

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Cosplay Masquerade will be run by Gameforce NL on Sunday, the 6th of October.

Gameforce NL will always have the final say in decisions that have to be made.

Gameforce NL will ensure that all judging is done fairly and without bias.

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Participation in the Cosplay Masquerade does not grant free entry to Gameforce NL.

## **SUNDAY RULES**

- There is one type of Masquerade entry: Costume Display entries show off their costumes through a simple walk-on and in-character posing. These are the only entries in the Masquerade. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible entries. Most Costume Display entries will be on stage for 30 - 60 seconds. No performance is allowed! Gameforce will provide the music for the show.
- Online sign-ups open at least 8 weeks before each Masquerade. Applications will close when places are full or 2 days before the Masquerade, whichever event occurs first. Sign-ups at the con are only available if there's still space left!
- Only one entry is permitted per person or group. If you enter as part of a group, you cannot also enter as an individual.
- On the day of the Cosplay Masquerade, you must check in at the Foamtastisch booth by the time communicated by the Gameforce Cosplay Team to confirm you are still taking part and check your details.
- All entries will present their costume or performance on the Main Stage in the Cosplay Masquerade, which usually takes place at the end of the relevant day of the con.
- On SUNDAY, no pre-judging is planned. You will receive a time to be backstage for the competition only!
- Cosplay is not limited to costumes from anime and games—any pop culture costume is welcome. Original costumes based on pop culture are allowed. Due to judging criteria, please explain the design of the costume!
- Employees, staff, crew, or guests of Gameforce, and persons connected with the Masquerade (e.g., prize sponsors or judges and their agents), are not eligible to enter the Cosplay Masquerade.

### **Judging Criteria:**

The competition will be judged by a panel of experienced cosplayers. The judges' decision is FINAL. Please respect the judges and the other participants by accepting their decisions. Groups will be judged as a whole and not just based on the best or worst costumes. Prizes are awarded per entry, not per person in a group.

This competition will be unique, as there are no set judging criteria!

Our three judges will each be given one award to hand out, for a total of three prizes. They are completely free to decide on their reason for giving out the award. It can be a judge's favorite, best wig, stage presence, or anything they feel like awarding!