



2019 WORLD COSPLAY SUMMIT AUSTRALIAN PRELIMINARY COMPETITION RULES AND PROCEDURE

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WCS AUSTRALIA PRELIMINARY DATES:

Expression of interest form due:

Sunday, 11:59pm, 14th April 2019

Portfolio due date:

Sunday, 11:59pm, 30th June 2019

Video/Audio files due date:

Sunday, 11:59pm 7th of July 2019.

Preliminary Competition date and location:

SMASH! – ICC; International Convention Center – 13th and 14th July 2019

This year, World Cosplay Summit Australia and SMASH! are proud to host the tenth Australian preliminary competition to qualify a representative team to enter the World Cosplay Summit in 2020!

The World Cosplay Summit (WCS) is an annual international level Cosplay competition held in Nagoya, Japan. The competition brings together contestants from all over the globe to showcase their prize-winning costumes. Current participating countries include: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mexico, The Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, UAE, UK, USA, Vietnam. +40 countries currently compete in the WCS.

The winning team of the World Cosplay Summit Australian Preliminary Competition will win a trip to Japan and over a week of accommodation to participate in the World Cosplay Summit events in Japan.

This document outlines the rules and procedures for the World Cosplay Summit Australian Preliminary Competition ONLY.



1. DEFINITIONS

Below are the definitions for some of the common terms related to this Competition only:

<i>Duos</i>	A Cosplay team of two individuals that has qualified to enter the Australian Preliminary Competition.
<i>Entrants</i>	A Cosplay team of two individuals (duo) that have registered to participate in the WCS Australian Preliminary Competition prior to the registration cut-off date , but has not necessarily qualified to compete in the Preliminary Competition itself.
<i>Preliminary</i>	The official Preliminary Competition to qualify for the World Cosplay Summit. The winning duo of the Preliminary will represent Australia in the World Cosplay Summit.

2. WCS ENTRY PROCEDURE

The procedure for the Australian Preliminary Competition is outlined below.

- 2.1. All entrants of the WCS Australian Preliminary Competition hosted by SMASH! must **submit an expression of interest form by 11:59pm, 14th April 2019**. This will allow WCS Australia and SMASH! Staff to plan the Preliminary Competition. Cosplayers who have submitted an expression of interest allows WCS Australia to check if entries are valid and Cosplayers will receive regular information about the competition.
Expressions of interest can be submitted here: <https://goo.gl/forms/cKlc7tCiiXNK5JOR2>
Cosplayers who have not submitted an expression of interest may still enter the competition, but will not be prioritised during the competition.
- 2.2. All entrants of the WCS Australian Preliminary Competition must submit **a portfolio prior** to attending the competition to be considered eligible to participate. **Portfolio submission will be accepted up to 2 weeks prior to the event (11:59pm, 30th June 2019)**.
- 2.3. Entrants of the WCS Australian Preliminary Competition must be in a team of two individuals. There will be no exceptions to the number of individuals allowed to compete.
- 2.4. **Entrants must submit a single portfolio for the team** that will outline their costume plans as well as provide photographic evidence of costume creation. A portfolio template is available on our website. It is highly recommended that entrants customise their portfolio as they see fit and are free to add any extra information, they think will help judges make their decision, however, they **must include** all the **compulsory information** (see part 5) in order to be eligible.
Portfolios must be submitted in the PDF format and must not exceed 100mbs.
Portfolios must be submitted here: <https://goo.gl/forms/2ETxQVJVwwSw43ax1>.
- 2.5. **NO NEW ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION.**
- 2.6. There is **no limitation to the number of places** in the Preliminary Competition.



