

## **gamescom cosplay contest**

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Hydra Forge ([www.facebook.com/hydraforge](http://www.facebook.com/hydraforge)) is organizing the gamescom cosplay contest 2023, featuring amazing costumes and creative ideas.

When you present your costume, it is not only a amazing experience for you, but also for the scene-savvy audience excited to see you play out your favorite characters. But that's not all! Great prizes await for those who place well.

Judged by a jury of well-known performers, stars of the scene, artists and experts, the winners are then chosen and properly celebrated.

So get ready to sew and glue like never before!

Your Hydra Forge Team

### **FAQ summary**

#### **Date**

The cosplay contest will take place on August 26, 2023.

## Performance duration

30 seconds for your performance (photo slides or video)

## Music + Audio

Music: Please send us the music of your choice in good audio quality and with detailed time information of excerpt.

Microphones may not be used for technical reasons.

## Pictures

When submitting your registration, please include the following pictures in 3:4 format:

- A picture of the original character you wish to portray.
- Alternatively, you may use fan art or your own drawings that served as inspiration if it is an original creation.
- A picture of yourself without the costume.
- A picture of yourself in costume, posing from head to toe. If your costume is not finished at the time of registration, please provide work-in-progress (WIP) pictures.

Remember, the more pictures you submit, the better we can evaluate your costumes at prejudging.

## Videos

If you have videos of yourself in costume, you may submit one video per cosplay (maximum length: 1 minute). We will use them to create teasers and trailers. However, this is not mandatory.

## **Important media info**

Please create a well-organized folder for us on the file hosting platform of your choice and name it according to the following format:

LASTNAME\_FIRSTNAME\_COSPLAYCHARACTER

LASTNAME\_FIRSTNAME\_COSPLAYPHOTOS

LASTNAME\_FIRSTNAME\_ORIGINALPHOTOS

LASTNAME\_FIRSTNAME\_AUDIO

LASTNAME\_FIRSTNAME\_VIDEO

Please name the video and photo files according to the following format:

LASTNAME\_FIRSTNAME\_COSPLAYPHOTO1.jpg

Please use the original titles for the music files.

Make sure you use common audio, video and folder formats without the need for special codecs (e.g., HEIF image files).

Also make sure that all pictures are in 3:4 format.

### Props

Only props that are an integral part of the costume may be used!

### Prizes

The prizes for each place will be announced on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/hydraforge](http://www.facebook.com/hydraforge)) and through gamescom as soon as possible.

### Prejudging

A qualified team will select 30 participants from all entries, who will then present their costumes in the finale.

### Notification

After submitting your registration, you will receive an automatic email confirmation. This email will also include information about the next steps. If necessary, we will contact you personally to discuss any further details. Please remember to check your inbox and spam folder regularly to make sure you do not miss our email.

Registration deadline: August 3, 2023, 11:59 PM

## FAQs

### What are the requirements for participating in the cosplay contest?

The contest is open to anyone holding a gamescom ticket. Participants must be at least 18 years old. The costume must be mostly self-made. It should not be culturally or socially offensive in any way. If you have any doubts, please ask. Outfits expressly designed for the sole purpose of looking “sexy” will not be considered.

**Prior registration is the main requirement for participation in the contest.**

### How does the contest work?

Participants showcase their costumes on the gamescom stage with short performances to the background music of their choice. While performing, their photo and name are displayed and a moderator provides information about the participant and their costume. After the performance, the jury gets involved. The award ceremony takes place after all participants have performed.

Due to a limited time slot, there will be a preselection process. All applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and evaluated by a selected team. The top 30 participants will present their costumes at gamescom.

### Schedule

Registration phase: mid-June to August 3, 2023, 11:59 PM

Announcement of finalists: August 10, 2023

Online voting for fan favorite: August 11 to 25

Cosplay contest: August 26, 2023

### Can I choose my own music?

Absolutely. The decision of which music best complements your performance is entirely up to you.

### Can you participate as a group?

No, group registrations are not permitted.

### Who is on the jury?

The jury consists of experts from cosplay, photography and other areas. The jury members will be announced in due course.

### How long does the contest last?

Based on experience, the contest, including the award ceremony, lasts 1 to 1.5 hours.

### What costumes are permitted?

Any costume that is line with gamescom is eligible to compete, including characters from books, movies, anime or video games. Original creations are also permitted. The submitted costume cannot have participated in a previous gamescom cosplay contest. As mentioned above, the costume must be mostly self-made. It should not be culturally or socially offensive in any way or expressly designed to look "sexy."

### Am I allowed to interact with others during the performance?

Yes, as long as the other individuals serve only as extras and do not constitute the main part of the performance.

### What props and backgrounds are permitted?

Backgrounds are not permitted. Props are only permitted if they are an integral part of the costume.

### Is singing permitted?

Due to technical reasons, vocal performances are not permitted.

### What are my options if I do not have good photo/video equipment?

That is not a problem. It is all about your costume and presence. The image quality is neither an advantage nor disadvantage.

### What are the contest categories?

- Best costume (first to third place)

- Best dress
- Best built
- Fan favorite/online voting

What are the prizes?

Exciting prizes will be announced soon.