



## ANIME FOCAL LUXEMBOURG 2nd EDITION 2023

### Cosplay Contest Rules

#### Presentation

The "Anime Focal Luxembourg 2nd Edition Cosplay Contest" is a **Solo Cosplay Contest** open to everyone. These rules present to be respected to be able to register and compete. All candidates are required to respect these rules in their entirety under penalty of disqualification.

This contest is a "solo" cosplay contest, each participant participates individually. Groups are not accepted.

This contest is a "cash prize" contest. The 3 winners will receive respectively:

- **1st prize - 3000 euros**
- **2nd prize - 1500 euros**
- **3rd prize - 1000 euros**

This competition is divided into two parts, the pre-selection by photo and the competition itself on the day with performance on stage.

**Part 1 - Photo pre-selection - from December 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023**  
**Part 2 - Performance on stage - June 10, 2023**

Each participant can only present one and the same cosplay, which must be the same on the photo pre-selection and on stage performance.

Composition of the jury:

- YAYA HAN
- PIXEL COSPLAY
- KIARA BERRY

The stage performance phase will take place on Saturday June 10, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the main stage of Anime Focal Luxembourg 2nd edition, at the Luxexpo The Box exhibition center - 10 Circuit de La Foire Internationale, 1347 Luxembourg.

**All types of cosplay are allowed, whether handmade or not, in part or in whole.**

#### Registration

**Registration date: from December 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023 midnight.**

Each candidate participates individually in the Cosplay contest.

To register, you must complete the online form, indicating your surname, first name, age, gender, city, country, e-mail address, and a photo of you dressed in the cosplay you will present.

The form is available on the Anime Focal website page:  
<https://www.animefocal.com/luxembourg/en/cosplay>

Registration is done only on the form, and it is open from December 1, 2022 until April 30, 2023 at midnight and no derogation from these dates will be authorized. Please do not make any typing errors when filling out the form.

The pre-selection will be made from the photo that the candidate will send via the form (see below, photo pre-selection section).

**About the registration of minors:** minors must have the authorization of a parent or legal guardian. That person must also be present on the day of the Cosplay contest to accompany the minor candidate and be at his side for his access to the dressing rooms. There is no age restriction provided that the participant is authorized and accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Parental or legal guardian authorization must be sent before April 30, 2023, the registration deadline. This authorization, available on the same page as the form, must be printed, completed and signed, scanned and sent by email to [cosplay@animefocal.com](mailto:cosplay@animefocal.com)

#### Part 1 - Photo pre-selection from December 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023 at midnight

On the registration form, each candidate must send a single photo.

This photo must show the candidate cosplayer dressed in their cosplay. This cosplay must be the one that the candidate will present on stage during his performance. The candidate must be present alone in this photo, and no other person must be present in this photo. The composition, framing and use of special effects on the photo is free.

**Important:** the photo sent for the pre-selection **MUST** correspond to the cosplay that you will present on stage, and must not be another cosplay. Only one cosplay is allowed in all and for all. The photo must show you wearing this cosplay. If your application is successful, you will have to present the same cosplay on the day of your performance on stage. Only the addition of a few accessories and minor modifications will be accepted.

Authorized cosplay themes are: anime, manga, video games, movies, series, comics, cartoons, popular fictional characters and original creations.

The photo pre-selection will determine the **20 candidates** who will be allowed to compete on stage. The photo pre-selection has no limit on the number of participants, 20 candidates will be selected from those registered to apply for the stage performance.

The 20 candidates will be selected by the Jury. This selection will be decided by the jury based solely on the photo presented, on the quality of the cosplay as on the aesthetic quality of the photo itself. This selection depends on the choice of the jury, which reserves the exclusive choice of candidates. This selection will be based on the aesthetics of the Cosplay and the photo. Only the aesthetics of the photo and the cosplay will be taken into account, without any other discriminatory criteria, based on the choice and the common agreement of the 3 juries. No candidate will be favored in any way by the date of his registration or his notoriety.

