



## ANIME FOCAL LUXEMBOURG 3rd EDITION 2024

### Cosplay Contest Rules

#### Presentation

The "Anime Focal Luxembourg 3rd 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 - 1500 euros**
- **2nd prize - 600 euros**
- **3rd prize - 300 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 20th, 2023 to January 24th, 2024**  
**Part 2 - Performance on stage - February 17th, 2024**

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:  
- ELLOTHIN COSPLAY  
- NISSA COSPLAY  
- [Jury name not announced]

The stage performance phase will take place on Saturday, February 17th, 2024 on the main stage of Anime Focal Luxembourg 3rd edition, at the Luxexpo The Box exhibition center - 10 Circuit de La Foire Internationale, 1347 Luxembourg.

**Cosplays must be 80% handmade, and will be verified by the Luxembourg Cosplay association SUNA on the day of the event.**

#### Registration

**Registration date: from December 20th, 2023 to January 25th, 2024 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 20th, 2023 until January 25th, 2024 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. Parental or legal guardian authorization must be sent before January 25th, 2024, the registration deadline. This authorization, available on the same page as the form, must be completed and signed, and sent by email to [cosplay@animefocal.com](mailto:cosplay@animefocal.com)

#### Part 1 - Photo pre-selection from December 20th, 2023 to January 25th, 2024 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.

**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 on the photo presented.

The candidate has the possibility of requesting the modification of the photo and the modification of the cosplay character until January 25th, 2024 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).

**Result of the pre-selections.**

**Date of announcement of the Pre-selection results: January 29th, 2024**

The 20 candidates selected by the jury will be announced on January 29th 2024 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: **February 17th, 2024** (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 3rd Edition, at Luxexpo The Box.**

The candidate may be accompanied by 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

- \* **Performance** - Maximum time: 2 minutes
- \* **Questions and answers with the jury** - Maximum time: 2 minutes 30

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

#### 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, and their career as a cosplayer. He will also have to answer any questions that the jury may ask him/her.

#### 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.

All equipment and accessories must be brought by the candidate, for which he is responsible. The organization can provide some items such as chairs/tables.

#### Score and result

The jury 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 February 4th 2024 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: 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.

#### 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 the weekend, for him/her and for 1 accompanying person/helper.

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 helpers. Helpers must purchase their entry ticket (except for the accompanying person).

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 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 photographed, 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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