

East European Comic Con Cosplay Parade Rules

This year East European Comic Con organizes a Cosplay Parade on stage for everyone that wants to show their costume to our wide audience, without the need of participating in a competition.

Please carefully read the following rules.

1. General rules.

- This set of rules describes every detail of the way the Cosplay parade is going to take place at East European Comic Con. Further changes will be announced on the official site of the event.
- **It is the participant's duty to read, accept and respect the participation Rules.**
- The Parade will take place on Saturday, 26th April, between 13:00-13:55.
- Registrations will open on Monday, 7th April, and will close on Sunday, 13th April, at 23:00. *

*If the maximum capacity of registrations (250 people) is reached before this date, the **form will automatically close.**

2. Registration

The cosplay parade is for people **above 14 years**. Participants below 18 years of age must produce a written statement/declaration signed by one of their parents or legal tutors, who will authorize the under-aged competitor's participation. The declaration can be found in the form you are to complete.

1. Registration to this Parade will be done by filling the registration form published on the [Website](#). Any registrations sent after the posted deadline/after the spots are filled, will not be taken into consideration.
2. The participants must be present at the stage on Saturday, 26th April at the time indicated in the confirmation email. The non-attendance after the registration will be penalized with the restriction of participating in any competition or parades at East European Comic Con for the next edition.
3. If contestants cannot take part in the parade after the registrations, they must announce the cosplay organizers **48h** before the parade.

3. General conducting rules

1. Obscene gestures or words towards the other competitors, volunteers, audience or people in charge/organizers are strictly forbidden.

2. The participants must follow instructions given by Staff at all times. Any noncompliance will result in a penalty.
3. If contestants fail to show up for the parade without previously announcing, they will be banned from competing in any Comic Con partner events.

4. The organization and the sequence of events

1. The participants will go on stage in a predefined order given by the organizer staff, during a general music segment selected by us. They will display their costume for 10 seconds per individual, and then they will exit the stage.
2. The participants will **NOT** have personal objects (bags, clothes, valuables). Our volunteers will not take care of them.
3. Jumping off the stage or any other stunts that may hurt participants or spectators are strictly forbidden.
4. Types of costumes accepted:
 1. Cosplay inspired by any character (manga, anime, series, games, animations, movies etc.) is accepted, as well as crossplay, genderbend cosplay.
 2. Cross-over cosplay from any franchise, fanart cosplay, original concepts.
1. The cosplay area will be for the participants in the cosplay competition only. Storage will not be available for personal items at either location.

5. Requirements included in the registration form and useful information about it

1. You will need to fill in a name, nickname, email address and phone number.
2. There will be an individual registration. **There are no group parade registrations.**

6. Weapons and costumes policies

1. Handmade costumes are allowed, as well as bought costumes or “closet cosplay”.
2. According to legislation, we are obliged to establish some limits for the accessories and props permitted during the parade: knives, swords, Shuriken etc. have to be made from non-metallic materials. In some particular cases, metal props are accepted, but only with the agreement of the Staff. Contact us at cosplay@comic-con.ro for details and further confirmation. The objects must not have sharp edges (the blades have to be blunt) or tips (which have to be rounded). The bows will not have wire and the arrows will not have pointy tips. Replicas of weapons must be marked with a yellow or orange circle on their tip, indicating that they are fake.
3. Prohibited items:
 1. Replica swords/katanas/other bladed weapons made of metal

2. Weapons with any type of ammunition (plastic balls, staples etc.)
3. Airsoft weapons are **absolutely forbidden**.
4. Metal chains longer than 20 centimeters (if they are longer, they must be made of another material or plastic).
5. Fire-crackers, fireworks, glitter, confetti, pyrotechnical devices or anything that can jeopardize the parade.
6. Parts of costumes that are made out of metal are allowed, as long as they are not dangerous to the visitors of the convention, meaning no sharp edges or pointy edges/tips. In case somebody brings a costume that can be deemed as dangerous, the staff will kindly ask the cosplayer not to wear the costume in the venue or he/she will be asked to leave the premises. Anyone not respecting these rules will be disqualified.
7. The performances will be PG13. Any gestures, obscene dances or with sexual implication are not allowed on stage. Exhibitionism is not accepted. Jokes with sexual innuendo are not allowed, unless the non-sexual meaning is at least as easily understood as the sexual one. Offenses will result in a penalty.
8. Costumes must be also within public decency limits. East European Comic Con is targeting a wide audience-range (as well as under-aged children), so the performers must wear costumes which are not offensive and can be viewed by the general public. The minimum accepted is a bathing suit. Any type of thongs, see-through or very small underwear will be covered by a cape/ short pants/skirt/dress etc.

8. Clauses and final terms

- Before signing up, the participants will make sure that they have read the full Regulation and that they have understood all the Rules. For any questions or issues, the e-mail address cosplay@comic-con.ro is at your service.
- Participating in the Cosplay Parade does not imply free entrance at the convention. All participants must have a pre-purchased ticket.
- The organizing team and the staff have the right to change and modify the Rules and Regulations to ensure a most pleasant and safe experience for all participants.
- Please check your emails on a regular basis and answer the solicitations as quickly as possible.