- 2.7. Entrants will be notified **no later than one week** prior to the event the details of the Preliminary Competition. Please ensure that you have provided a working email address as the WCS Australia staff take no responsibility if you are not informed of competition status. Entrants who have been notified will be known as 'Duos'. Some entries may be eliminated based on portfolio if the entry is found inappropriate or breaks any of the rules outlined here.
- 2.8. Entrants **MUST** prepare one set of home-made costumes. **Please refer to Section 3 for more information.** (Note: For the WCS event in Japan, entrants **MUST** bring a minimum of three costumes.)
- 2.9. **All Duos must be able to attend a rehearsal session (time to be advised). Audio/video for the competition must be submitted at least one week before the event.** MP3 is the preferred format for supplied audio, MP4, MOV, AVI or WMV for video format, and will need to be submitted; submission method to be advised. WCS Australia and SMASH! take no responsibility if you are unable to compete to the best of your ability without music/video, if you do not provide these items well in advance. We cannot guarantee audio/video will be played exactly as requested, but will do our best to make it play as requested.
Teams can also submit their Video/Audio files through download link (either Dropbox, Google drive, or Wettransfer link & email to: wcs@smash.org.au.
Or submitting via this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/8xQGHbJsoXIYcYxC3>
Video/Audio submissions are due by 11:59pm 7th of July 2019.
- 2.10. Duos who do not attend the rehearsals will be penalised (situations outside of a competitor's control will be taken under case-by-case consideration of the event organisers). This procedure is in place to ensure the smooth and timely running of all stage events, it is required that we have all Duos ready to go on stage (with music, cues, and all) as prepared. This also gives our stage staff time to be advised on the best methods to handle an entrants' props, as well as where those props need to be placed onto the stage. Entrants will only have a maximum time of 60seconds to get their props & themselves onto the stage, so this fast-paced timing needs to be rehearsed. Once the Competition has begun on stage it will not be possible to slot in late arrivals and **it will not be possible to cue your audio/video**, so entrants must be present well before the competition starts. Exact times Entrants need to be present at the event will be advised via email, as per 2.7.
- 2.11. All Duos' presentation and costume will be assessed as per Section 4 of this document.
- 2.12. The rehearsal will occur on Friday 12th July during the day/evening. The competition will happen Sunday 14th July with prejudging taking place in the morning, with performances commencing in the afternoon. The results will be announced on the evening of the competition, once all entrants have finished performing.

3. **WCS COMPETITION RULES IN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN**

AUSTRALIA

- 3.1. Prospective entrants under the age of 18-years-old are no longer eligible to enter the World Cosplay Summit Australia Preliminary competition. Participants must be over the age of 18-years-old at the time of the Preliminary competition regardless of whether they are successful in winning.
- 3.2. Prospective entrants must be able to travel to Japan for over one week from the end of July to the beginning of August 2020 for the World Cosplay Summit.



- 3.3. Entrants must present themselves in the costume of a character from any anime, manga or Japanese game. **Characters from (Western) comics and games, movies or anything else that are unrelated to Japanese popular culture will not be accepted in this competition.** For example, Disney characters; such as Mickey Mouse being presented in Japanese games such as Kingdom hearts does not make them an eligible character to enter into this competition. Entrants must provide official art references for their entry in the WCS Portfolio, fanart adaptations will not be accepted.
Please contact us prior to entry submissions being made if uncertain about the eligibility of a particular character.
- 3.4. **Costumes must be hand-made.** Prefabricated and/or purchased costumes will not be permitted. Participants must make at least 70% of their costume themselves, however it will also be acceptable if family or friends help out (70% of the costume must be made by the cosplayer). Prefabricated items may be permitted if they have been substantially altered by the entrant; this includes small items, such as shoes or gloves. Larger articles of clothing such as shirts, dresses, skirts & pants **MUST** be hand-made.
- 3.5. Authentic, Metal, or Replica Weapons such as: swords, axes, shuriken, firearms, etc; are illegal and therefore are not permitted as props for Cosplay. Projectile weapons (even plastic ones) are also not permitted as props. SMASH! has limitations on what types of props can be carried around the convention. Any props required for the competition must be made available for prejudging & the competition itself. It is advised to read the Weapons Policy available on the SMASH! website prior to the event as well, as these rules are subject to change at any time. All props over 1 meter long cannot be carried around the convention and will need to be checked in to the Cosplay Prop Check-In, except during prejudging and the competition itself. All props under 1m in length are allowed to be carried around the convention.
- 3.6. Any props or portions of costume that are created using a 3D printer, must have their digital 3D model created by a member of the competing duo. This can be with the aid of family & friends, but must have evidence of the competing duo creating the original digital file prior to printing as well as finishing after. Evidence of construction can be highlighted in a duo's portfolio.
- 3.7. Entrants may use stage props to enhance their performance. There is a limit of three stage props per entry, with no limit to the number of hand-held props (such as: swords, dolls, etc) as long as the entrant is able to carry them. WCS backstage staff will be responsible for carrying stage props on & off the stage, however WCS Australia & SMASH! Take no responsibility if a prop is damaged during the process of the event (the utmost care will be taken when handling an entrant's props). Each Duo is limited to 3 stage props, not including hand-held props. **Each stage prop may not weigh more than 10kgs & must not exceed the measurement of 2.1m X 2.1m X 0.9m.**
- 3.8. **There will be a time limit of 2 and half minutes for any skits performed.**
- 3.9. Entrants should prepare the audio/video necessary for their performance. As previously mentioned, this must be provided to WCS Australia **at least one week before the event**, along with portfolio submissions.
- 3.10. The use of videos as part of the performance is now permitted. This is to reflect the fact that video is also allowed in Japan. The video should be in 16:9 format. Videos can be either a live-action video or an animation. Only the duo can appear (no other people allowed) in the Live-action videos and the duo can be either the characters they appear as on stage or other characters in the same series.



