



CONTEST RULES

COSPLAY PARADE 2026

32ND MANGA BARCELONA

FICOMIC organizes the **Cosplay Parade 2026** contest in the **32nd edition of Manga Barcelona**.

Please read these terms and conditions carefully:

1. Cosplays must be based on characters from anime, manga, comics, video games, movies, TV series, Asian-Music and official merchandising. Cosplays must have a previous official reference.
2. The **Cosplay Parade** contest accepts contestants 16 years and older.
3. There will be a maximum of **45** registrations, which can be registered online starting **July 29, 2026 at 12 am**.

Confirmation of the effective registration will be notified by FICOMIC to each registrant by e-mail.

Each of the online registrants will have an accreditation in their name to attend on Tuesday, December 8, 2026. The accreditations will be sent by mail a few days before. They can be collected in person at the **accreditation desk at Manga Barcelona**.

Online registrants **must confirm their participation** at the event on Tuesday, December 8, 2026. The location will be announced later. Participants who have already been assigned a seat and wish to withdraw from the competition can cancel their online registration by sending an email to **concursos@ficomic.com** until November 29, 2026. Should you have any questions about the contest, please contact concursos@ficomic.com.

Failure to participate in the contest without a justified cause, as well as non-compliance with these rules, will result in a sanction that implies disqualification from participating in future editions of the contest for a period of between two and four years.

4. The **Cosplay Parade contest will be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 8, 2026** at the Grand Stage of Fira Gran Via. It will begin with the inspection of the

costumes by the jury and then there will be a runway. All contestants must line up with their costumes and accessories on one side of the stage.

From now on we will inform you about the starting time of the judging and the competition. Those who are not in place at the indicated time will not be able to pass the judging of their costumes and therefore will not receive the corresponding score from the judges.

5. Each participant **must submit a dossier of no more than 6 pages** that includes images of the cosplay creation process. The dossier must contain 1 page with the reference image and up to 5 pages with photographs of the process.

Visual content will be prioritized, as explanations will be presented verbally to the jury during the evaluation. **The dossier must be submitted online** through the platform that Ficomic will provide for the submission of documents.

6. Jury will directly select the winners of the following categories (prizes will be announced later):

- **Best Cosplay of the Parade**
- **Best Packaging**
- **Best Armor/Prop**
- **Best Wig Styling**
- **Best Makeup/Characterization**

7. The final score will be based 100% in the quality of the cosplay. The jury will value the fidelity, technique and preparation of the cosplays.
8. Costumes must be handmade by own contestants. Are not permitted to be prefabricated or made to order. Prefabricated accessories or parts may be used to create the costume, as long as they are obviously modified by the contestant.
9. Entries will not be accepted for cosplays that have previously won prizes in international competitions, nor those that have already won prizes in Manga Barcelona competitions.
10. By participating in the **Cosplay Parade 2026** contest, participants and their legal representatives automatically and definitively cede to FICOMIC all intellectual property rights, as well as those of the exploitation of the derivative works, creations or inventions that are the subject of this competition and that have been accepted by FICOMIC. They also automatically and definitively agree that their image and name

may be used, published and reproduced without limitation by FICOMIC in any type of advertising, promotion, publication, including the Internet or any other media of any type, for commercial or informative purposes, provided that they are related to this competition, without such use giving rise to any right to remuneration or benefit of any kind.

- 11.** In accordance with Royal Decree 137/1993 on the regulation of weapons, it is strictly forbidden for participants to use firearms, metal weapons and other blunt objects or imitations that, due to their characteristics, may cause confusion as to their true nature. It is also forbidden to use elements dangerous for the physical integrity of people, such as pyrotechnic and flammable materials. Only imitation weapons made of plastic, cardboard and other materials that are not dangerous to the contestants or the audience are allowed.
- 12.** The organization and the jury reserve the right to adopt any initiative that, without being regulated in these rules, contributes to the greater success of the contest, and no claims can be made.
- 13.** In compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in force since May 25, 2018, we assume that all registrants consent to the use of their data by FICOMIC.
- 14.** FICOMIC reserves the final decision in the interpretation of these general rules of participation, and in the cases not explicitly contemplated in them.