

## Public Statement Regarding the Cancellation of Cosplay Ball: Tales of the Round Table (December 21, 2024)

Hello everyone,

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the **cancellation of Cosplay Ball: Tales of the Round Table**, originally scheduled for December 21, 2024. After careful consideration and reviewing the current registration numbers, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the event due to **insufficient registrants**.

We will begin processing refunds for everyone who has made full or partial payments starting this week (November 17, 2024 and onwards). We will communicate with those who already registered for their refund process which is already prepared.

We understand how much our community looks forward to these events, and we genuinely appreciate the enthusiasm and support you have shown. However, despite our efforts, it has become clear that the **registration fee** has been a barrier for many, and we do not want to proceed with an event that may not be accessible to the majority of our community. Instead, we believe it is more responsible to focus on creating an event that is **more inclusive, affordable**, and aligned with the needs of our community.

**Looking ahead**, we are excited to announce that the medieval-themed event you were hoping for will now be part of **FanFest 2025 Cosplay Convention**. This is because the event can be evolved into something **bigger** than initially planned, and we believe it will be a better fit under the **FanFest** brand, which allows us to expand and offer a broader experience for our community.

We are targeting **June 2025** for **FanFest 2025**, which we hope will be held during **Tacloban City's fiesta celebrations**. While this is still a **planned target**, we will do our best to make it happen during the fiesta period. However, if timing does not align, we will explore alternative dates to ensure the event takes place as soon as possible.

**FanFest 2025** will be inspired by the atmosphere of **Renaissance Faires**, with a **medieval fantasy theme** and a focus on community celebration. It will be a **bigger (than the cosball), festival-style event** that combines cosplay, medieval fantasy, and the vibrant energy of our city's fiesta. We want to create an immersive experience that is more accessible and inclusive for everyone in the community to enjoy.

We deeply appreciate your understanding and patience as we adjust our plans. Rest assured, we are committed to delivering an unforgettable experience under the **FanFest** banner and will continue to listen to your feedback as we plan for this exciting new adventure. Stay tuned for more updates on **FanFest 2025** and other upcoming events.

Thank you again for your support,

Tacloban Otaku Network