinator before the contest takes place. Failure to do so can seriously harm your chances of winning and in some cases will lead to disqualification. A scrapbook is evidence that you have handmade the cosplay and shows your hard work. Please remember to keep a scrapbook and update it regularly. Scrapbooks will only be accepted as a physical copy; digital copies will not be accepted. There will be limited spaces in the cosplay contest, once the spaces have been filled up you will be given the option to be placed on a reserve list or have your entry withdrawn.**

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