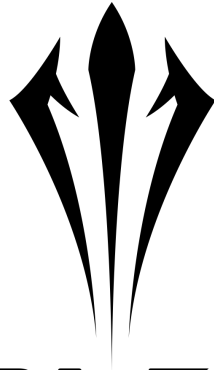


# Costume Contest

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## HYDRA FORGE

Hydra Forge ([www.facebook.com/hydraforge](http://www.facebook.com/hydraforge)) is organizing the Cosplay Contest at **CCON | COMIC CON STUTTGART**, again this year, full of remarkable costumes and creative ideas.

Presenting your costume on stage is not only an impressive experience for you, but also for the appreciative and scene-experienced audience, which will be waiting for you joyfully. And as if that were not enough, bombastic prizes await you if you place well.

Judged by an expert jury of well-known actors, stars of the scene, artists and experts, the winners will then be chosen in a grand ceremony and celebrated in style.

So get your works in shape, sew and glue what you can!

**Deadline for registrations: 12th November 2024 12:00am**

Your Hydra Forge Team

# FAQ & Conditions of Participation - Brief Summary:

## **Date:**

The cosplay contest will take place on Saturday, 30th November, 2024, **17:00 (Meeting 16:15)**, at stage in the atrium.

## **Performance time::**

Individual participants: 30 seconds at your free disposal Groups: 60 seconds at your free disposal.

## **Music & Audio:**

Own music tracks: If you want to have the appropriate music for your performance, you can upload it in the registration form. Please keep to the required file format (MP3) as well as the file name (first name/last name/character/universe) except for the groups.

Microphone: Is theoretically possible, please note the detailed information below under Can I get a microphone/headset?

## **Pictures:**

Along with the application, you must submit a picture of the original character you want to portray or fanart/your own drawings that served as inspiration if it is your own creation. These images must be in landscape format (min 1920x1080) These should be shown on the screen in the background during your performance. For groups, please provide a graphic according to the requirements, with all characters shown by the group.

You also need to send us pictures of your costume. If the costume is not ready when you register, please send us WIP pictures. In any case there should be a picture of you wearing the costume or parts of the costume. You can upload more pictures until the deadline via your completed registration form. As always, the more pictures you send, the better we can judge your costumes in the Prejudging! Please pay close attention to the requirements for the pictures in the entry form.

## **File naming for the image for the screen at the performance:**

*SCREEN\_NAME\_SURNAME\_CHARACTER\_UNIVERSE*

## **File naming for WIP pictures, pictures of your costume:**

*WIP\_NAME\_SURNAME\_CHARACTER\_UNIVERSE*

As file format we accept only jpeg & png files

## **File naming for music file**

*AUDIO\_NAME\_SURNAME\_CHARAKTER\_UNIVERSUM*

### **What if I don't have professional photo equipment?**

This is not a problem. The quality of the photos has no influence on your rating in the prejudging or the contest. It is only important for us that you stick to the desired dates.

### **Props:**

Only props that directly belong to the costume may be used!

### **Prizes:**

We will announce the prizes for the individual placements as soon as possible on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/hydraforge](http://www.facebook.com/hydraforge)) oder Instagram Seite ([www.instagram.com/hydraforge](http://www.instagram.com/hydraforge)) Please understand that we reserve the right to make changes up until the event, as we sometimes only get the final commitment from some sponsors in the days leading up to the event.

### **Prejudging:**

The maximum number of participants is limited to 30. If we receive more registrations, we will conduct a pre-judging. For this purpose, a qualified team will evaluate the applications and select the 30 highest placed from the result, who will then participate in the contest.

### **Response::**

Immediately after filling out and confirming your registration, you will be redirected to the next page which will show you the confirmation that your registration has been received. At the same time, a copy of the registration form will be sent to the e-mail address you provided. This copy is also the confirmation of your registration. As soon as the registration phase for the contest is over, you will get a message from us, if a prejudging is necessary or not. Depending on that, you will receive a confirmation or rejection regarding your participation, as well as further information about the process.

The email address for communication regarding the contest is: [costumecontest@hydraforge.de](mailto:costumecontest@hydraforge.de) and is the only email address where you can reach the Hydra Forge department responsible for the contest.

### **What are the requirements for participating in the Cosplay Contest?**

The contest is only open to Gamescom visitors who have purchased a valid ticket for the day the contest takes place. Judged participation is possible from the age of 16. The costume must be mostly self-made. Weapon rules of the event at which the contest is being held apply.

Professional cosplayers are not allowed to participate in the contest!

We define professional as persons who demonstrably earn money with cosplay as their main or side business. We reserve the right to check participants and disqualify them if necessary.

**The main requirement is a compliant, prior registration for the contest.**

**Can I change anything after the registration?**

You can, until the deadline of the registration phase, access your registration form again at any time, for example to upload more pictures or to change costume etc.. After the deadline, we can unfortunately no longer consider spontaneous changes!

