

==Indyfurcon 2014 Fursuit Dance Competition==

Hosted By: Pandez

Time (finals): Saturday August 30th 7:30pm

Location: Main Events Ballroom

Event Type: Fursuiting

Judges: Ronnie, Haku, Sozan

MC: Pandez

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This year at Indyfurcon 2014, we, are pleased to announce the INAUGURAL Fursuit Dance Competition! After a huge amount of demand, we have decided to host this event, sure to supply oodles of amazing dancing action and loads of fun for everyone; spectators and competitors alike. Guaranteed to be one of the highlights of Indyfurcon, you do not want to miss this event!

So, here's a few important details about the event:

- The main event will take place Saturday at 8: PM - 9:30 PM in the Main Ballroom**, where the big events happen. Make sure you arrive early to get seats and set up all your fancy cameras, and of course to prepare your throat for a lot of cheering! (cough drops will not be provided for sore throats post-competition - sorry!)
- This is a very action-packed event with lots of loud music and lighting effects. If you have any health concerns regarding noise levels or the lighting equipment of the event, please do not hesitate to contact myself, or the A/V Staff (contact information provided below). But again, you don't want to miss seeing this!
- Potential and interested competitors will be able to register for the event online and at the panel (details within document)
- Competitors will have to pre-qualify in a preliminary round (see below info).

So with that knowledge, I know there's already a few of you that have shown interest in the competition! For you potential competitors, PLEASE CAREFULLY READ this next section of details, as they are vital to participate:

1 - There will be a "preliminaries" panel for those that are interested in competing. This is a closed panel with no spectators. This will be held Friday at 9pm in Main Events. Attendance is mandatory for those wishing to participate in the fursuit dance competition.

Please note: while it may be called a "preliminary", this event is more for all competitors (especially newcomers) to familiarize themselves with the environment of the dance competition. This event also serves as the hand-in for all music/media! **If you cannot make it to the 9pm call Friday, because you are arriving to the convention Saturday contact pandez at

pandez@indyfurcon.com by no later than noon on Friday Aug 22nd to attempt to make alternate pre-arrangements for Saturday - a limited number of these alternate arrangements MAY be allowed**

2 - Please note that this is a FURSUIT dance competition, so show up to both the preliminaries and the Finals on Sunday in your performing suit.

Acceptable entries are:

Fullsuits

Halfsuits/Partial suits (head + paws + tail minimum)

Non-acceptable entries are:

Zentai suits, one-piece PJ's/kigumis, or tail/ear combinations do not count as valid entries.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything regarding attire, please send me a note at my FA or an e-mail. Contact information is at the bottom of this document.

3 - This event is rated PG-13, so please minimize all profanity, suggestive content, and/or racial/religion/hate slurs that may be part of your character/attire/music. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR THIS RULE - FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

4 - Interested competitors must come to the preliminaries with their desired music that they will perform to on Saturday evening. **You MUST bring your music in MP3 or WMA format** (others will not be accepted) and on a portable device such as a USB Key, CD/DVD drive, etc. We will not download music for you - please don't ask us to.

5 - The preliminaries will take about an hour long, depending on the number of competitors. Please make sure you are able to stay the ENTIRE panel! (There will be water and quick access to the headless lounge for fursuiters)

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6- Duo competitors (Cause i didn't think we'd get this question and we totally did so... AWESOME GUYS ^_^)... Duo competitors get 45 extra seconds since there are two of you. 2:45 will be your cutoff. Everything else applies in all other categories. The competitors are scored based on the duo overall. Not a "so and so got 8/10 and the other person 5/10 so that averages out to... NOPE it's an overall score for the DUO.

Once again, feel free to e-mail me or drop me a message if you have any questions or concerns about any of the above rules! I'm always open and willing to work out any issues!

===Format: Preliminaries and Finals===

Preliminaries: If a large number of performers show up, then the preliminaries panel will consist of all registered dancers freestyling to selected songs from all genres. This is mainly to warm you up and also for the judges to be able to give feedback (on request only) on your performance before Sunday. Callbacks/elimination rounds will only be done if there are an excess of competitors - we want to include as many dancers as possible, of all skill levels and dance styles. As stated before, you must bring your “final” music into this panel in order for it to be accepted for Saturday’s performance. ****However*** since this is our first year, if we get the approximate number we are anticipating, then the dancers will do a run through of their performance instead. This “preliminaries” will simply be a “check out the floor, see how it will be set up, make sure your music works, and show me you’re committed to performing on Saturday” :)

Finals: The finals will consist of all competitors, which we will put together in a list, putting on their performances one-by-one. **Your performance/music must not exceed 2 minutes in length; if so, we will manually fade it out.** (exception - duo acts)** Each performer will then receive brief critique and feedback from the judging panel. There will also be a scoring system for each judge, which is as follows:

- Originality:* Unique and/or interesting moves, avoiding repetition
- Musicality:* Movements/groove matches with music, moving with the beat/rhythm
- Execution:* Clean movements, no stumbling or sloppy moves, moves flow together
- Character:* Adds character/flavour to movements, brings life to the dance

Each category will be worth 10 points, which will result in the judging system to look like this: (names are used only for example - not actual data)

Competitor:	Originality	Musicality	Execution	Character
Snow	7	7	8	8
Pyro	6	7	6	10
Jazz	8	9	8	10

At the end of the competition, the judges will tally up the points and announce the top 3 scores, along with honourable mentions!

Important note to competitors:

While this is a dance competition, remember to enter with a mindset of having fun and sharing positive vibes with the crowd and your fellow dancers. Even if you don't make it to the top 3 or an honourable mention, everyone is a winner in the end and we're all here to have a good time and make the crowd roar with delight!

Contact Info:

In case of any questions, comments, or emergencies regarding the dance competition, please feel free to contact me via:

FurAffinity: Pandez

E-mail: pandez@indyfurcon.com

Twitter: @pandezpanda

Phone number: Please contact me first on any of the other methods before requesting my number.

And here is some additional information for the A/V staff, should you have any concerns about music or lighting at this event. Although we had no incidents in the past, if you have a question don't hesitate to ask!

E-mail: pandez@indyfurcon.com (I'll pass it along to the appropriate dept)

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On behalf of all who have poured their time and efforts into this dance competition, we hope to see you there! Get ready for the excitement!