



East European Comic Con Cosplay Parade Rules

This year East European Comic Con is organizing a cosplay parade on stage, for all those who want to show off their costume to the general public, without having to enter the competition.

Please read the rules below carefully.

1. General rules.

- a. This set of rules describes in detail the steps for the East European Comic Con Cosplay Parade. Further changes will be announced on the official event website.
- b. It is the duty of each participant to read, accept and comply with the Rules of Participation.**
- c. The parade will take place on Saturday, September 13, between 13:00 and 13:55.
- d. Registration will start on Monday, September 1 and will end on Sunday, September 7 at 11:00 p.m.*
*If the maximum registration capacity is filled (150 Solo+20 Groups), before this date, **the form will close automatically.**

2. Registration

Participation in the parade is designed for people **over 14 years**. Participants who are not yet 18 years old must provide a statement signed by one of their parents/legal guardians expressing their consent to participate in the parade*. The declaration template will be found in the registration form.

**We reserve the right to refuse entry to minors who do not meet the conditions set out in the regulations. We want to ensure a parade that is conducted in the safest possible conditions, where minors have the consent of their parents to participate. In the event that there is a*

presumption that the declaration has not been completed and signed by a parent/legal guardian, or the minimum age is not met, the minor may be refused participation in the parade.

- a. Registration for the parade will be done by completing the form published on [Website](#). Any entries sent after the deadline/places are filled will not be considered.
- b. Participants have the duty to be present on stage on Saturday, September 13, at the times indicated in the confirmation email. Non-appearance after registration is penalized by the restriction of participation in cosplay contests and parades at the next edition of East European Comic Con.
- c. If the participant can no longer participate in the parade after registration, he must notify the team in advance (by Friday, September 12, at 12:00 at the latest) via email cosplay@comic-con.ro.

3. Rules of conduct

- a. Obscene gestures or words directed at other participants, volunteers, the public or Comic Con staff are strictly prohibited.
- b. Participants must closely follow the instructions given by the organizing team. Any deviation will be penalized.
- c. Failure to notify in advance, by email, will be penalized with the restriction of participation in cosplay contests and parades at East European Comic Con in the next edition.

4. The organization

- a. The participants will enter the stage in the order dictated by the organization staff, to a generic music selected by us. They will present their costume to the audience, after which they will leave the stage **as instructed by the team**.
- b. Participants will **NOT** have personal items with them (bags, clothes, valuables). Volunteer members will **NOT** supervise these objects.
- c. Jumping off the stage or any other stunts that may injure the participant or the audience are strictly prohibited.
- d. Participants are not allowed with confetti, fake snow or any other props made of small parts that are hard to get off stage or hard to clean. Liquids are forbidden on stage (water guns, full bottles...), even in a closed container.
- e. Types of costumes accepted:
 - a. Cosplay inspired by any franchise (manga, anime, series, games, animations, movies, etc.) is accepted, as well as crossplay/genderbend cosplay.
 - b. Cross-over cosplay from any franchise, cosplay fanart, original concepts.
 - c. **Costumes representing real people, historical figures, politicians or military uniforms of any kind are not permitted.**

- f. There will not be on-site storage facilities in the stage area.

5. Requirements included in the entry form and useful information about the entry

- a. The form must be filled in with the participant's first and last name, stage name, character name, **a clear image of the chosen character**, a valid email address and a phone number (**make sure the contact details are entered correctly to avoid communication problems**).
- b. An individual registration will be made. A participant in the Solo category cannot register as a member of a Group and vice versa, since both happen at the same time.
- c. For **Group**, only one person of the group will complete the registration, following the instructions on the form.

6. Rules for Weapons and Costumes

- a. Access is allowed for any type of costume, including purchased and "closet cosplay".
- b. According to legislation, we are required to set limits on what accessories and props are allowed during the parade: knives, swords, shuriken, etc. All weapons must be crafted from non-metallic materials. Objects will not have sharp edges (blades must be blunt) or sharp points (tips must be rounded). Bows will have no string and arrows will have no sharp heads.
- c. Prohibited items:
 - 1. Replica swords/katana/other white weapons made of metal
 - 2. Weapons with any type of ammunition (balls, projectiles of any kind, etc.)
 - 3. Airsoft guns are **absolutely forbidden**.
 - 4. Metal chains longer than 20 centimeters (if they are longer than that, they need to be made of plastic or other material).
 - 5. Firecrackers, fireworks, glitter, confetti, pyrotechnic devices or anything else that may put staff and spectators at risk.
 - 6. Parts of the costume made of metal are allowed as long as they are not dangerous to convention goers, so they are not allowed to have sharp edges or points. If any attendee shows up in a costume that is considered dangerous, they will be asked to change or escorted out of the convention.
 - 7. The performances will be PG13. Any gestures, obscene dances or with sexual implication are not allowed on stage. Exhibitionism is not accepted.
 - 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.

9. **The costumes worn in the parade and during the event will not have markings or reenact people or characters associated with homophobia, misogyny, misandry, racism or any other aspects that can harm human rights, ethics and integrity.**
10. Those who do not follow these rules will be disqualified.

Final clauses and terms

- Before entering, participants must ensure that they have read and understood the entire Parade Rules. For questions or problems, the email address cosplay@comic-con.ro is at your disposal.
- Participation in the parade does not imply free admission to the convention. All participants will have a pre-purchased ticket.
- The organizing team and the Event Staff reserve the right to change or modify these Regulations to ensure a pleasant and safe experience for all participants.
- Please pay attention to the communications received by email and respond to requests as soon as possible.