If the duo chooses to have an animation in the video, it must be original work (drawn by the duo or friends). Footage from the original Anime or game cannot be used.

- 3.11. The Performance must be in English language. Other languages may be used if relevant and understandable without translation (e.g. 'Bonjour' for French characters).
- 3.12. During the performance, the duo cannot leave the stage unattended for more than 20 seconds.
- 3.13. Entrants **MUST** pre-purchase their event ticket as a condition of entry.
- 3.14. It is **not** possible to scatter things on-stage during your performance, especially projectile weapons (nerf bullets), glitter or confetti. Staining, marking or damaging the stage in any way is prohibited and will result in instant disqualification, & reimbursement being demanded on behalf of the venue.
- 3.15. Using fire or liquids of any sort on stage is prohibited and will result in instant disqualification.
- 3.16. Smoke related special effects are prohibited and will result in instant disqualification.
- 3.17. It is highly recommended that entrants become members of World Cosplay Summit Australia Association as they will receive benefits invaluable for the competition. All members and directors (except its chairperson) of World Cosplay Summit Australia Association are eligible to enter the WCS Australian Preliminary Competition. For more information, please contact WCS Australia if you have any questions regarding how to get involved.
- 3.18. Costumes entered in the WCS Australian Preliminary are not eligible to be entered in the Saturday/Sunday, SMASH! Cosplay Competitions, and vice-versa.
- 3.19. Entrants are not allowed to touch or damage other entrants' costumes or props without clear consent of its owner. They may face immediate disqualification and removal from the venue.
- 3.20. WCS Australia reserves the right to adjust the competition rules in any way it sees fit and disqualify any entry for non-compliance with the rules outlined in this document.
- 3.21. Permission is granted to the WCS Australia and SMASH! to use any photographs/video taken of entrants' costumes for future promotions of the event.
- 3.22. WCS Australia and SMASH! reserve the right to refuse entry/display to any costumes entered to the competition that it deems inappropriate. WCS Australia and SMASH! also reserve the right to cancel or cut short any acts that it deems to be inappropriate. Decisions are final.
- 3.23. By entering the competition, the participant agrees to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in this document. Participants who do not follow these rules will be disqualified.
- 3.24. Entrants may not enter any costumes in the Australian Preliminary that have been used in previous WCS competitions, this includes both the Australian Preliminary & the Championships in Japan. However, if a Duo enters the Australian Preliminary & qualifies for the Championships in Japan, they may enter the same costumes if they wish.



JAPAN

Rules from this point forward relate specifically to the World Cosplay Summit event in Japan: These rules are subject to change over time & will only affect the qualifying Duo.

- 3.25. In order to participate in a preliminary round event, cosplayers must have proof of citizenship or permanent residency of the country or area holding the event. Please contact your WCS national organiser if you have any questions regarding national representation qualifications.
- 3.26. You are required to bring a minimum of three costumes to Japan: one for the parade, one for the championship, and one for courtesy visits.
It is highly recommended that the costumes used for the parade & courtesy visits be suitable for the summer weather. The World Cosplay Summit events are held during Summer, & the temperatures can be very hot & humid for participants in or out of costume. It is advised you wear costumes that are simple & easy to wear in these conditions. All costume choices should be discussed well in advance with the WCS Australia Organiser.
- 3.27. The costumes must be from Japanese anime, manga, tokusatsu and video games.
* Doujinshi and unique characters from live actor movies based on anime or manga are not permitted. (i.e. Dragon ball Evolution etc.)
* When doing a costume from a game, the character must be recognisably Japanese. (i.e. not a Disney or Star Wars characters even though the game may be made in Japan.)
- 3.28. In the Cosplay Championship, please make sure the costumes of the characters in which both of you will appear are from the same Japanese manga, anime, tokusatsu or video game series.

