



Costume Contest FAQ

Hydra Forge presents 2019 once again the costume contests (yes, you read it, THE contests) at Comic Con Germany.

In contrast to the former contests you will have the chance to present your work in two contests. The contest on Saturday will be the solo-contest where each of you presents in front of the audience. On Sunday there will be the group contest where you have the chance to perform as a group.

In top of everything, great prizes await for the particular placements.

Perform live and impress a jury of well-known actors, stars of the scene, artists and experts. Enjoy being celebrated as a winner in a spectacular award giving ceremony.

Pick up your needle, polish your armor and sharpen your blades!

Your Hydra Forge Team



Briefing:

Performance time:

Solo-contest: 60 seconds for each participant

Group-contest: 120 seconds for each group

Music+Audio:

Own chosen music: You can choose your track (more information follow after the registration)

Microphones are not possible due to technical effort. Please tell us if you needed one and we will check it.

Props:

Only props that belong directly to the costume are allowed.

Prizes:

The prizes for each category will be announced as soon as possible via our facebook page (www.facebook.com/hydraforge).

Prejudging:

At the moment no prejudging is intended. But we keep the right to announce one if the number of participants forces us to.

Reply:

Directly after your registration you will receive an automatic reply which validates your registration. Furthermore, this mail contains information about the further development. A couple of days after we will contact you personally to check some details. Please check your Spam-Folders as well to be sure to receive the mails.



What does the participation for the costume contest require ?

The solo contest is only for visitors who purchased a valid ticket for Saturday. The group contest is only for those who have valid Saturday tickets.

In order to be admitted to the judged competition, participants must be at least 16 years of age. Costumes must be self made, the notion of "built, not bought!" is paramount to our competition.

There are no contest-only rules for your weapons. The con's rules are applied.

A confirmed registration is required at first.

The costume must not have participated in any contest at the CCG before.

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How is the contest structured?

The judges will be at the meeting point before the contest too in order to take a first look at you all. After moderating the solo and group contestants will present their costumes on stage. Accompanied by self chosen music they do a walk on stage while pictures of their character are presented at a screen. Parallely, the act will be commented and facts concerning the costume will be delivered. Afterwards, the jury will make a comment. After the presentation of all costumes and groups the evaluation will be done and the prizes will be handed out directly.

Since we have a limited schedule for the contest we reserve the chance to do a pre-judging if there are too many participants. If it is necessary to do it, the pre-judging will be set right after the registration deadline. Within the pre-judging a chosen jury will take a closer look at the costumes and choose who will enter the stage. We will inform you if the pre-judging will take place. It is just necessary if there will be too many registrations to be handled in the stage time.



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May I choose the background music?

Of course it is your decision which music belongs perfectly to your performance. Due to the organization the chosen titles have to reach us until the deadline shown in the registration. The music sequences played on stage will take 60 seconds for the solo contestants and 120 seconds for the groups but please send us the whole song. No shortened or cut sequences! (mail to cosplaycontest@comiccon.de)

For playbacks: please add 10 seconds in front of and after the track.

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Is a group presentation possible?

Yes, and groups get an own contest this year. Every group participant has to sign a single formular and mention the group name. Groups present a short performance and of course will get more time. Groups often present a short show performance, please contact us in case of questions. The presenting time for groups is set to 120 seconds.

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Who is the jury?

Well-known actors, stars of the scene, artists and fandom-experts. The Jury line up will be announced.

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Will there be a dress rehearsal?

An actual dress rehearsal won't be possible because the stage is in use for the whole day. But you can take a closer look and we will mark your walk on stage.

Furthermore, you can always ask us if anything isn't clear.



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How long will the contest take?

The contest will take all in all about 1 1/2 hour.

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Which costumes are allowed?

Each costume fitting to the themes of ComicCon Germany. It can represent a character out of a book, film, Anime, Comic or game. Self-invented costumes are also allowed. Both have to be mostly built by yourself. The costume must not be judged in the contest of any Comic Con Germany before.

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Which weapons are allowed?

There won't be any special measures for the contest, as mentioned above. The Comic Con Germany weapon rules are applied.

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Will there be a possibility to change our outfit?

Yes, in the Cosplay Kingdom, there will be changes for men and women.

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Can I store my clothes/bags/costume?

You can leave your things at the garderobe for a small change. At our booth we only have small capacity to store things for you.

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Will there be drinks?

During the contests drinks will be put for you backstage.

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Are there mirrors and toilets?

You can find enough toilets with mirrors in the trade fair. Furthermore, there are the changes in the Cosplay Kingdom, please try to prefer the changes to keep the toilets free.

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May I bring an assistant because I am disabled?

Disabled people are allowed to bring an assistant to the event for free. They are of course your companion for the contest.

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I am disabled or suffer from body issues (e.g. back pain) and I am not able to wear my costume for a longer time.

If you have such restrictions please mention it in your formular. We will find a solution together.

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Is it allowed to use special effects like Pyro, light and fog?

Pyro-effects are not allowed, light and stage effects are realized by the technique team.

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Which props and setting is allowed?

You are not allowed to bring a set. Only props that directly belong to your costume are allowed.

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Can I get a microphone/headset?

If you want to say something special please mention it in your formular. You can get We will check the practicability with the technique team.

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Will I be interviewed on stage?

We assume that the host may ask you some questions to your costume.

The more information you hand to us the easier for the host to prepare and to ask questions to which you know the answers. We want to make you look great on stage not to disgrace you :-)

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Is it possible to sing?

Due to technical issues it is not possible to do a singing act.

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Which categories will be judged?

The categories divide into Cosplay and Crafting with several sub categories which will be presented.

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Will there be a photographer?

Yes, our photographer Daniel Dornhöfer will be there to take pictures of your performance. Furthermore, you can always visit us at our Hydra Forge booth to use it as a background or use the photo backgrounds in the Cosplay Kingdom to take pictures.



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How do I get to the Comic Con Germany? Where can I park?

Please check the website of Comic Con Germany for those information via the link below:

<http://www.comiccon.de/en/info>

Subtopic: FAQ and terms and conditions of participation

We always try to keep the FAQ up to date. If you still have a question feel free to write an email to cosplaycontest@comiccon.de