**How does the competition proceed?**

The participants present their costumes on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. each in short performances on stage. Accompanied by music of their own choice, they walk on the stage while a picture of the character and the name of the participant are shown in the background. At the same time the performance is moderated and facts about participant and his costume are presented. After the performance, the jury is involved and the participant leaves the stage. After the performance of all participants, the award ceremony will take place.

Before the award ceremony, all participants will be invited to the stage and a group photo will be taken.

**Can you choose the music yourself?**

Of course, it is up to you to decide what music will best enhance the performance and make the show what you want it to be. Please send us the music uncut, with a time indication from which point to which point the music should be played. The length played on stage is **30** seconds for solo participants and **60** seconds for groups.

**Is it possible to be evaluated as a group?**

Yes, you can participate as a group. Please select the registration form for groups. You only need to fill out one form per group.

Please note, if it is a separate group contest, like at the Comic Con in Stuttgart, we reserve the right to combine the groups with the solo participants on Saturday if there are too few group registrations. Should this be the case, we will try to inform you as soon as possible. Therefore, please plan for this eventuality.

**Who is on the jury?**

Experts of the scene, from areas such as cosplay, photography, film. The jury will be announced in time before the event.

**Is there a dress rehearsal?**

A dress rehearsal is unfortunately not possible due to a tight program, but we will try to inform you as much as possible about the schedule and will be there for you at any time during the contest.

**How long does the competition last?**

Experience shows that the competition lasts 1.5 - 2 hours including the award ceremony and group photo.

### **Which costumes are allowed?**

Any costume that fits the framework of **CCON | COMIC CON STUTTGART** is allowed. It can be any character from books, movies, anime or video games. Own creations are also allowed. The costume must not have previously competed in a **CCON | COMIC CON STUTTGART** Costume Contest organized by Hydra Forge. The costume must, as mentioned above, be mostly self-made. Therefore please send us Work in Progress pictures, which show the work you did on your own. Please make sure that your costumes do not violate any cultural or social values. If you have any doubts about your costume, please feel free to ask us.

### **What weapons are allowed?**

Please note the weapons regulations of the respective events. Unfortunately, we will not be able to make an exception.

### **Is there a way to change clothes?**

Yes, there will be dressing rooms in the Cosplay Area at **CCON | COMIC CON STUTTGART**.

### **Is there a storage facility for my costume, prop, backpack?**

Yes, please contact us for this and we will show you where to put your things.

### **Is there anything to drink during the competition?**

During the competition time we will provide you with water and snacks.

### **Can I take a helper with me because I have a physical disability?**

Persons with physical disabilities are allowed to take an accompanying person to the event free of charge and this person is, of course, allowed as a helper for the competition.

### **Are there mirrors and restrooms?**

There are plenty of toilets and mirrors at **CCON | COMIC CON STUTTGART**.

### **Are special effects like pyrotechnics, fog or light effects allowed?**

Pyrotechnics are not allowed. Since the technology is controlled by external event technicians and in order to be able to guarantee a smooth process, we can unfortunately not respond to individual wishes regarding lighting effects or the like.

### **What props and backdrops are allowed?**

Backdrops are not allowed. Props are only allowed if they directly belong to the costume.

### **Can I get a microphone/headset?**

If you need a microphone for your performance, you can specify this in the registration, as well as what you want to perform / say.

After a check, we will inform you if it is possible and about the further procedure.

Please understand that topics like self-promotion or political statements are no topics for the Costume Contest. Also marriage proposals, as romantic and beautiful as it is

when two people have found each other, cost stagetime, which we unfortunately do not have.

**Is a singing performance possible?**

Please send us a recording of you and the song you would like to perform using the registration form. We will then inform you whether it is possible or not.

**What are the evaluation categories?**

There are:

Best Costume 1-3

Best Build

Best Dress

Best Group 1-3

**What are the evaluation criteria?**

In the Prejudging, at least 3 people related to the cosplay scene and costume construction rate the overall impression of the costumes with 1-9 points. The total sum of the ratings then decides whether you participate or not. (See the point: Prejudging)

During the contest the following criteria will be evaluated by each jury member with the points 1-9:

Proportions

Colors

Level of detail

Craft

Practicality

Accessories

Overall impression

The total sum of the ratings of the individual jury members, then decides on the awarding of prizes.

**What are the prizes to be won?**

In addition to cash prizes, there will be various non-cash prizes provided by our sponsors. Since this can be a lengthy process, we can't guarantee to inform you with enough lead time about the prizes.

**Will there be a photo & video shoot?**

We will try to have someone on site to take photos as well as a video recording of the contest.

If you have any further questions, suggestions or constructive criticism, please contact us at [costumecontest@hydraforge.de](mailto:costumecontest@hydraforge.de). We will answer you as soon as we can. Alternatively you can contact us via our social media channels [www.facebook.com/hydraforge](http://www.facebook.com/hydraforge) or [www.instagram.com/hydraforge](http://www.instagram.com/hydraforge). In an absolute emergency you can reach us at [notfall@hydraforge.de](mailto:notfall@hydraforge.de).

**Disclaimer**

**We reserve the right to disqualify participants who do not comply with our rules directly and without exception.**