* It is not necessary to coordinate costumes for other WCS related events.
- 3.29. During the World Cosplay Summit events (WCS Championship, Parade and media appearances), cosplay costumes should be hand-made by the contestants themselves. Commercially available cosplay costumes are not allowed in the WCS Championship but may be used in the Parade and media appearances (but not recommended).
* It is permissible for family and friends to help with costumes (to a limited extent), but it is preferable that costumes are hand-made by the contestants themselves.
- 3.30. You are required to be responsible for the cost of any overweight luggage charges when shipping costumes and other items. It is not possible to send them to Japan by air or ship beforehand.
- 3.31. You should cooperate in a positive manner in order to ensure the success of the World Cosplay Summit.
- 3.32. Media such as TV programs, internet home pages, newspapers, magazines, etc., may use your pictures and images of the preliminary contests prior to the World Cosplay Summit. On these occasions, compensation will not be furnished.
- 3.33. Image rights in all media exposure such as news from TV programs and other assorted media involved with the World Cosplay Summit, promotional activities in the print media as well as events and performances, announcements of the Cosplay Summit both prior to the event and during your stay in Japan, will be attributed to World Cosplay Summit Executive Committee.



- 3.34. After the World Cosplay Summit has finished, images/footage of cosplayers, photographs, programs broadcast, internet home pages and DVDs etc., come under the jurisdiction of World Cosplay Summit Executive Committee. Compensation will not be furnished for such images used by the media. (Your signature will be required regarding this matter.)
- 3.35. Please send the documents and sound file at latest one month before the date of the Cosplay Championship.
* Material for submission:
- Performance sheets
 - Images of the characters (wearing the same costumes to be worn in the championship)
 - Costume construction report (PDF or Word file form. Limit the amount to what can be presented in a short 5-minute presentation. To be used in craftsmanship judging)
 - Information on the large props (size, images, placement location and weight of each item)
 - Music sound file
 - Participation appearance agreement
- *Please send these as soon as possible after the preliminary round, particularly if the date of the preliminary round is close to the Championship.
- 3.36. All clothes, hand-held props (including weapons) and especially stage settings should be handmade. Using commercially available items such as replica swords is, in principle, forbidden. If used, they will not be included in the "Small Props" section during the costume judging.
- 3.37. Take all safety precautions with stage weapons and props. Should the WCS secretariat judge that a prop used in the performance is a danger to the audience (i.e. slip from hands and cause injury to audience members) the WCS Secretariat may prohibit the use of that prop.
- 3.38. All equipment, costumes and props for the Cosplay Championship performance are limited to a maximum weight of 40 kilograms combined for both performers. Please report the weight of each item with the other material in 3.32.
- 3.39. All large props set on stage before the Cosplay Championship performance begins are limited to a maximum weight of 10 kilograms. Prop dimensions are limited to 2100 millimetres in height, 2100 millimetres in width and 900 millimetres in depth.
- 3.40. All large props set on stage are limited to a maximum of 3 items. Dimensions of hand-held props carried onto the stage must be relayed to WCS head office in written form and accompanied by photographs.
- 3.41. It is not permitted to directly copy original drawings, logos or graphic art to your equipment or props.
- 3.42. Please prepare your own music for your performance. A performance sheet stating what you will perform is to be submitted in advance. The use of voice actor's voices from original works in your music is prohibited.
- 3.43. When displaying the words used during the performance on the stage screen in Japanese subtitles, we recommend using your native language when speaking the lines.
- 3.44. The performance at the Championship can be the same as the performance given in the preliminary round, but if it is the same, your performance should be augmented to a level appropriate for the Championship.



