

## Anime Expo Lite: Cosplay Spot-Lite Competition Official Rules

1. Term: The Anime Expo Lite: Cosplay Spot-Lite Competition begins June 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. PDT and ends June 20, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. PDT.

2. Who May Enter: The Anime Expo Lite: Cosplay Spot-Lite Competition is open to cosplayers who are citizens of the United States and who are 18 years old or older. Individuals affiliated with the Society for the Promotion of Japanese Animation (SPJA), including employees and their immediate families (children, parents, siblings, and spouses) and others living in their households are not eligible for any prize. The SPJA will determine winners' eligibility in its sole discretion.

3. What to Enter: Costume entries must be from an anime, manga, video game, or tokusatsu of Japanese origin. At least 85% of the costumes handmade work of the entrant, the remaining percentage may be found/altered items.

**Re-using Costume Policy:** Costumes which have won a major award (Best in Show, Best in Category, etc.) at another Anime/Pop Culture costume contests may not participate. Costumes which have participated in other events (such as the Anime Expo Masquerade, World Cosplay Summit USA Finals/Prelims (not of the current competition year), or other esteemed Anime/Pop Culture events) but **have not placed or received craftsmanship specific awards** are welcome. Please inform the organizers upon confirmation of your entry if your costume has participated in any other events and/or email us directly at [cosplay@anime-expo.org](mailto:cosplay@anime-expo.org) if you have any questions regarding a costume which has won an award but you believe still meets the criteria to participate.

**Props:** Prop weapons/items that are integral or attached to your costume are welcome but please note that no realistic weapons which are not made by the cosplayer (such as prop guns without orange tip or live steel) will be permitted.

4. How to Enter: Please submit photographs and requested information online through our application which will go live on Monday June 7 at 12:00pm PST.

5. Application Deadline and Entry Deadlines: Applications will be accepted until either all slots are filled or the application closes on Monday, June 14 at 11:59pm PST. Once entries have been accepted, applicants will have until June 20, 2020 at 11:59 PM PST to turn in all requested information. That information is:

- Clear head to toe photos of you in your costume from the front, back and each side and photos of any details you wish the judges to pay special attention to.
- A portfolio of your craftsmanship progress. How detailed you wish to get about your progress is up to you. This is the best place to share the how's and process of your craftsmanship. The portfolio must be submitted in PDF form and should not exceed 30 pages. Please be sure to include any reference photos. You are welcome to do a Power Point exported to PDF.

- Finally, an up to 1 minute and 30 second video of you wearing your costume. You may take this time to explain aspects of your costume or share information about your construction process you find to be particularly of note or that you want to especially point out to the judges.

6. Judging: Entries will be judged on the head to toe technical execution of the costume, techniques used, difficulty of the costume and adaptation to real life. This is a skill and creativity contest, not a look a like contest. The use of makeup to darken skin to appear as a different human race is not allowed. Entries will be judged by a panel of qualified judges from within the cosplay community. All decisions of the judges are final. Upon approval, entries will be added to an online gallery for public view and community voting for the Audience Selection winner. Winners will be announced during Anime Expo Lite (July 3-4) and on the Anime Expo website and Facebook page the week after voting occurs. Contest winners will be notified via the email address provided at the time of entry. The contest organizers reserve the right to disqualify entries which do not conform to the stated contest rules and criteria.

7. Prizes: 13 prize categories will be awarded as follows but more awards may be added in the future:

- Best In Show
- Audience Selection
- Best Master Division
- Best Intermediate Division
- Best Beginner Division
- 5 Judges Choice Awards
- 'Match Your Mask-Querade' Award (award for creating a mask to match your costume)
- TBA Special Sponsor Awards (2)

Prizes to be announced via Anime Expo social medias soon!

All prizes are awarded "as is" and non-transferable. No substitution, transfer, or cash redemption of the Prize permitted, provided however that Sponsor reserves the right to substitute the Prize with another prize of equal or greater value should the advertised Prize become unavailable for any reason. The Selected Entrant cannot assign or transfer Prize to another person or business. In case applicable law prohibits the Sponsor from awarding an entrant any prize, the Sponsor may award the prize in name only.

8. Conditions of Entry Selected Entrant is solely responsible for any and all federal, state, and local taxes on prizes. All activities related to the Prize are at Selected Entrant's own risk and subject to whatever restrictions are imposed by the entities that govern such activities. Selected Entrants may be issued an IRS Form 1099 for the ARV of any awarded Prize. All entrants also agree to release, discharge, indemnify, and hold harmless Sponsor and the Released Parties from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's

participation in the contest and acceptance or use of a prize. The Sponsor and the Released Parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance and usage of a prize. The Sponsor and the Released Parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their entries. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or are off topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party. The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. Sponsor reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, the Society for the Promotion of Japanese Animation reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any individual who is found to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest, to be acting in violation of these Official Rules, or to be acting in a disruptive manner, or with the intent to disrupt or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest, or to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person. Decisions of Sponsor are binding and final. No claimant in any dispute involving Sponsor or the Released Parties will be entitled to claim or obtain indirect, punitive, incidental or consequential damages. Sponsor's failure to enforce any provision in these Official Rules will not constitute a waiver of that provision. As a condition of participating in this Contest, each Entrant waives any right to participate in a class action or have a trial by jury for any litigation directly or indirectly arising out of, under or in connection with the Contest. By participating in the photo contest, each Entrant agrees to be bound by these Official Rules and irrevocably grant the Society for the Promotion of Japanese Animation and its respective successors, assigns and licensees the right to use such Entrants' name, voice, photograph, video or film clips, biographical information and/or other visual likeness in any and all media or formats known or later developed without any further compensation, permission or notification for any purpose, including without limitation, advertising and promotional purposes in connection with Sponsor's website and social media accounts.