

Rules and Regulations of the Cosplay Contest organized by BulleJapon

MAGIC – Saturday, 21st March 2015 at the GRIMALDI FORUM (MONACO)

INDIVIDUAL OR SOLO COSPLAY

1. Deadline

The individual pre-registration for the MAGIC cosplay competition will open Monday, February 23rd (10pm) and close on Sunday, March 8th (11:59 p.m.) 2015. All registrations must be submitted via the BulleJapon website (<http://www.bullejapon.fr>) Registrations submitted before 10pm on Monday, February 23rd or after 11:59pm on Sunday, March 8th, 2015 will be automatically annulled. Only fully complete registrations, including all relevant pictures, costume progress photos and soundtrack, will be accepted. There will be no onsite registrations.

2. Individual or Solo cosplay

The notion of individual (or solo) cosplay implies that the cosplay performance is to be completed by only one person, without any outside assistance. Only members of the organizing team will be permitted to assist with the installation of audio files and/or any other accompanying material.

3. Group Cosplay

Group Cosplay is not permitted at this edition of MAGIC.

4. Pre-registration confirmation

We will keep you informed on the status of your registration. Please check regularly the BulleJapon platform. An email will be sent a few days before the show informing you of all the final details.

5. Rules and Regulations

The individual competition is open to all individuals aged 18 years or older. (We are looking for 10 to 15 people depending on time availability)

6. Permitted Cosplay Categories

Only participants, whose costumes fit the permitted categories, will be registered.

The permitted categories include:

- Asian Anime and Manga
- European Cartoons and Comic books
- Cartoons and American Comics
- Video Games
- Asian Movies
- Foreign Movies
- Sentai or Metal Hero

If your costume does not fit any of the categories above, it will be subject to further approval by the organizing team.

7. Limited Number of Participants

The number of participants must coincide with the limited time availability. BulleJapon therefore reserves the right to refuse registration:

- if the maximum number of participants is reached
- if a character is represented more than twice in any given category

(For example we can not have 3 representations of the character of Yuna or Naruto, etc.)

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8. Required Media Files

- Cosplay character image

One or more images of the chosen cosplay character (fully costumed, in frame (head to toe) and back view) must be attached to your registration. If you fail to submit this material 24 hours after you have completed your registration, the organizers reserve the right to cancel your registration completely without adding you to the wait list.

- Work in progress (WIP)

You must submit three photos of the work in progress on your costume. You can either upload the photos to the BulleJapon platform or submit a Facebook link (or other website link) clearly showing the progress of your costume. Please remember that WIP does not mean 'finished costume'. If you fail to submit this material 24 hours after you have completed your registration, the organizers reserve the right to cancel your registration completely without adding you to the wait list.

- Audio file

You must attach a .mp3 or .wav audio file (no other format will be accepted) at registration. Once you have submitted the file it is no longer subject to change. If you fail to submit this material 24 hours after you have completed your registration, the organizers reserve the right to cancel your registration completely without adding you to the wait list. You must also bring a copy of your audio file (ideally on a USB) on site. This is done to avoid any technical problems that may have occurred during registration (corrupted file, inaudible, etc.). In case of persisting problems even after the use of the provided replacement file, no claims can be made against Shibuya Productions or MAGIC. Video files are not allowed.

Nous ne prêtons pas de MICRO(?microphone?) pour les prestations. We will not provide a microphone for your performance.

- Format, duration and quality of accompanying file

The organizing team reserves the right to refuse any accompanying file that is not the right format, that has not been previously cut (the file should be no longer than your act) or that is of poor quality. You will then have three days to provide a new file complying with the appropriate standards. If you fail to do so for a second time, you will be given a further 2 days to send a replacement. After two attempts your registration will be canceled completely without adding you to the wait list. Lastly, if the file is not received within the given time limit, your registration will be canceled and you will not be added to the wait list.

9. Stage Time Duration

Your stage performance must last between 1 minute and 1 minute 30 seconds.

These time estimates are given to provide guidance and optimal event flow. Therefore you are not obliged to remain on stage after 1 minute if your performance does not require you to do so.

10. Prohibited

For safety reasons you are not allowed to use or carry the following items: (If you fail to follow these guidelines you may be disqualified and even prosecuted.)

- Swords: Any offensive weapons or sharp iron or steel articles, such as daggers, swords, machetes, knives, bayonets, etc.
- Firearms: Any weapon that fires cartridges or explosive projectiles, such as rifles, pistols, etc.
- Incendiary Weapons: Any weapon that aims to set fire to objects or to cause burn injury to people.
- Flammable liquids: Any liquid, such as a methylated spirit, that aims to set fire to objects or to cause burn injuries to people.

- All products that may cause damage to private and/or public property: firecrackers, smoke bombs, flour, confetti, glitter, etc.

You will be disqualified if you have any of the following items:

- Purchased costumes: Only self-designed costumes (and/or created with minimal/ some assistance from others) will be accepted. If you have any question and/or concerns please contact the organizing team.
- Indelible Liquids: Any liquid that cannot be removed with a simple cleaner and requires expensive treatment.
- Any object and gesture that is racist or pornographic.
- Any object and gesture that promotes violence.

11. The Judging

The judging process will take place in two stages:

- Initially, some jury members will discuss with you (before or after the contest) the technical aspects of your costume. This is done as to ensure full focus on your performance once you are on stage.
- Secondly, they will score your stage performance and possibly review additional elements of your costume (particularly suit durability).

All jury members, selected by us, will evaluate your performance based on:

- The technical difficulty of your costume (4 points)
- The choice of fabrics or materials (6 points)
- The quality of the stitching or construction (8 points)
- The similarity with the reference character images (4 points)
- The final presentation of the costume (8 points)
- The clarity of your performance (5 points)
- The originality of your performance (5 points)
- Your stage presence (2 points)
- The final performance execution (8 points)

Final scores will remain confidential and will not be subject to change by the jury or the organizer. The jury will be available after the contest to answer any questions about your costume or performance.

12. Confirmation Of Registration, Schedules, Additional Materials Compatibility and Access To Clothing

- The individual competition will take place Saturday, March 21, 2015 at [undefined time]. You must confirm your registration at the BulleJapon website before 12am. If you fail to do so you will not be allowed on stage. Once you have confirmed your registration, you must be at the locker room, in costume and ready to go by [undefined time] at the latest. At that time we will assign you a specific performance order. The locker rooms are only available for registered participants.

Access to the locker room will be monitored. BulleJapon will not be held responsible should any theft or loss occur inside the locker room.

13. Release Form

Adhering to these rules, participants accept and surrender all rights to any photographic, film and sound materials during and after the convention to Shibuya Productions.

14. PRIZES AND AWARDS

The award ceremony will take place at [unknown time] on the main stage.

Shibuya Productions is committed to providing the ultimate winner with a one-week trip to Japan (including tickets and hotel accommodation). The participant may choose the trip date. If the winner wishes to leave the date choice to Shibuya, the latter may be able to provide additional exclusive offers and tours.

15. DISQUALIFICATION

Any participant guilty of vandalism, theft, physical or verbal aggression, offensive behavior or disorderly conduct during the competition will be immediately and permanently disqualified. Criminal charges will be filed.

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