

AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival - Cosplay and Fashion Parade T&Cs

Join us for our Cosplay and Fashion Parade! This is a chance to show off any cosplay, and fashion styles (like Lolita, Harajuku, Mori Kei, and more), traditional looks, and any other celebrations of Japanese culture.

To register for the Cosplay and Fashion Parade, please read the terms and conditions below and fill out the registration form at www.animego.com.au/cosplayfashionparade

General Rules

You must be a ticket holding attendee of AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival in order to participate in the Cosplay and Fashion Parade. Each participating member of your group must have a valid entry pass into the festival before registration can be completed.

Contestants under the age of 18 need to provide parent or legal guardian consent to participate.

All costumes must cover "swimsuit areas" – no nudity. Body-paint costumes are not considered appropriate for this event. If you can wear it as body paint, you can wear it as a bodysuit.

Cosplay is open to characters from published works; anime, manga, movies, TV shows, cartoons, video games, card games, and art so long as that media reflects Japanese Pop Culture.

Fashion is open to all Japanese styles such as Mori Kei, Gyaruru, Harajuku, Lolita, Traditional clothing, Street fashion and more.

AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival adheres to a family friendly environment. It is the request of the organising committee that participants and attendees keep this in mind in respect to all language, gestures, and attire worn at the festival. Violation of this rule may result in removal from the parade and potentially being asked to leave the event.

During the parade enter and exit the stage at the designated points only. Costumes and outfits must be handled by the contestant or by handler(s) the attendees bring to help. Handler(s) are permitted on stage should the entrant require them, but AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival cannot supply assistants for every entrant. Handlers are required to be registered attendees of the festival. Attendees are not allowed to throw anything off the stage, nor use projectiles or use anything on stage that will leave a mess. This includes (but is not limited to) liquids, rice, glitter, and confetti. If you have a question about something which you are unsure will violate this rule, please feel free to send an email with "Cosplay and Fashion Parade Question" as the subject to general@animego.com.au. All participants are encouraged to keep at least one foot on the stage at all times to prevent falls, injury, or damage to themselves or the stage.

No pyrotechnics, fire, explosive devices, live animals or similar special effects can be used during the parade; this includes smoke/smog machines and flash powder. Anyone who violates this rule may be asked to leave the festival depending on the severity of the incursion. All prop weapons must conform to the AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival prop policies, including being checked. Accompanying audio visuals may be available at this event but must be discussed with the planning committee beforehand.

Please note there will be a light show at this year's parade, which will include use of strobe lights, flashing coloured lights, and haze. Please consider this if you are sensitive to flashing lights.

Due to time constraints there will be a maximum number of entrants able to participate in the Cosplay and Fashion Parade. This number will be later confirmed. The AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival committee reserves the right to reject entries under this basis.

Be prepared for the festival MC to ask you questions about your creation process. If you feel uncomfortable you have every right to speak with a volunteer for assistance. Every attendee at AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival has a right to feel safe.

Filming and Photography

All cosplay events have the potential to be photographed/filmed/recorded in some fashion. These recordings may be used in future event materials. Signing up for, and/or attending, any cosplay event is done with the understanding that recording could occur at any time and permission is tacitly given for the participant's likeness to be used.

Sign-In

For those successfully registered for the Cosplay and Fashion Parade, you will be required to sign-in on the day. The sign-in time will be confirmed in the lead up to the event. Please make sure to bring any materials with you that you wish to be included. This may include photos, written descriptions, short video compilations, or any other relevant materials that demonstrate the effort you have put into your outfit.

Prop Weapon Policy

The AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival committee recognises SA law as the core tenets of our Props Policy. As such, we recommend checking the law in relation to firearms, weapons, and blunt objects to ensure that your prop is appropriate to take with you to the event.

To expand on our ideals, here is a list of our Prop Rules:

1. Respect Everyone

Some props have awkward dimensions, and nobody likes accidentally bumping into others and breaking things. Respect the amount of space around you and if you're unsure, it's probably best to leave it at home.

2. Excessive Weight

Some props are really heavy and difficult to carry. For your own comfort, we recommend you leave these props at home. Nobody likes lugging around a heavy backpack all day, so why should you subject yourself to a heavy prop?

3. Excessive Size

Some props are ridiculously large. Things like giant scythes and anime style sniper guns are cool for photoshoots, but are hard and cumbersome to carry. If you can't easily fit through a doorway when holding your prop upright, it's a good idea to leave your prop at home.

4. Metal, Glass, and Hazardous Materials

Sometimes things break or bend or otherwise warp where they shouldn't. It's for the best that these types of things stay home, just to be on the safe side.

5. Oversized Accessories (wings etc)

Just like excessive size, oversized things can make your perception of space around you more difficult. If you can't fit easily through a doorway, it's probably safer to save it for a photoshoot.

6. Metal Armour, Spikes, and Shields

We want people to be sensible in what they wear and bring. If it looks like someone could get hurt by accident, it's probably for the best if it stays home that day.

7. Large Scale and Elaborate Costumes

We all love the over the top cosplays, but we don't always love wearing them. You should be prioritising your comfort above everything else you plan to do that day. If you're not going to be comfy, why are you wearing it?

8. Masks, Helmets, and Facial Coverings

We care about your safety here at AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival. Make sure your facial coverings give you ample room to see, breathe, and remove without harm or injury to yourself. If you can't safely remove your facial coverings in the event of an emergency, it might be best to consider a new approach to that specific part of your cosplay.

9. Family Friendly Event

AnimeGO! Japan Pop Culture Festival is an all ages event, and we want to make sure everyone feels comfortable here no matter their origins. If your cosplay has themes, props, or included materials that could make someone feel

uncomfortable or deeply terrify a small child, we'd recommend you leave it at home.

10. Be Mindful While In Character

It's important to be mindful of yourself and your surroundings while in cosplay. Know how much space your props and weapons take up in a room. Know how well you can see and hear. Know how well you can regulate your body temperature. And above all, know how to treat other people around you with respect.

11. Live Firearms (AirSoft, Paintball, BB, etc)

No live firearms are allowed inside the event. If you bring something real it will be confiscated by the organising committee and potentially turned over to the authorities depending on the potential public danger. This is a safe event.

12. Reasonable Assumption (if it looks like a real weapon, make it clear that it's not) If you're unsure how realistic your weapon looks, add an orange tip to the danger end. This is the socially accepted rule of "I am a fake firearm! Don't be scared around me!". You can always get this photoshopped out of your photos. If you can't make a clear indication that

your prop is fake, don't bring it with you. If someone suspects you have a real weapon, we will be required to call the police, and that'll just ruin everyone's fun.

13. No Projectiles (don't load nerf guns, don't have workable bows and arrows, don't fire slingshots, etc)

For the health and safety of everyone at the venue, we request that you do not use any projectiles at the event. You don't know where the projectile will end up or how it could hurt someone.

14. Metal Swords and Weapons

We respectfully ask you to leave actual metal weapons and swords at home. These can be very dangerous if not used careful. A good weapon master respects their tools.

15. Tools

Tools can be an awesome way to make a cosplay more engaging and exciting, but sometimes tools can be dangerous. We do not recommend bringing live power tools to this event. Use your better judgement and if you're unsure, leave it at home.

16. Blunt Objects

Blunts objects can be awesome, but dangerous if swung around. Make sure to be respectful of your props and those around you. If you're ever unsure, leave it at home.

17. Sharp Objects

If you could hurt someone, why do you have it with you? Sharps should be kept safe and secure at all times.

18. Items Purchased at the Festival

We ask you to not remove items that could breach this policy which are purchased from this event from their packaging until you are home. It's for the best.