

RISING STARS DIVISION

Not as demanding as the masters this is the Rising Star division. Please use this contest as a starting point or to hone your skills for future events.

1. Cosplays must be at least 50% homemade to enter.
2. A written description of how the cosplay has been made must be handed to a member of the Cosplay Team BEFORE the contest. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
3. Group cosplays are permitted and any prize won would have to be split between the group. (The responsibility of splitting the prize falls to the group)
4. Cosplay changes are permitted but the cosplay co-ordinator must be informed.
5. OC (original characters) are not eligible for this contest*
6. Entries may be made online or maybe entered by filling out a form at the Cosplay Zone. (Sign-up closes 1 HOUR before the contest for day sign and 1 WEEK for online submissions)
7. All contestants must be available for the SunnyCon Anime Expo closing ceremony for the announcement of the winners. Failure to do so will lead to an invalid entry and any winnings forfeited to the contestant in the next place.
8. Entrants must hold valid SunnyCon Anime Expo tickets.
9. Entrants must be 16 or over on the day of the contest. 16/17-year-olds must hand in signed parental forms to the Cosplay Co-ordinator to be eligible for entry.
10. Last year's winners of the Rising Star division will not be permitted to re-enter this division this year. They may enter the master contest.
11. Costumes must be family-friendly. Please bear in mind that SunnyCon Anime Expo will have attendees of all ages and any cosplay deemed too age inappropriate may require modification or it will be refused entry. All costumes need to be tasteful and the barest minimum of coverage that will be allowed at the event will be that of a bikini i.e. private parts must be fully covered at all times (SunnyCon staff have discretion in what is or is not acceptable, it is unfortunate that this has to be stated). This means body paint, latex pasties, etc. are not considered adequate body coverage without additional clothing being worn over it. Thongs are prohibited unless covered by shorts, skirts, capes, etc.
12. Any props must be under 2 meters in length and must not contain any sharp, cutting, or pointed edges that could cause physical harm (commonly referred to as LARP safe). Any prop guns must have an orange cap or otherwise be obvious that it is non-functional. Any toy guns (such as Nerf guns) must be kept unloaded, failure to follow the weapon rules may result in prop confiscation or you may be asked to leave the convention. Please exercise common sense when traveling to and from the convention with any prop weapons.
If you are unsure as to what qualifies as family-friendly please email the Cosplay Co-ordinator cosplay@sunnyconanimeexpo.com.
13. Our stage usually has access via Ramps. We will have a member of staff available to assist you getting on and off the stage

This contest will have only 1 prize;

1ST: £250

Abusive or intimidating behavior toward our staff will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.

It is your responsibility to be at the contest at the correct time (30 minutes before the start of the contest) and to follow staff instructions, failure to do so may result in delays to the contest and you may be disqualified. Only contestants, guardians, and assistants (if required) will be permitted backstage, please see a member of the cosplay team for details.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CONTEST DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR THE SUNNYCON COSPLAY MASTERS GRAND PRIZES.

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SunnyCon reserves the right to make amendments and changes to these rules and the contest at any time and all entrants will be informed if changes are made.

***Completely original characters will not be allowed in the contest, since there is no way to judge accuracy in a fair and consistent way. Non-humanoid characters may be portrayed as human only so far as is required for a character to be a costume and not a prop. Fresh takes on characters (old Link, steam-punk Mario etc.) must be justified, with references, and may suffer from accuracy penalties. If you are unsure, email/ask the cosplay team for clarification. Ultimate discretion for what is/is not allowed lies with the cosplay team/judges**