



## BASES OF THE SPANISH SELECTION OF THE EXTREME COSPLAY GATHERING (ECG) 2026 OF 32 MANGA BARCELONA

As a part of the 32nd Manga Barcelona, **FICOMIC** organizes the **Spanish Selection of the Extreme Cosplay Gathering (ECG) 2026**.

The Spanish rules for the ECG Spanish Selection may differ from the official rules of the Extreme Cosplay Gathering. Please read the rules carefully.

1. Entrants must be Spanish nationals or have a valid permanent residence permit in Spain and they also must be of legal age on June 1, 2027.
2. Entrants will be able to register:
  - individually
  - in couple
  - as a trio
  - as a quartet

Regardless of the number of contestants per place, all will compete for the same prize. There are no categories.

3. Individuals, couples and trios may (if they feel they need it, it is not mandatory) have the assistance of a ninja on stage. The ninja is a support person who performs with the cosplayers without wearing a costume. The ninja cannot have any significant weight in the performance, but may assist the contestants in performing the various tricks or whatever the contestants feel is necessary to complete the performance. The ninja's costume must be black. If the ninja is overly prominent in the performance, there will be a penalization in the final score.
4. There will be a maximum of **30** places available. The registrations will be through the website [www.mangabarcelona.com](http://www.mangabarcelona.com) **on Monday, July 27, 2026, from 12:00**. **Personal data of all participating members** will be requested at registration. The online registration period will end November 15 or when all slots are filled.

The confirmation of the effective registration and the number of participants will be sent by FICOMIC to each participant by e-mail. Subsequently, the reference images of the characters (for the evaluation of the costumes by the jury) and the relevant files for the realization of the performance will be requested and must be sent within the maximum period indicated in the confirmation e-mail.

Online registrants must confirm their participation on Sunday, December 6, 2026, at the event. The location will be announced at a later date. Each online registrant will receive a pass in their name to attend on Sunday, December 6, 2026. The accreditations will be sent by mail. If there is any incidence with them, they can be picked up in person at the **Accreditation desk of Manga Barcelona**. For each registration that does not include the figure of the ninja participant, a complementary accreditation will be given for only 1 companion/assistant.

Those contestants who have already been assigned a place and wish to unsubscribe from the competition must notify the organization immediately by sending an e-mail to [concursos@ficom.com](mailto:concursos@ficom.com). **They have until November 29th to cancel their registration online.** The cancelled places will be filled by cosplayers who were on the waiting list during the online registration.

Online participants agree to attend the contest at Manga Barcelona. 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.

6. Costumes must be handmade by the contestant. Couples, trios, and quartets may have one or more contestants in the group who have made all of the costumes. The ninja contestant may not participate in the costume design of their fellow contestants. Pre-made accessories or parts may be used in the contestant's costume as long as they are clearly modified by the contestant. Costumes made to order are not permitted.

Entrants will bring their costumes and props on stage with the help of FICOMIC staff, with a **limit of 60 seconds of preparation time**. Exceeding this time will result in a penalty during the jury's final deliberation.

Special effects that are connected to the mains, generator or any other type of connection will not be allowed. Fire or smoke effects, crackers containing gunpowder and laser lights are also prohibited. Objects may be scattered on stage during the performance, but wetting, marking or damaging the stage is prohibited. Any item that requires time to clean up on stage is prohibited.

7. Costumes should be based on characters from **manga, anime, comic, video game, movie, TV series, J-Music, musical and official merchandising**. Costumes must have a previous official reference. Personal creations and fanarts are not allowed. The entry must include the character's name and the work to be performed.

Entrants wishing to participate as a pair, trio or quartet must wear costumes from the same source (e.g. Kamui from *X* and Lina from *Slayers* cannot belong to the same group). This restriction also applies to sources of the same global license (for example: you cannot mix characters from two different *Soul Calibur* games).

8. 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.
9. Each participant **must submit a dossier of no more than six pages**, that includes images of the cosplay creation process. The dossier must contain one page with the reference image and up to five pages with photographs of the process. In the case of group participation, a joint dossier may be submitted, provided that the limit of six pages per member is respected.

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.

10. The **Spanish Selection of the ECG 2026** will be held on **Sunday evening, December 6, 2026 at the Main Stage of Fira Barcelona Gran Via**.

It starts with the judges inspecting the costumes before the performances begin. 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.

11. Participants will perform for a maximum of **2 minutes**. There will be a back screen on stage that can be used as a visual aid and set element. Participants may choose the content of the projected video freely.
12. The jury will directly select the winner(s). A **first and second prize** will be awarded. The first prize will participate in the 2027 ECG finals in Paris. The second prize will be placed in reserve (in the event that the first prize winner is unable to participate in the international final).

13. Transportation tickets for the Spanish representative(s) to attend the ECG 2027 Final will be purchased before February 28, 2027. Each participant is entitled to one large checked suitcase, one carry-on bag, and one backpack, in accordance with the airline's or other transportation company's regulations. Transporting any additional luggage will be at the participant(s)'s expense. The organization will be responsible for finalizing the details after the Awards Ceremony.
14. The organization and the jury reserve the right to take any initiative not provided for in these rules that may contribute to the success of the competition, without being able to claim anything. If there is a change in the schedule, venue or cancellation of the Extreme Cosplay Gathering, entrants will not be entitled to any compensation from FICOMIC.
15. The final is expected to be held in July 2027 in Paris, France.
16. The jury will score each contestant 50% for costume and 50% for performance. The judges will evaluate the accuracy, technique and costume design, as well as the choreography and staging of the contestant's performance.
17. In case of attending the 33rd Manga Barcelona (December 2027), the activities as a Spanish representative of the ECG will end with the possibility of being part of the jury in the next Spanish selection of the Extreme Cosplay Gathering.
18. In accordance with Royal Decree 137/1993 on the Regulation of Weapons, it is strictly forbidden for entrants to use firearms, metal weapons and other blunt objects or imitations which, due to their characteristics, may lead to confusion as to their true nature. It is also forbidden the use of dangerous elements for the physical integrity of people such as pyrotechnic and flammable material. Only imitations of weapons made of plastic, cardboard and other materials that are not dangerous either for the contestants or for the audience will be allowed.
19. By participating in the **Spanish Selection of the Extreme Cosplay Gathering 2026**, contestants automatically and definitively assign to FICOMIC all intellectual property rights, as well as the exploitation rights of the derivative work, creations or inventions that are the object of this contest and that have been accepted by FICOMIC. They also automatically consent to the use, publication and reproduction by FICOMIC, without limitation, of their image and name in any type of advertising, promotion, publication, including the Internet or any other media of any type, for commercial or informational purposes, provided that they are related to this contest, without such use giving rise to any right to remuneration or benefit of any kind.

- 20.** 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.
- 21.** FICOMIC reserves the final decision in the interpretation of these general rules of participation, and in cases not explicitly contemplated in them.