

Rules of the GalaCon Cosplay Contest



§1 Parties and Objects

By registering for the GalaCon Cosplay Contest (“contest”), you enter into a contract after German legislation with the Pony Events Federation e.V. (“GalaCon”, “we”), Poststraße 6 in 59174 Kamen, Germany. These rules, our terms and conditions and our privacy policy become a part of the named contract. Place of jurisdiction is Ludwigsburg, Germany. Only German Law and respective international regulations apply.

§2 General Rules of Conduct

Always pay respect to the convention rules. Costumes and acts need to be family friendly and safe, which means that obscene themes, sharp or otherwise dangerous parts or emblems that are illegal after German law are forbidden.

All kinds of weapons, also replica and fake weapons, are only allowed with a special allowance from the contest director.

All other participants and judges have to be treated fairly. Destruction or manipulation of costumes or trying to influence the jury’s decisions count as heavy violations of the contest rules.

Please understand that you have to be available during the contest and possibly prejudgement times. Inform yourself about the procedures before the contest.

§ 3 Application

Applications are accepted via the online form or at the convention office. Applications may be closed or rejected if there is no more room.

All given data and statements have to be true.

After the application, you will receive a notice of receipt and will be asked for a photo of your cosplay (optional) and, if necessary, additional information.

We will review your application as soon as possible and send you a registration confirmation if the application is accepted. The registration confirmation confirms that you can take part in the contest.

You can apply both as a group member and as a single applicant. Please fill out both forms in this case.

§ 4 Resignation

You can resign at any time without further explanation via e-mail.

§ 5 Information

We will inform you via e-mail before the contest about important changes and the overall procedure in detail. If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask.

§ 6 Prejudgement

We want to give all participants the possibility to give the jury a deeper insight in your costume and talent before the contest.

If you want to, you can present your costume to the jury before the contest within at maximum 5 minutes’ time.

To take part, please check the appropriate field in the registration form or ask later via e-mail. You will be assigned a certain date approximately 1 – 2 hours before the contest. If you are unhappy with the assigned date, please let us know and we will try to change it.

The prejudgement is optional; there is no points deduction etc. if you do not take part. Impressions from the prejudgement will become part of the overall rating though. It is highly recommended if you want to get a high rating in the category “Best Craftsmanship”, are presenting an original character or included details or variations that are to explain and have a certain meaning or background.

The prejudgement may be cancelled in case of low interest. Please see the timetable and actual information at the venue.

§ 7 Judgement

Involving the impressions from the prejudgement, the jury will give points from 1 (very bad) to 6 (very good) during the presentation in the criteria defined by the Judgement Guideline (please see our website).

The points are summed up weighted according to the Judgement Manual in the different

categories and form a final score for each category.

The first ranking, based on these scores, is reviewed by the judges who can suggest changes in justified causes and decide when two or more participants have an equal score. All changes to the ranking have to be voted with simple majority, written down and justified.

You have the right to be informed about your rank, score and reasons for your ranking.

The final ranking has to be confirmed with simple majority of all judges.

§ 8 Age regulations

Participants of all ages can take part. Underage children need the approval from their parents and/or legal guardian.

General convention rules apply.

§ 9 Duration of the Presentations

You have at maximum 1,5 minutes on stage to present your costume.

Acts and group acts can be at maximum 5 minutes long.

Exceptions can be made in written form; please ask the contest director.

§ 10 Equipment and Surroundings

If you need certain equipment, music, video sequence etc., please specify your needs in the registration form.

We only offer headset microphones and hand microphones as a standard.

We cannot guarantee that all needs will be met. If we cannot offer a needed equipment, we will inform you in time.

Music or video sequences have to be sent to us via e-mail in mp3 respectively wmv format until the 22th of July 2016.

§ 11 Disqualification and Rejection

Applications can be rejected by the contest director

- if they are incomplete and not completed after the first request
- if the participant violates the rules, a violation is very likely to occur or a violation in the past is known

- if false statements have been given in the past

A participant can be disqualified with the simple majority of the judges

- if he violates the rules
- if he tries to cheat or cheats
- if he could have been rejected and the reason for rejection is only revealed afterwards
- if he violates the rules of the convention

Rejections and disqualifications are final. In heavy cases, the judges can expel a participant from the 2017 contest as well with simple majority. This measure can be withdrawn by the contest director or the convention chairman.

§ 12 Changes, Agreements and Exceptions

If necessary, these rules can be changed until the day before the prejudgement begins. All registered participants will be informed about the changes and the justification and have the right to resign.

All exceptions and additional agreements have to be put down in written form. E-Mails or other digital documents count as written.

All oral agreements are invalid.

Contact Information

The contract party and organizer of the contest is the

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You can reach the contact person for any questions or concerns via cosplay@galacon.eu.

If you have any questions or complaints, feel free to contact us.