



## MALTA COMIC CON COSPLAY 2023 - FORM

### BASIC INFORMATION

Name

Date of Birth

Contact Number

Email

Address

### COSTUME DETAILS

Character Name:

Basic Character Information:

Character Category: [Ex: Gaming / Anime / Film etc...]

Discuss Costume construction and any other information you wish to share with the judges:

How many times have you participated in cosplay competition?

### COMPETITION DETAILS

- Competition: Daily 4pm - 6pm on stage.
- Application: To be printed and handed in person every day before 3pm
- Children Defile/Presentation: Daily 3.30pm-4pm
- Malta Comic Con Cosplay Prize Ceremony – Sunday at 6.40pm
- Roaming Cosplay Award (Cosplayers who take part in a Defile at 3.10pm daily) – Daily at 6 pm

## JUDGING

- New Categories for judging!
- No group category prizes but cosplayers can still present themselves as a couple, group etc...
- Judges will take note of all cosplayers regardless of poses, skits etc...
- Each Cosplayer will be judge individually.
- You can choose which day you wish to take part in and you can take part in both days with different cosplays!
- For every costume you need a new application
- No cosplayer will be accepted without a valid filled in form presented to the judges.
- Cosplayers need to show photos of their character to the judges either by printing it before hand or showing them on your digital device after the stage performance.

## CATEGORIES

### NOVICE | TROPHY

You're fairly new to cosplay. This is a simple category that involves just a few poses. Your costume does not need to be fully hand made by you either.

### JOURNEYMAN | TROPHY

This isn't your first time to the rodeo. It's not your first time at a cosplay contest, either! You've been around the block a few times, learned a few tricks, and upped your game. Time to show everyone what you're made of! Your costume should by now be more technical and mostly done by yourself / handmade. In this category you can still pose but a short 40 sec - min is encouraged.

### MASTER | TROPHY

The big leagues. You've won some. You've lost some. You've sweat, cried, and bled for your cosplays. They look masterful. They look glorious. And they need to be shown off to a convention of thousands. This is your time. In this category poses are still accepted however a skit of 1min - 1.30min is highly encouraged.

### WIN IT. BEST IN SHOW | TROPHY

You have created a show and captivated the audience. You have an amazing costume and a great skit (1.30min - 3min). Show it off!

### CRAFTSMANSHIP | TROPHY

Alright, we talked the fun stuff, but with all fun comes a little pain. A MINIMUM of 80% of the costume must be constructed by the contestant.

### BEST MAKE UP | TROPHY

Face off! This is for all those who might have a more simplistic cosplay but they bet everything on their make up skills! It can also be a makeup that accentuates a beautiful costume too. The judges will vote based on the make up done, how expressive it is and how dramatic.

### BEST PROP | TROPHY

This is not related to the whole costume but to a single item. A piece that you are super proud off. Show it off! The judges will check its functionality, the appearance and the drama it adds to the whole cosplay.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No one will be allowed to participate in the Cosplay competition if a Registration form is not duly filled in.
2. If a cosplayer is participating more than once, two forms needs to be submitted, one of each day for each cosplay.
3. Cosplayers that have already participated/won an award with the same costume/most of the elements of the same costume for any Wicked Comics Event, in the previous years, need to inform the judges. Marks will be deducted if the cosplayer has already won an award using the same costume.
4. Cosplayers are participating as individuals and at no point during the competition are cosplayers to mention or publicise any affiliation with any group or assosication of any kind.
5. The Judges and WICKED COMICS are the only official bodies that will be scoring the cosplayers and that will know the final scores. Cosplayers may request, by email, to know their own score only. No scoring boards will be made available to the public.
6. Cosplayers are encouraged to participate in a healthy competitive state of mind. An ethical and correct behaviour is to be expected before and prior to the Cosplay competition. Cosplayers should show respect towards each other. Any misconduct prior or after the event may result in banning the cosplayer from participating in any future events organized by Wicked Comics.
7. Wicked Comics reserves the right to disqualify any participant if they do not comply with the rules of the competition or they show unsporting or disrespectful behaviour towards other participants and visitors, organisers and/or helpers.

