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# gamescom cosplay contest

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## HYDRA FORGE

Hydra Forge ([www.facebook.com/hydraforge](http://www.facebook.com/hydraforge)) organizes the cosplay contest again at gamescom 2019 with astonishing costumes and creative ideas.

Presenting your costumes on stage is not only a huge experience for you, it is as well for the audience who is looking forward to see you. In addition, there are great prizes awaiting you! Judged by a Jury out of scene stars, artists and experts the winner will be celebrated in a big ceremony.

Polish your weapons, glue and sew! Your

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## FAQ - Short information:

### Date:

The contest will take place on 24th August 2019 from 2 till 4 pm.

### Duration:

Single participants: 30 seconds for free use Groups: 60 seconds for free use

### Music & audio:

Own music: Own chosen music has to be sent in after the prejudging. Microphone: Due to technical issues it is not possible to get an own microphone.

### Pictures:

In combination with your registration you have to send a picture of the original character you want to present. If your costume is self-created fanarts / own drawings will work. Moreover, you have to send us pictures of your costume. If it is not finished yet, WIP pictures are okay. The more pics you send the better is it for the prejudging.

### Prices:

The prices for the categories will be announced as soon as possible on our facebook page ([www.facebook.com/hydraforge](http://www.facebook.com/hydraforge)) and on the gamescom homepage and social media channels.

### Prejudging:

Within all registrations a qualified team will choose 30 participants who will get a slot on stage.

### Reply:

Directly after your registration you will receive an automatic email to confirm your registration. Furthermore, it contains information about the contest. Afterwards, we will contact you personally to check the details. Please control your inbox and spam folder.

### **Deadline: 27th July 2019**



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## FAQs:

### What does the participation for the costume contest require?

Only owners of a valid gamescom 2019 ticket for Saturday are eligible to enter the contest. In order to be admitted to the competition, participants must be at least 16 years of age. Costumes must be self made, the notion of "built, not bought!" is paramount to our competition. The con's weapon rules are applied: <http://www.gamescom.-de/Redaktionell/gamescom/downloads/pdf/Event/cosplay/Kost%C3%BCmgestaltungsregeln.pdf>

### **A rule-consistent registration is required.**

#### How is the contest structured?

The participants present their costumes on Saturday at 2 pm with short acts on stage. Accompanied by self chosen music they do a walk on stage while pictures of their character are presented at a screen. Parallely, the act will be commented and facts concerning the costume will be delivered. Afterwards, the jury will be involved. After the presentation of all costumes and groups the evaluation will be done and the prizes will be handed out directly with a group photoshoot.

The contest will start at 2 pm. We will inform you soon enough where the meeting point will be.

Since we have a limited schedule for the contest we will make a prejudging. All registrations we received until the deadline (27th July, 11:59 pm) will be judged and the 30 best will be in the final competition at Saturday.

#### May I choose the background music?

Of course it is your decision which music belongs perfectly to your performance. Only the participants who are chosen to present themselves after the prejudging on stage have to send the music. We will contact you if it is necessary. Then, please send us the whole songs with a short text which passage should be played (single: 30 sec, groups: 60 sec).

#### Is a group presentation possible?

Yes. Every group participant has to sign a single formular and mention the group name. Groups present a short performance and of course will get more time (60 seconds instead of 30). Please contact us in case of questions!



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#### Who is the jury?

Well-known stars of the scene, artists and fandom-experts. The Jury line up will be announced.

#### Will there be a dress rehearsal?

An actual dress rehearsal won't be possible because the stage is in use for the whole day. But you can take a closer look and we will mark your walk on stage.

#### How long will the contest take?

The contest will take all in all about 1,5 hours including price handout and group photo.

#### Which costumes are allowed?

Each costume fitting to the themes of the gamescom. It can represent a character out of a book, film, Anime, Comic or game. Self-invented costumes are also allowed. Both have to be mostly built by yourself. The costume must not be judged in the contest of any gamescom contest before.

#### Which weapons are allowed?

The weapon rules of gamescom are applied <http://www.gamescom.de/Redaktionell/gamescom/downloads/pdf/Event/cosplay/Kost%C3%BCmgestaltungsregeln.pdf>

#### Will there be a possibility to change our outfit?

Yes, in the cosplay village, there will be changes for cosplayers.

#### Can I store my clothes/bags/costume?

You can leave your things in the backstage area of the social media stage.

#### Will there be drinks?

During the contests drinks and sweets will be given to you.

#### Are there mirrors and toilets?

You can find enough toilets with mirrors in the trade fair.

#### May I bring an assistant because I am disabled?

Disabled people are allowed to bring an assistant to the event for free. They are of course your companion for the contest.

#### I am disabled or suffer from body issues (e.g. back pain) and I am not able to wear my costume for a longer time.

If you have such restrictions please mention it in your formular. We will find a solution together.



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Is it allowed to use special effects like Pyro, light and fog?

Pyro-effects are not allowed, light and stage effects are realized by the technique team.

Which props and setting is allowed?

You are not allowed to bring a set. Only props that directly belong to your costume are allowed.

Can I get a microphone/headset?

If you want to say something special please mention it in your formular. We assume that the host may ask you some questions to your costume.

Is it possible to sing?

Due to technical effort it is not possible to do a singing act.

Which categories will be judged?

Those information will be announced soon.

What are the prices?

There will be great prices again. Those will be announced very soon.

Will there be a photographer?

Yes, our photographer will be there to take pictures of all of you during your performance. There will be as well photos of the preparation and the price handout.

How do I get to the gamescom? Where can I park?

Please check the website of gamescom for those information via the link below:

<http://www.gamescom-cologne.com/gamescom/travel-and-accommodation/arriving/index.php>



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