- 3.45. Please strictly adhere to the time limit of 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Stage staff will set the maximum 3 stage props before your performance and remove them after your performance. There will be 40 seconds to make the necessary changes before the next group begins.
- 3.46. The 3 props on stage will not be subject to evaluation by the judges.
- 3.47. Only the 2 designated representative cosplayers and 2 designated organiser/interpreter/volunteers are permitted to enter the backstage area of the Cosplay Championship.
* Designated organiser/interpreter/volunteer for a given country needs to be appointed/defined by the country's head organiser prior to the event.
* Family, friends and related press will have seats provided for them and must remain in the audience.
- 3.48. The organiser and WCS staff or any other person are not permitted to help you during your performance on stage. (Members of the stage staff will help you set up props on stage)
- 3.49. It is possible to scatter confetti on-stage during your performance, but it must be limited to 200 pieces & 1inchx1inch in size. Staining, marking or damaging the stage in any way is prohibited. Anything that takes time to clean up on stage is also not allowed. (See 3.48 for what cannot be used)
- 3.50. It is prohibited to take your performance into the audience area.
- 3.51. Special effects, etc. produced using the following materials are not allowed.
The following materials are prohibited:
Powder, small metallic confetti (Lamé)
Fire (smoke), water
Paper confetti smaller than 2cm (includes flower petals and feathers scattered on stage)
* Paper confetti larger than 2cm can be used. (Limited to a maximum of 100 pieces)
Crackers using gunpowder.
* Crackers not using gunpowder can be used, however the paper confetti expelled from the cracker must observe the larger than 2cm rule as mentioned above.
* The WCS Secretariat will stop any performance that it deems dangerous or a hindrance to stage conversion. When planning any special stage effects please consult the WCS Secretariat in advance.
- 3.52. Although special effects using the following items are possible, only those using WCS Secretariat approved equipment will be allowed.
Laser lights
* Since Japanese Law restricts laser light output for safety reasons, only those machines specified by the WCS Secretariat are allowed. If you wish to use a laser light please consult with the WCS Secretariat.
- 3.53. Performance order is decided by lottery. Every country's representatives will be taking part in the lottery with the same chances of placement.
* Once decided by lottery, the order cannot be changed unless there is urgent medical necessity.



4. WCS AUSTRALIAN PRELIMINARY COMPETITION PRIZES AND JUDGING

- 4.1 Judging is carried out in two parts:
- On Stage judging
 - Craftsmanship judging

4.2 Duos **MUST** attend the Craftsmanship judging session in the morning before the competition to allow judges to have a close look at the costumes and for entrants to answer any questions the judges may have regarding their performance or costumes. During the Preliminary Competition, Duos will perform on the main stage in front of a panel of 5 to 8 Judges. Judges will select the best of the Duos as the winning team based on the criteria and process outlined below, which are carried out to the same standards worldwide.

- 4.3 Each on-stage judge can award 100 points for Performance, 50 points for Costume Stage Expression, and 50 points for Character Fidelity, for a maximum total of 200 points.

(a) Performance (100 points): Art of performance, inventiveness, entertainment value, and smoothness of act.

(b) Costume Stage Expression (50 points): Faithfulness of movement, look and flow of costume to original character, visual impact of the costume on stage.

(c) Character Fidelity (50 points): Faithfulness of performance to original character and story

* If a team breaks the time limit rule (3.6) for stage preparation, a penalty on the team's point score will be imposed on the performance score.

* 10% total point deduction for exceeding the time limit by up to 10 seconds. 25% total point deduction for exceeding the time limit for more than 10 seconds.

- 4.4 Craftsmanship judging is carried out the morning of the event and added to the score from the on-stage judging. Each judge can give up to 100 points. An average score is calculated which is then multiplied by the number of on-stage judges and then divided by 10 to give the final craftsmanship score.

* Costumes to be worn on stage and hand-held props will be subject to craftsmanship judging.

* Background screens or larger props on stage are not subject to judging

Craftsmanship (100 points):

The mark out of 100 given by the craftsmanship judges will be subdivided into the following subcategory:

- (a) 40 points for accuracy of the costume,
- (b) 40 points for the quality of the costume,
- (c) 20 points for technique.

Accuracy is marked as a direct comparison of the costume with the original artwork. A costume that is identical to the original artwork should receive 40/40, and a costume that looks nothing like the original artwork will therefore receive 0/40.

Quality is marked based on several factors, including how well the costume is put together, how well it fits the contestant, how neat painting, sewing, etc. has been done.



Technique is marked as a way to reward skills. A costume that used a wide variety of difficult skills will be awarded higher marks in this category than a costume that uses a few simple techniques.

* The mind-set put forth in the Craftsmanship Judging Guide is to be used as the benchmark during judging.

* If a team is found to break costume rules outlined in this document, the craftsmanship judges are able to penalise the craftsmanship score of that team. Penalties may vary depending on rules broken.

* Please note the winners of the competition are held as ambassadors for Australian Cosplayers. Entrants should exhibit a positive & supportive attitude. Judges may penalise an entrant based on attitude. Penalties may vary depending on rules broken.

*Portfolio submissions should be taken seriously as judges will use this as guide for your craftsmanship score. More detailed portfolios may score higher than a portfolio with limited information.