8. Kindly be mindful of your surroundings. The Organizing Committee will bear no responsibility towards any harm/injury as a result of individual carelessness.
9. The Organizing Committee's (Wicked Comics) Decision is final, no appeals will be entertained.
10. By submitting the form, you will agree and give your irrevocable consent to allow (without limitation and without compensation) any footage, photograph or any media related imagery of the Competition in any additional promotional materials including any of your own, to be used to promote the event.

#### COSTUME GUIDELINES:

11. For the sake of the Malta Comic Con Cosplay Competition 2023 Variations of a character are more so encouraged. These variations may be a custom 'summer' themed costume or official alternate costumes.
12. No costume is NO COSTUME. While many anime characters' wear what could be termed "street clothes", a single character in regular, everyday clothing isn't very engaging and thus, will have points decreased.
13. Cosmetics/Costumes/Tools/props/replicas made by Cosplayers themselves will result in additional points during the Competition. Replicas Are Allowed. Photos showing the cosplayer making the props / costume would enhance the authenticity claim.
14. Body Coverage: Malta Comic Con Cosplay Competition 2023 is a family friendly environment and has to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the organizers. All costumes need to be tasteful. This means body paint, latex pasties, etc. are not considered adequate body coverage without additional clothing being worn over it.
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15. Contest Guidelines: COSPLAY IS AN ALL-AGES EVENT. The Cosplay should be considered a PG-13 rated event at the most. All music and pre-recorded materials will be screened and all violators of this rule will be disqualified. The judgement of what is acceptable is left to the sole discretion of WICKED COMICS. Offensive language of any kind is not allowed. (Racial or sexual epithets, cursing not allowed on network TV, etc.) Sexual humour is not allowed. This covers yaoi, yuri, mpreg, auto-erotica, tentacles, lolicon, etc. If your joke/skit could not be performed at your workplace or in front of relatives, then you probably can't perform it at the Malta Comic Con Cosplay Competition 2023. If you have a question about your content, please feel free to ask the WICKED COMICS Cosplay Staff if it is allowable.
16. Under NO circumstances is anyone allowed to enter the restrooms of the opposite gender. Please Use restrooms responsibly.

STAGE RULES - All entries must be able to get on and off the stage safely.

17. Props: What goes on stage with you must come off stage with you. For safety reasons, things like confetti, fireworks, glitter, flash paper, rose petals, water and other small messy objects are strictly forbidden to be brought into the stage area. On stage, non-firing toy weapons will be allowed without peace bonding, but be aware that any “live” or sharp weapons will result in immediate eviction from the stage. Also, no food, animals or remote control devices are allowed on stage. And no throwing items into the crowd. Any last minute requests are subject to availability only. All Replicas/props are to be listed and submitted along with the entry forms. Any Unlisted/Potentially dangerous/harmful props will not be allowed in and must be handed to WICKED COMICS for safekeeping until either the end of the event and/or if the owner chooses to leave. WICKED COMICS reserves the right to bar the usage of any replicas/props that may seem potentially dangerous and/or harmful. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to withdraw the rights of participation and /or confiscate replicas/props should one be found to break any of the aforementioned rules/regulations. Behaving in a dangerous manner is not allowed at any time. Ignorance is no excuse. Items which will be confiscated will be returned after the event.

18. Martial Arts/Stage Fighting: All stage fighting of a like nature needs to be limited to half speed and quarter strength. One foot must remain on the floor at all times. This means no jumps, leaps or rolls. Climbing onto the stage or leaping off the edge of the stage are both prohibited and extremely dangerous.

For more information and assistance you can contact Wicked Comics on:  
[info@wickedcomics.org](mailto:info@wickedcomics.org)

In Accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, personal information for which an individual may be identified by for which Wicked Comics is a data controller and processor, will not be divulged to third parties without consent of the affected individual. By submitting this form, you consent to providing information to Wicked Comics for administrative purposes pertaining to this event and any other future events. Wicked Comics operates the Malta Comic Con and all its events, as well as the digital spaces covered by Wicked Comics, Malta Comic Con, Malta Comic Con Cosplay and Malta Comic Con: Cosplay Community to make lawful use of the information.

### CONFIRMATION

I hereby declare that I understand and give my consent to Wicked Comics to use any photos in which I may appear (in full or in part) taken during this event by them or their official photographers to be used for promotional purposes in both digital and physical formats relating to any future events organized by Wicked Comics.

**SIGNATURE**