

AniManGaki 2026 Cosplay Competition

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Cosplayers, ready to bring your favourite characters to life?

The AniManGaki Cosplay Competition returns in 2026, bigger, bolder, and more spectacular than ever! Team up with a fellow cosplayer, step into the spotlight, and transform the stage into your own world of adventure, action, comedy, or drama.

Wow the judges and the crowds for a shot at our crazy RM11,000 cash and goodies prize pool, proudly brought to you by ILLEGear!

COMPETITION PRIZES

1st PLACE	2nd PLACE	3rd PLACE
RM 3,900.00 worth of cash & goodies	RM 3,400.00 worth of cash & goodies	RM 2,800.00 worth of cash & goodies

CROWD FAVOURITE

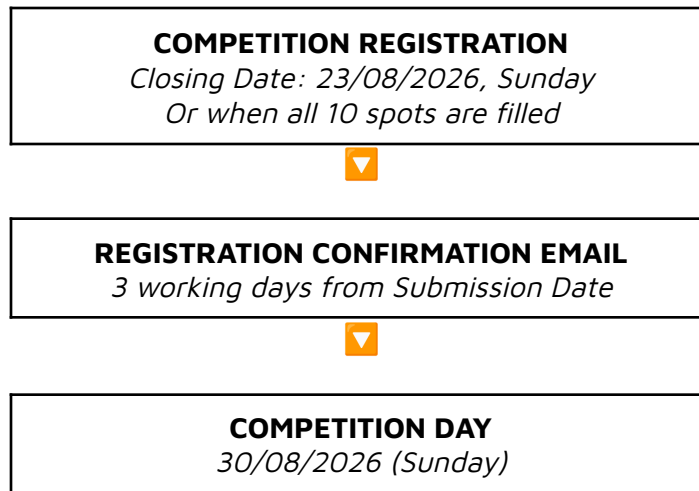
RM 1,000.00
worth of cash & goodies

Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/261522348082454>

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. This competition is **open to all** regardless of nationality but participants must be a resident and living in Malaysia.
2. Participants **must be 14 years old and above** to join. For those under the age of 18, please seek parental/guardian consent before participating.
3. AniManGaki 2025 Cosplay Competition 1st Place winners are **not allowed** to participate in this year's competition. This applies to both solo winners and individual members of the winning group entries.
 - A **one (1) year grace period** is required for all 1st Place winners before they may compete again — **including joining another group** for the current year's competition.
4. Helpers of the AniManGaki 2025 Cosplay Competition 1st Place winners are also not permitted to participate in this year's competition, whether as contestants or as helpers for other entries. A one (1) year grace period also applies to these individuals before they may take part in future competitions.
5. Entries must only **consist of 2-3 cosplayers and up to 2 helpers**.
6. A refundable deposit of **RM100.00** is required to enter the competition. This deposit will be refunded to participants who are present and actively take part in the competition. Failure to attend or withdrawal without notifying the organiser by **Tuesday, 25th August 2026**, will result in forfeiture of the deposit.
 - In cases of last-minute withdrawal due to health reasons, a valid Medical Certificate (MC) is required for a refund. All other withdrawal reasons will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - All deposits will be refunded within fourteen (14) working days after the competition day (ie. by **13th September 2026, Sunday**).
7. Participants are required to attend rehearsal on **Saturday, 29th August 2026**, Day 2 of AniManGaki 2026. *Timing to be confirmed at a later date.*

8. Participants entering the competition will go through the following process:



*** Non-compliance would result in disqualification.*

9. The performance theme for this year's Cosplay Competition is **Exploration of Lost Civilization**. Bonus points (up to 5 points) will be awarded to performances that creatively incorporate elements related to the event theme. Examples include ancient ruins, treasure maps, hidden traps, archaeological tools, relics, forgotten temples, mysterious artifacts, secret passages, ancient civilizations, and other exploration-inspired elements. (E.g. if your total score is 80, incorporating the event theme may increase your final score to 85.)
10. Participants must cosplay as an **official character from an officially released anime/cartoon, manga/comic or game**. No original characters or fan-made characters. No mix of characters from different sources. Characters have to be recognisable (if doing a *Gijinka version of a character).
11. Helpers **must not be** the center of the performance. Helpers are only meant to assist in the performance of cosplayer participants. For example:
- Set up props before the performance
 - As a prop themselves
 - As a 'Mook' (A generic enemy or henchman meant to be easily defeated during a performance, used to support action or fight scenes.)
 - Attire: Preferably in plain dark clothing to blend into the background (No Cosplay/Flashy Clothing).
 - Clean up props after the performance
 - Helpers are only allowed to clear the stage after the judges have given their comments.
 - Should not be a contestant from a different competing cosplay team.



