



# Cosplay Competition Rules

## 2016 Beer & Sake Festival

**Date:** Friday, June 3rd, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Place:** Harrah's Resort Southern California | 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, CA 92082

### Cosplay Competition Description

1. Come and join our Cosplay Competition! Dress up as any character to the best of your ability and compete to win these prizes:

Grand Prize - 1 night hotel stay, 2 tickets to a concert & \$200 food credit at Harrah's Resort Southern California

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Custom made Wigs by Japanese Professional Cosplay Wig Creator Yosuke Nakamoto

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Pair of tickets to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer & Sake Festival

### Cosplay Contest Rules

1. In order to participate, you must apply before the **MAY 15th, 2016** deadline.
2. If you pass the application round, you will be asked to join the final round at the Beer and Sake Festival located at Harrah's Resort on June 3rd, 2016.
3. Selected performers must purchase a festival ticket for the discounted price of \$20.
4. Selected performers may purchase additional \$20 discounted tickets for up to 4 guests.
5. A minimum of 10 cosplay performances will be selected to participate in the final round.
6. Selected performers will be notified by email no later than April 29, 2016.
7. A contestant may only apply once.
8. Only one costume is allowed per contestant.
9. You must be 21 years of age or older.
10. For group cosplay performances, a maximum of 5 persons per group can participate.
11. You can cosplay anime, manga, comic, and video game characters as long as:
  - a. You don't use profanity
  - b. You don't show nudity
  - c. You don't use aggressive conduct
  - d. You don't use sexually oriented costumes or behaviors (yaoi, hentai, yuri, etc.)
  - e. You don't use any weapons
12. Performances must have a duration of 30 seconds to 1 minute. Performances will be stopped at the one-minute mark.
13. Costumes cannot promote alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing), any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous or any particular political agenda or message.

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14. Performances can include any of the following:
  - a. Catwalk,
  - b. Short acting sequence, and/or
  - c. Poses
15. Entrants must provide a written description that the emcee will read during their appearance on stage. This may describe the details of the costume or provide a story about the character being portrayed. You may offer details about the construction process, materials, number of work hours, or anything that might impress the judges and fans. This description is limited to 100 words. JSSDT reserves the right to edit introduction material for time and content.
16. No profanity allowed on stage. That includes messages on signs or clothes. Anyone who violates this will be disqualified from the competition.
17. No drunkenness or use of controlled substances, as determined by the JSSDT and event security staff, is allowed.
18. Costumes cannot be obscene, offensive, nor endorse any form of hate or hate group.
19. Costumes cannot defame, misrepresent or contain disparaging remarks about JSSDT or its products, or other people, products or companies.
20. Costumes cannot depict or be in violation of any law.
21. Please refrain from wearing or using any substances that may potentially interfere with another participant's costume. If you are wearing body paint or make-up, please make sure it will not come in contact with others. Do not leave anything on the stage.
22. Contestants are responsible for their own belongings. We are unable to provide a secure area for personal items. We recommend bringing an assistant to help with belongings.
23. Any participant may be disqualified from the contest by JSSDT for failure to observe any of these rules. All decisions made by the judges and the JSSDT are final.
24. No electrical power connections will be provided. If your costume requires power it must be part of your costume design.
25. Wings, large props, or large costumes are allowed, but if your costume is over 8 feet tall, or 4 feet wide you may not fit through the doors. If possible, make wings and other parts that make your costume detachable. We have no limit on the size of costumes or props, but ask that you be safe and aware while on stage. You will be responsible for ALL damage to the stage, lighting, technical aspects or any convention property.
26. **Limitations of Liability:** JSSDT is not responsible for: (1) any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by entrants, typographical errors, printing errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest; (2) technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software; (3) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the Contest; (4) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Contest or the processing of entries; or (5) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from entrant's participation in the Contest or receipt or use or misuse of any prize. If for any reason an entrant's entry is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost, or otherwise destroyed or corrupted, entrant's sole remedy is another entry in the Contest, if it is possible. If the Contest, or any part of it, is discontinued for any reason, the JSSDT, in its sole discretion, may elect to hold a random

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drawing from among all eligible entries received up to the date of discontinuance for the prize offered herein.

The following items are forbidden at 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer & Sake Festival Cosplay Competition:

If you're bringing, buying or selling something that could maim, damage or cause serious bodily harm, we're going to take issue. The following items are forbidden at 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer & Sake Festival Cosplay Competition:

- Functional firearms (including air soft guns, BB guns, cap guns, paintball guns and pellet guns)
- Realistic replica firearms (including reproduction, fake or toy guns that can be confused for functional firearms)
- Functional projectile weapons (including blow guns, crossbows, long bows, silly string, slingshots, water balloons and water guns)
- Sharpened metal-bladed weapons (including axes, daggers, hatches, knives, kunai, shuriken, swords, sword canes and switch blades)
- Explosives (including firecrackers and fireworks)
- Chemical weapons (including mace and pepper spray)
- Blunt weapons (including brass knuckles, clubs and nunchaku)
- Hard prop weapons (including props made of wood, PVC, metal, fiberglass and glass)
- Instruments that cause excessive noise levels like vuvuzelas, grenade whistles and grenade horns
- Whips
- Aerosol mustard

### Judging Criteria

The judges will be evaluating each of the following aspects and whoever ranks the highest, will receive the grand prize.

1. **Clothes:** The judges will be checking how accurate your clothing is to the character you are cosplaying. They will take note of how accurate the color and styling is as well as the construction of your outfit.
2. **Hair and Makeup:** The judges will pay close attention to the styling, color, and details of the makeup you use. Additionally, they will be sure to assess how well your hair style/wig matches the character you are cosplaying. The more similar it is to the character, the better.
3. **Performance:** The judges will evaluate how well your performance reflects the character you are cosplaying. They will take note on the behavior and actions that you exhibit as well as your stage presence.
4. **Overall look:** The judges will look at your overall look and decide whether or not your look accurately portrays the intended cosplay.
5. **Judges' decisions are final.**

The judges will keep an eye out for little details such as color, style, and accuracy so please keep that in mind when you create your look!

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### Apply Today!

To apply, please fill out the application form and email it to [info@japan-society.org](mailto:info@japan-society.org) before the **April 15th** due date. The application can be handwritten, scanned, and then sent to the email address or can be filled out electronically and then sent. The judges will review all applications and select the top 15 to participate in the final round at Harrah's Resort. If you have any further questions regarding the competition, please feel free to email them to the address written above. Good luck!