- 4.5 The winning team chosen by the Judges of the Preliminary will receive an invitation to represent Australia in the 2020 WCS Competition to be held in Tokyo/Nagoya, Japan, as well as two plane tickets and one week of organised accommodation. The WCS Australia organiser will follow and guide the progress of the team throughout the year.
Luggage included is 2-pieces check-in luggage at 23kgs/each as per the JAL (Japan Airlines) current sponsors International standard Economy airline tickets, this is prone to change as per the airlines' luggage conditions, which could be updated at any time. Winning duos are responsible for any luggage that exceeds the luggage limits set by JAL, & are also responsible for any additional costs this could incur. Duos must present a valid passport that allows them access to International travel to Japan from Australia during July-August of 2020, with 6-months of validity past this time so they can travel.
- 4.6 Janome Australia are offering a Skyline S3 model sewing machine to go to the 2nd place winning duo, & a 8002DX Overlocker to be awarded to the 3rd place winning duo. WCS Australia 2019 offer only.
Other prizes provided by WCS Australia sponsors are under the responsibility of the sponsor offering the product. All warranties for in case of product defects should be valid from the 1st of July 2019 as per Janome Australia warranty product terms & conditions. In case of any faults should be reported to Janome Australia.
- 4.7 Previous qualifying entrants who have qualified to participate in the World Cosplay Summit Japan, may not enter the World Cosplay Summit Australian Preliminary the same year that they are representing in Japan. (Eg. Team Australia 2020, may not enter the WCS Australia Preliminary to become Team Australia for 2021)
- 4.8 The judging panel cannot consist of any World Cosplay Summit Australia Association directors or members that are competing in the competition. No more than half of the judging panel may be members or directors of World Cosplay Summit Australia Association.
- 4.9 Once the winning team has been announced, entrants may request immediate feedback from selected judges regarding their costumes & performance. Judges will only offer feedback to the entrants who request it. Please note that Judges comments are given for the benefit of the entrant to help them improve in the future. Comments provided do not reflect the opinion of WCS Australia or SMASH! Feedback can also be requested via email once the event is completed.



- 4.10 Winners must sign contract documentation from the World Cosplay Summit Inc. & the World Cosplay Summit Australia. If winners do not sign the contracts & documentation required, they will forfeit their prize and title.
- 4.11 In the event that the First Place winning Duo is unable to represent Australia in the World Cosplay Summit, the Second-Place duo at the Australian finals are to be invited as the reserve team. In the event the First Place winning Duo has to withdraw:
- 4.11.1 The reserve team is immediately notified and enquired about their availability. If the reserve team is unavailable, the Third-Place duo is notified and enquired about their availability.
- 4.11.2 World Cosplay Summit Inc. is immediately notified about the change of team and team personnel.

5. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND PORTFOLIO SUBMISSIONS

Cosplayers wishing to enter the WCS Australian Preliminary Competition will need to submit here: <https://goo.gl/forms/cKlc7tCiiXNK5J0R2> an **Expression of Interest form by 11:59pm, 14th April 2019.**

The form will be available online and will include the following information:

- Name of duo members
- Age of duo members
- Contact details (address, phone number, email address)

- Title of the Anime/Manga/Game they are cosplaying from
- Name of characters they are Cosplaying
- Duos answers to the cosplay experience questions

Cosplayers who have submitted an expression of interest form will receive regular information about the Competition and if eligible, will be requested to submit a portfolio and will be prioritised over other entrants during the competition.

Cosplayers wishing to enter the WCS Australian Preliminary Competition will need to submit here: <https://goo.gl/forms/2ETxQVJVwwSw43ax1> a **portfolio by 11:59pm, 30th June 2019.**

The portfolio template will be available online but entrants may choose to use their own template as long as it contains the following **compulsory information:**

Duos:

- Name of duo members
- Age of duo members



- Contact details (address, phone number, email address)
- Title of the Anime/Manga/Game they are cosplaying from
- Name of characters they are Cosplaying
- Duos answers to the cosplay experience questions
- Pictures of the character
 - Please indicate which pictures (maximum 3) you want to be used in the PowerPoint during the presentation.
- Several pictures of the costume being made for each duo member
 - Please try to organise the photos, and comments are most welcome.
- A brief description of the performance including any unexpected or surprising elements.
 - It is in your best interest to give an honest description of your performance, especially if you wish to include unexpected elements. Failure to do this may result in disruptions to your performance (if staff is not aware that elements are part of your act) or disqualification from the competition (if staff feels your act may be going in an inappropriate direction).
 - As a condition of entry, each entrant must agree and abide with the rules and regulations of the competition.
 - Failure to provide the information above might result in immediate disqualification.
- Audio Visual details
- Stage lighting details
- Stage map
- Letter of consent (Under 18 years only)

- END -