The candidate has the possibility of requesting the modification of the photo and the modification of the cosplay character until April 30, 2023 at midnight, by sending his new photo to this address: [cosplay@animefocal.com](mailto:cosplay@animefocal.com) (thank you for use only the email entered on the registration form to send your request).

**Advice to candidates for the photo pre-selection:** Choose your photo and your cosplay carefully! There is no limit to the number of pre-selection registrants. You have until April 30, 2023 to submit your application, so we advise you to take your time to choose and flesh out your cosplay and your photo!!

#### Result of the pre-selections.

**Date of announcement of the Pre-selection results: May 10, 2023**

The 20 candidates selected by the jury will be announced on May 10, 2023 on the website. These candidates will also receive confirmation by e-mail and the procedure for the rest of the competition.

Only the 20 candidates selected during the pre-selection will be authorized to participate in part 2 of the competition.

#### Part 2 - performance on stage

Date and times: **June 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** (the 20 candidates must present in advance according to a schedule that will be communicated to them).

Place: The Cosplay Contest will take place on **the main stage of Anime Focal Luxembourg 2nd Edition, at Luxexpo The Box.**

The candidate may be accompanied by a maximum of two "helpers", who will be authorized to access the candidates changing rooms and may participate in the installation and uninstallation of the stage and accessories if necessary.

#### Performance on stage:

- \* Installation of scenery and accessories - Maximum time: 1 minute
- \* Performance - Maximum time: 2 minutes
- \* Questions and answers with the jury - Maximum time: 2 minutes 30
- \* Uninstallation of the scenery and accessories - Maximum time: 1 minute

These times indicated are a maximum time and the candidate can perform a shorter time.

#### Installing and uninstalling the scenery

As part of his performance, the cosplayer may bring accessories and decorative elements provided that these are not excessively cumbersome to animate his performance. This installation is not obligatory and the candidate can also make a passage on stage without accessories.

Any defect and difficulty in the installation of its scenery and its uninstallation may result in penalty points from the jury. The installation and uninstallation times must be considered by the candidate and his installation must be adapted to the proposed time.

The candidate may be helped by a maximum of two helpers as part of the installation and uninstallation of his decor.

All equipment and accessories must be brought by the candidate. The organization can provide some items such as chairs.

#### Performance

The candidate will have to perform on stage. This passage on stage is free and can be organized as the candidate wishes.

For this, the candidate is free to prepare a free show, with the background music or the video with background sound of his choice. A screen in the background will be available to candidates so that they can broadcast a video background. It can also be presented without video but only with music in the background. The candidate can also make a passage without any show, with a simple walk on background music. If the candidate does not have a soundtrack to propose, a default soundtrack will be assigned to him/her.

#### Questions and answers with the jury

Following the performance on stage, there will be a Q&A phase with the jury, where the candidate will be invited to present their cosplay, their design (purchased/handmade cosplay...), and their career as a cosplayer. He will also have to answer any questions that the jury may ask him/her.

#### Score and result

The 3 juries will each award a mark out of 10, and the final mark will be the average of these 3 marks. This note will be based on the whole performance, on the cosplay, on the stage performance, as well as on the question-answer phase. In the event of a tie, the jury will deliberate and decide. The results will be announced immediately after the competition, directly on the main stage, after a period of deliberation in the case of tied candidates. The three winners will be asked to join the stage when they are called to the microphone.

#### Format and specificity of the video/audio file.

The candidate is free to propose or not a sound file or a video/sound file for his performance.

Only one file is allowed:

- **EITHER a video file with its soundtrack**
- **EITHER an audio file (performance without video)**

**Maximum file time: 2 minutes.**

The time of this file must not exceed the 2 minutes of authorized performance.

The candidate can also apply without a file, a default music will be assigned to him/her during his passage.

The file format is free, but we recommend the following formats:

Video format: MP4 format of 1280x720 pixels (this format corresponds to the screen ratio of the scene).

Audio format: 128 Kbps or 320 Kbps MP3 format.

