

## **AnimeS Cosplay World Stars**

### **Cosplay Contest Rules:**

#### **1. Presentation of the contest :**

- AnimeS Cosplay World Stars or ACWS for short is a an international cosplay contest in which teams will consist of two or three people will compete
- The unique part of the contest is the duration of the skits. The minimum is to be 5 minutes and the maximum to be 8 minutes
- ACWS is planned to have its second edition in September 2025 in Sofia, Bulgaria during the AnimeS World Stars convention. Dates will be confirmed closer to the event time.
- The proposed schedule for participating teams is as follows:
  - Teams must arrive on Wednesday.
  - Thursday is a tour of the city. Intro video recording will be planned after that
  - Friday is prejudging during the day. And Rehearsals in the evening
  - Saturday the teams will have a Showcase on Stage and afterwards enjoy the convention.
  - The Championship will be set on Sunday.
  - Departure will be on Monday
- The hotel will be booked for the teams. Check in on Wednesday and check out on Monday. Meals for the whole stay will be provided in schedule(If teams want to go to eat by themselves its on their expense.For Saturday and Sunday, food and drinks will be provided at the event venue.
- The main prizes are as follows:
  - Grand Champion 1000 Euro + invitation to the team to be guests and jury for the third edition
  - Second Place 500 Euro
  - Third Place 250 euro

Special prizes will be awarded as well. Expect big prizes from our Sponsor CosplayShop.be

## 2. Authorized categories:

- Anime / manga
- Video games
- Comics books
- Series / films
- Animated films and series
- Musicals
- Illustrations/Fan art by known artists (Hannah Alexander, Sakizou, Pico, etc.)

\*\* For further clarification on which series are able to be presented, please refer to your respective organizers.

### 3. Conditions of participation:

- All participants must live in the country in which they participate in the selections.

(This information must be confirmed with the organizer in charge of the selection.)

- It is mandatory that the participants are 18 years old on the day of the day you travel to Bulgaria.

(Organizers please check ahead of time to make sure your participants are of age before traveling.)

A staff member of ACWS will attend the Preliminaries as a supervisor ( if the schedule of our team allows it). If the budget of the convention allows it to cover the flight,hotel and food for the staff member. As well an entry pass.

- Any costumes used in other selections and/or having won a prize in other international competitions are strictly prohibited. The costumes for the final may be the same as the one worn when qualifying for ACWS.

- The characters must be part of the same media, but they can be from the same universe (example Marvel, Dragon Ball, One Piece ect. Also the characters can be from a different timeline or never meeting in the story)

- Qualifiers can be conducted simultaneously together with other competitions. But the selected teams will have to prepare a longer skit to fit the duration that has been stated.

- The skit can happen in the native language. (If the dialog is recorded and it is hard for the team to speak English, make sure that English Subtitles are provided)

- Costumes must be hand crafted at least 70% by the participants. Any possible assistance must be reported *during pre-judging (?)*.

- Participants must have a valid passport or identity card at the final. The ACWS declines all responsibility in case of non-compliance of the documents.

- Costumes and/or performances of a racist, misogynistic, pornographic, homophobic or extremely violent nature are prohibited.

- The team can cosplay additional characters, but the jury will pre-judge only the main characters of the skit

#### 4. Rating criteria

- The complexity of the overall costume and props
- Choice of the materials and technique
- Construction of the costume and details
- Similarity between the costume and the reference image
- Overall originality (character choice and skit)
- Understanding of the skit
- Roleplay of the character

The rating criteria will be 40% for the costume and 60% for the performance.

## 5. Stage props

- The props must be easily transportable by the organizing team.
- For stage props to be considered bulky, the specifications of stage props have a maximum size is 2x2m and/or whose weight exceeds 15kg. The number of bulky props is limited to 3 pieces per skit.  
(We will inform you ahead of time if the props have to be a maximum of 2 pieces per team.)
- The participant can show their stage props to the jury, according to whether it is a personal creation (props, decor, etc.).
- It is the participant's responsibility to bring their props to the final.
- It is not possible to send by mail the props. The organization of AnimeS World Stars cannot store the material of the participants.
- Pay attention to the maximum size of the luggage according to airline specifications. The organization of AnimeS World Stars will not be compensating participants for excess/oversize/overweight baggage fees.

(Check with the travel/airline companies and your organizer for further clarification on baggage restrictions.)

## 6. Prohibitions

- Hazardous Objects: Knives, firearms, incendiary weapons, flammable liquids, typical fireworks producing flames and/or sparks, etc...
- Any product that may cause the scene or room to become dirty or deteriorate:

(We will inform you in time what you can't use. We are moving to a new and bigger venue so we have to check it )

- Purchased costumes: Competition costumes must, of course, be handmade. Third-party assistance is permitted, but purchased costumes and so-called closets are strictly prohibited. We therefore ask that the costume be handmade by the person who will wear it (at least 70% of the work.)
- Unless perfectly mastered, dangerous and/or acrobatic moves are prohibited. In the event of an accident, the organizer will not be held responsible. The competition scene is neither prepared nor dedicated to this kind of activity.
- We would like to remind participants that AnimeS World Stars is a family event and therefore children would be present in the room. Be careful to take it into account by censoring coarse words by means of a sound effect for example.

## 7. Rights to one's image

- By entering this contest, the participants accept any exploitation of their image in a photographic, film or audio. In addition, the cosplayers give permission to use their image for promotional purposes of the contest in the future and undertake not to ask for compensation.