

Cosplay Contest Rules Lérez Up 2026

1. Organization and Registration

- The cosplay contest will take place on **September 12, 2026**, at the assembly hall of the Recinto Feiral de Pontevedra. Registration will **open on August 20 at 15:30h** through this [registration form](#).
- The contest will **start at 17:00** on the main stage. All contestants **must confirm their registration before 15:30**, when costume evaluation will begin.
- **Registration will be done online via the registration form** mentioned above. It will close once the 50 available slots are filled. If there are still spots available, on-site registration may be allowed on the day of the event.
- In accordance with Real Decreto 726/2020, August 4, which modifies the Weapons Regulation approved by Real Decreto 137/1993, January 29, it is strictly prohibited bringing firearms, metal weapons, blunt objects, or any realistic weapon replicas onto the stage that could be mistaken for real weapons.
- By participating in the contest, **participants agree to these rules** and give permission to the Gaming Troop Association and the Pontevedra City Council to take photos or videos during the event and use them for promotion and social media, in accordance with the established on article 2 of Ley Orgánica 1/1982 regarding the right to honor, familiar and personal intimacy, and own image.
- The **prizes** for this contest are:
 - **1st Prize, individual or group (€200 + Green Stuff World product bundle)**
 - **2nd Prize, individual or group (€100 + Green Stuff World product bundle)**
 - **Best Prop Award (€60 + Green Stuff World product bundle)**
 - **Best Craftsmanship Award (€50 + Green Stuff World product bundle)**

- **Best Children's Cosplay Award (merchandising and diploma)**
- The organization and the jury reserve the right to adjust the prizes or their distribution depending on the entries received and their categories.
- Prize money will be awarded in cash after the contest, and winners will be asked to provide their contact and identification details.

2. Contest Format

- Participants may enter **individually or as a group** (two or more people).
- Contestants may take part with or without a performance. If **no performance is indicated** in the registration form, **it will be assumed that they are participating in the catwalk category.**
- **Performances cannot exceed two minutes.** If the audio file provided is longer than this, it will be trimmed.
- If you are entering the contest **with a performance that includes audio, please submit it via the Google Forms registration form.** Otherwise, please provide it on a USB drive to the organizers upon confirmation of your registration.
- Participants who **do not perform** will go on stage in a catwalk format with background music. **Representing the character through movement/gestures/attitude will be positively valued.**
- Participants **will not have access to a microphone** during performances or catwalk presentations.
- All contestants **must submit a reference image** of the character along with their registration. If registering on-site, a printed color reference image must be provided.
- Cosplays based on series, movies, anime, manga, video games, board games, fan art, or original designs are allowed, as long as a reference image is provided during registration or costume review.
- We strongly recommend that you **attach a dossier detailing the creation process** to the form in advance to **facilitate the evaluation process, given the limited time available for explanation.** It may

also be submitted in printed copy, with a **focus on images rather than written text**. We do not encourage using the phone screen because of its reduced format. It can hinder the explanation.

- **Purchased costumes are allowed**, but they will receive **0 points in craftsmanship**. Costumes commissioned from professional makers or mostly made by another person (unless that person participates in the contest with the contestant) will also be considered purchased for judging purposes. **Purchased items** that have been **modified** (such as shoes, gloves, or clothing pieces) **are allowed**. However, **unmodified items must not make up more than 20% of the costume**.
- Costumes that **have already won prizes in contests organized by Gaming Troop**, or that **have received awards in international competitions**, **will not be eligible for prizes**.
- For craftsmanship to be evaluated, the cosplay **must have been made by the participant and/or one of the teammates going on stage**, although occasional help from friends or family is allowed.
- Participants **aged 13 or younger may compete for the children's mention**. In all cases, **parental authorization is required** to register for the contest. Minors who do not provide this authorization, either online or in person on the day of the event, will not be allowed to participate.
- Participants may be **disqualified** for failing to follow these rules, including:
 - Nudity or exhibitionism
 - Promotion of violence or discrimination
 - Display of hate symbols
 - Any unpleasant, unsanitary, or inappropriate behavior on stage
 - Disrespect toward other participants, attendees, or the organization
 - Dirtying the stage during performances

3. Judging Criteria

- **Craftsmanship** as work on textiles, wigs, props, 3D printing, EVA foam, etc, will be the **most important factor** in the judging process.

- **Stage performance**, when included, as well as **character portrayal and stage presence**, will be **positively taken into account**, although they are **not the main judging criteria** of this contest.
- The **jury will evaluate the following** cosplay aspects:
 - Craftsmanship
 - Sewing
 - Armor making
 - Props (weapons, accessories, plushies, etc.)
 - Characterization
 - Wig styling
 - Makeup
- Within these sections, **craftsmanship will account for 60%** of the score and **characterization for 40%**. If a **performance** is included, the **costume will count for 60%** and the **performance for 40%**.
- Cosplays will be **judged as a whole**. A weak element in any part of the costume may negatively affect the participant's overall score.
- The costume judging criteria **will not apply to contestants competing for the children's award**, who will instead be evaluated based on their **stage presence and willingness to participate**.
- Should there be any **non-Spanish-speaking international cosplayer as a judge**, the review should **preferably be conducted in English**. **Otherwise, a member of Gaming Troop will act as an interpreter**. In this instance, an **extra minute** will be allowed for the review as compensation. Not conducting the review in English **will not result in a penalty** under any circumstances.