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Cosplay Contest and Stage Rules at HeroFest 2021

Programm

- **Friday** (Catwalk): Everything and everyone, including bought costumes and original designs. Time on stage is max. 30 seconds. It is not possible to have your own music. No judging by the jury, no prizes, just fun!
- **Saturday** (Main Contest): Self-made costumes only, NO original designs. Officially licensed characters with clear reference pictures only.
 - Best Armor wins CHF 400.- (Cosplay constructed primarily by molding and shaping its outer layers using acrylic, EVA foam, Worbla, Wonderflex, cardboard, and/or similar costume construction methods.)
 - Best Needlework wins CHF 400.- (Cosplay constructed primarily through sewing, stitching, embroidery, and/or similar costume construction methods)
 - Best Performance wins CHF 400.- (Best overall performance)
 - Best In Show wins CHF 400.- (Doesn't matter what costume construction methods were used, overall winner)

Time on stage is max. 2 minutes.

- **Sunday** (Contest): Self-made cosplays with clear reference pictures including original designs only. Two contests to enter: Masters Contest and Open Contest. Judging criteria stay the same for both categories. It is not permitted to enter both categories.
 - Masters Contest: For experienced cosplayers, who are not first-timers.
 - Open Contest: For first-timers, for groups and for participants who just want to have fun. You can choose whether you only want to take part in the show or whether you also want to be judged by a jury. Time on stage is max. 2 minutes.

Prices:

Masters Contest: 1st Price: 450.- CHF, 2nd Price: 350.- CHF, 3rd Price: 250.- CHF, Best Performance: 350.- CHF

Open Contest: 1st, 2nd, 3rd no-cash prizes, will be announced on site

General Contest Rules

- The number of participants may be limited to a certain number depending on the competition.
- The jury's verdict cannot be appealed and is binding. It cannot be subsequently corrected. Legal recourse is excluded.



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- No ranking will be made and only the winners will be published. The ranking of other participants remains unknown.
- Each cosplayer can only use one costume per contest
- It is **not** allowed to participate in both contests with the same cosplay (this does not apply to the catwalk on Friday)
- Each cosplayer must send in reference pictures of their character from the front and back if available. The more pictures you submit, the better they can be judged.
- Each reference picture has to be labeled including your **cosplay name** and your portrayed **character** so they can easily be identified and matched. The same goes for your music files. Please label everything so it is **clear** which files belong to which character.
- Each costume has to be **self-made**, you are only allowed to buy small parts, such as shoes. However, at least 80% must be self-made. Bought parts that are weathered or altered can be counted as self-made, if it is not recognizable as bought anymore. Bought parts will not be judged. Contestants in the Open Contest may have costumes that are at least 60% self-made. Contestants have to clarify which parts are self-made and which are not.
If your costume includes techniques such as laser-cut and 3D-printing, **ALL** files must be 80% self-made as well! It is not allowed to use bought files / templates and / or thingiverse or similar open source websites. If the judges hold any doubts, you have to be able to prove you made everything yourself. If the judges find that you did not make 80% overall yourself, you will be disqualified.
- You must wear the costume by yourself, it is not allowed to use a model.
- You must wear your costume for the full duration of the contest, including the prize ceremony.
- You are not allowed to participate with a costume you have already won a prize with at HeroFest.

Allowed Cosplays during the contest

- Friday (Catwalk): Everything and everyone, including bought costumes and original designs. No judging by the jury, no prizes, just fun!
- Saturday: Self-made costumes only, NO original designs. Officially licensed characters with clear reference pictures only.
- Sunday: Self-made cosplays only

General Cosplay and weapons rules can be found [here](#)

Stage rules

- The use of pyrotechnics or any other flammable material is forbidden
- Air snakes, flying paper or any other similar demonstration elements are only allowed to be used in a contained area on the stage, always within reach of a human hand.
- No liquids can dirty the stage. Best not bring liquids on stage in the first place.
- Contest entries with animal companions must replace their live animal with a plush counterpart.
- The appearance of any given costume must be in "good taste", being too rowdy, violent or obnoxious does not ring with the audience or the jury.



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- There is no minimum time you have to be on stage, but please do NOT overrun the limit of 30 secs (Friday) / 2 minutes (Saturday/Sunday).

Requests (for example asking if a certain costume is allowed) and the reference photos can be sent to cosplay@herofest.ch

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