COMPETITION REGISTRATION

To enter the competition:

1. Kindly fill out the Registration Form with the required details. Should you encounter any submission difficulty, please email us at stage@animangaki.com
2. Registration officially ends on **23rd August 2026, Sunday at 11:59pm (GMT+8)** or **when all 10 slots are filled**, whichever is earlier. Registration is on a first-come, first-verify basis. **Subject to changes*
3. Should you need to make any changes, please **RESUBMIT** a new form and recording file before the deadline! The latest entry will automatically replace any previous entry. Post-deadline (re)submissions will not be entertained.
4. No walk-ins are allowed.
5. Every submission is final; kindly ensure all details provided are complete and accurate. Incomplete and inaccurate submissions will be **disqualified**.
6. An acknowledgement email will be sent to you within three (5) working days from registration submission, confirming your participation in the competition.
7. By participating in this competition, each participant accepts the conditions stated in the rules and agrees to be bound by the decisions of AniManGaki and their partners.
8. By entering and/or accepting the prize, participants and winners agree to hold AniManGaki and its partners harmless for liability, damages or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in this competition, the acceptance and/or subsequent use or misuse, or condition of the prizes awarded, or claims based on publicity rights, defamation, or invasion of privacy.
9. AniManGaki, in their sole discretion, reserves the immediate and unrestricted right to disqualify any entrant or prize winner, if either commits or has committed any act, or has been involved or becomes involved in any situation or occurrence which AniManGaki deems likely to subject AniManGaki, entrant or winner to ridicule, scandal or contempt or which reflects unfavorably upon AniManGaki in any way. If such information is discovered by AniManGaki after a winner has received notice of his/her prize and before the prize is awarded, AniManGaki may rescind the prize in its entirety. If a portion of his/her prize has already been awarded, AniManGaki may withdraw the remainder of the prize that has been fulfilled.

COMPETITION FORMAT

1. Participants are required to check in 30 minutes before Pre-Judging.
2. Participants are required to be **present for Pre-Judging, 1:00 PM, two hour** before skit performance at **3:00 PM**.
3. Participants are given up to **7 minutes** of stage time, **3 minutes of performance time, 2 minutes for setup and up to 2 minutes for cleanup**.
 - Exceeding the setup and cleanup time will result in a penalty.
4. Breakdown of competition format are as follows
 - 2 minutes of setup
 - 3 minutes of performance
 - 2 minutes of judges' comments by all 3 judges
 - 2 minutes of clean-up
5. Judges will give comments after every participant's turn.
6. Note that the maximum number of stage props is **4**.
7. As AniManGaki is a family friendly event, **no explicit or NSFW behaviors are allowed** during performances. Please keep swearing to a minimum as well.
8. Space allocated for the performance is a maximum of 4m x 6m. Stage measures at approximately 9m x 12m, height is approximately 3.2m. **Subject to changes*
9. All videos should be prepared at **1080p of 16:9 (1920 x 1080) aspect ratio in .mp4 format and maximum 3 minutes**.
*** Please bring a copy of your video in a pendrive as backup during rehearsals.*

COSPLAY APPAREL & PROPS

1. Make sure your props are sturdy enough for your performance to avoid damaging any stage equipment or harming the audience.
2. As AniManGaki is a family friendly event, the following is not allowed:
 - Explicit clothing
 - Sharp or metal props
 - Illegal apparels as stated by the Malaysia Law
 - Illegal weapons as stated by the Malaysian Firearms Law
 - Live or loaded projectile weaponry, including any types of gun
3. Liquids, powder, explosive, corrosive, radioactive, abrasive, confetti, glitter, bubbles, fire or any other fragmented prop which are difficult to clean upon performance are **not allowed**.
4. A limited number of chairs and tables as well as microphones will only be provided upon request.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Pre-Judging

