

JAF COSPLAY MASQUERADE RULES

The Cosplay Masquerade will take the form of a stage competition and takes place at 3pm on the main festival stage on Saturday 21st August 2010.

1. Eligibility

The competition is open to everyone attending the Japanese Art Festival except for members of the festival cosplay team.

All ages are welcome, but if you are under 16 your entry form must be signed by a parent or guardian. If you look underage, please bring proof of age.

You may enter as an individual or a group.

2. Types of costume

Costumes based on the themes on the festival are accepted. This includes characters from manga, anime, video games, Japanese TV and literature, J-rock & J-pop, and original designs based on Japanese themes.

Purchased costumes are not allowed in the competition. The majority of the costume should have been made by you, or your friends or family.

3. Entering the competition

You may enter the competition by filling out the online form and emailing it to **cosplay@japaneseartfestival.com**. Online entries open on August 1st and close on **Wednesday 18th August**.

There will also be a limited number of places available on the day.

4. Reference picture

All entrants **MUST** provide a reference picture of the character you are portraying, which you will be judged against.

5. Judging and prizes

The competition will be judged by a panel of experienced cosplayers and guest speakers.

Prizes will be awarded for:

Best Junior Cosplayer or Group (14 or under), Best Individual Costume, Best Group and Best Performance.

The prizes will be presented at 4.30pm, after the masquerade and kimono fashion show.

6. Stage presentation and performances

During the competition, entrants present their costume on stage, before the audience and judges.

Entrants who register online may do a performance during their time on stage if they wish. However, you must include a brief description of your performance on your entry form including any requirements such as microphones or music cues.

Performance content must be suitable for a family audience. The maximum time allowed for performances is 3 minutes.

We regret that entrants who register on the day will not be allowed to do a performance on stage.

7. Weapons and props

Please read the separate guidelines.

8. Audio

Entrants who wish to use their own music must send it as an MP3 file in advance of the event. If you register on the day or don't send your own music, you will have a track chosen for you by the cosplay team.

You must mention on your form if you have any specific requirements regarding music or entry on stage.

9. Image copyright

The Japanese Art Festival or its sponsors may wish to use your image. By entering the cosplay competition you agree to this.

If you have any questions regarding the masquerade, please email [**cosplay@japaneseartfestival.com**](mailto:cosplay@japaneseartfestival.com)