The performance will start with the beginning of the video/audio file until its end. The file must not contain too long a blank sound which could lead to confusion on the moment of the end of the service.

The 20 selected candidates have until May 15, 2023 to submit and modify their final file (any modification request must be made by email: [cosplay@animefocal.com](mailto:cosplay@animefocal.com))

Audio and video content must respect morals. The video and audio content must not contain obscene, insulting, discriminatory, pornographic content, political or religious opinion, incitement to hatred or violence, "screamer", or violent or bloody scene that may shock the youngest. Any such content is strictly prohibited and will be refused.

Copyright Information: background sound and images used for the stage performance must meet copyright requirements and laws. The soundtrack and the video proposed by the candidate must be validated upstream during the registration phase. We recommend the use of fanart rather than original illustrations, and of "cover" rather than original soundtrack.

**Advice to candidates:** to know if the soundtrack and video are valid, do not hesitate to send us your files as soon as possible. You can send us your file well before the announcement of the selected candidates on May 10, 2023. You can send us your file directly via the form when you register, or by email ([cosplay@animefocal.com](mailto:cosplay@animefocal.com)) so that we can give the validity or not of the files, in particular in terms of copyright. This is so that you can have the necessary time to adapt and prepare your performance as well as possible.

#### Organization of the Cosplay contest

Each of the 20 candidates selected will receive 2 invitation entry tickets by email for free entry to the convention for Saturday June 10, for him/her and for an accompanying person.

Dressing rooms specially dedicated to the 20 candidates will be at their disposal, as soon as the convention opens, so that they can dress in their cosplay. The candidate can also present himself/herself already cosplayed at the convention.

Each candidate may be accompanied by a maximum of two helpers. The second helper will have to buy entry ticket. For minors, the legal guardian may be separate from the helpers.

The helpers will be authorized to access the dressing rooms with the candidate, and to participate in the installation and uninstallation of his/her scenery during the performance on stage.

The order of passage with the schedule where the candidate will have to present himself/herself will be communicated by e-mail upstream to the candidate.

In the event that the participant is not able to attend the competition on the same day, according to the times that will have been communicated to him/her, he/she will be disqualified.

#### Prohibitions and rules

During the entire stage performance, the following are prohibited:

- any bladed weapon, and any sharp object
- any object launching projectiles (cartridges, ball gun, ...)
- any replica firearm
- flammable or smoke-producing objects, such as firecrackers or smoke are prohibited. All fire and smoke are prohibited.
- messy objects (flour, confetti, glitter...), food, liquid...
- any insulting remark or gesture, any behavior of a discriminatory, sexist or homophobic nature is prohibited

A detailed description of the performance may be requested from candidates before the event, in order to verify compliance with these rules, and to ensure that the service complies with the security measures of the event.

#### Responsibility

Anime Focal declines all responsibility in the event of theft and damage to the equipment brought by the candidate and their costume. Candidates are fully responsible for all their belongings.

Any accident or other legal problem defined by Luxembourg legislation engages the civil liability of the candidate, and/or of the person responsible for minors.

#### Rights and use of images and informations

By sending your picture as part of the registration for this contest, you authorize Anime Focal to publish it on the [animefocal.com](http://animefocal.com) website as part of your presentation for this Cosplay contest and as part of the announcement of the winners, as well as on the screens of the event.

In addition, by accepting these rules, participants agree that their performance on stage will be filmed, recorded, broadcast and published as part of the Anime Focal Luxembourg convention, on the Anime Focal website and on social networks.

By completing the registration form, you authorize that your informations entered in the form be collected and stored for the necessary purposes of this competition.

Each candidate has the right to restrict their image and information, and may request at any time that their registration be canceled and their informations deleted.

#### Rules and interpretation

Anime Focal reserves the right to modify these rules and each candidate will be notified by email of any modification.

Anime Focal reserves the right to decide on any interpretation of these rules or exceptional specificities not indicated, with regard to and in accordance with Luxembourg legislation and the regulations of the event and of Luxexpo The Box.

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