Costume & craftsmanship	40 pts
• <i>Accuracy to reference character or source material</i>	10
• <i>Quality of materials and construction</i>	10
• <i>Attention to detail (props, accessories, finishes)</i>	10
• <i>Creativity in interpreting complex or improvised elements</i>	10

Stage Skit Performance

Performance and Presentation	50 Pts
• <i>Character portrayal</i>	10
• <i>Stage Presence and Confidence</i>	10
• <i>Entertainment Value and Audience Engagement</i>	10
• <i>Use of stage, props, and music/sound effectively</i>	5
• <i>Clarity of speech/dialogue, or strong visual storytelling</i>	5
• <i>Clear, well-paced story with a beginning, middle, and end.</i>	10
Creativity & Originality	10 pts
• <i>Creative Scripting</i>	5
• <i>Unique interpretation or execution of the character or scene</i>	5
TOTAL	100 pts

*** Bonus points will be awarded for incorporating the Cosplay Competition Theme into your skit (up to 5 points after total score. Eg. if your total score is 80, with the inclusion of elements related to the competition theme, your final points will be 85).*

PENALTY MARKS & DISQUALIFICATION

1. Participants will be **disqualified** from the competition if any of the actions are done:
 - a. Failure to resubmit video to the Organiser by the deadline set
 - b. Failure to register and attend the Rehearsal on **Saturday, 29/08/2026** (time to be advised)
 - c. Failure to check-in 30 minutes at the backstage area before pre-judging competition time, Sunday, **30/08/2026 @ 1:00 PM**
 - d. Usage of illegal props/weapons/substance during the competition
 - e. Performing acts and using words that are deemed inappropriate or sensitive under Malaysian law (Keep it PG everyone! There's children around)
2. Disqualification will result in one (1) year soft ban of the participants from any future AniManGaki related competition and deposit being forfeited.
3. During the competition, the following Penalty marks will be deducted if participants perform the following no-no's:

Exceed setup and tear down time of 2 mins	- 5 pts
Helpers clear the stage before judges have given their comments.	- 3 pts
Breaking/Flying Props offstage	- 5 pts
More than 4 stage props used	- 3 pts
Helpers ARE the center of the performance	- 5 pts

EVENT TAG REGULATION

1. Applicants who are successfully selected to participate in the AniManGaki 2026 Cosplay Competition will be issued a '**PARTICIPANT**' event tag. This tag grants the contestant access to AniManGaki 2026 for the entire three-day duration of the event.
2. To collect the tag, contestants must register at the Information Counter on the day of the rehearsal session, which will take place one day before the actual competition.
3. All contestants are required to wear their tag visibly at all times while on the event premises. However, during their stage performance, they are permitted to set the tag aside if necessary.
4. There is no requirement to return the tag after the event, and contestants are welcome to keep it as a memento of their participation.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By entering the competition, participants have consented by default that:

- AniManGaki is not responsible for any damage to participants' costumes or props during the competition.
- AniManGaki is not responsible for participant's physical damage or injury during the competition. First-aid will be provided if necessary.
- AniManGaki is not responsible for any property or emotional losses during participation in the competition.
- Participants are held responsible for any damage to stage and other equipment caused during the competition.
- AniManGaki reserves the right to use participant's images and performance recordings for promotional purposes.
- AniManGaki reserves the rights to alter the rules and structure of the competition as they see fit.
- By submitting your entries, all participants agree and acknowledge that all intellectual property rights thereto shall belong to AniManGaki. AniManGaki shall have the exclusive right to use, edit, modify and publish the entry submitted by all the participants, publish or not publish the names of the participants, in any way it deems fit for any advertising, trade, promotional purpose and for any other reason whatsoever, without any further notice to the participants and the participants shall not claim ownership or any payment or compensation on the materials. For the avoidance of doubt, the submissions will not be edited for judging purposes.
- By participating in AniManGaki competition and activities, all attendees and participants grant AniManGaki the right to capture photographs and video recordings. These materials may be used for promotional purposes, including but not limited to social media, websites, print media, and other marketing channels. Attendees and participants waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product and understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation will be provided for such use.
- AniManGaki reserves the right to disqualify anyone who is deemed unsuitable for the competition, and judges' decisions are final.
- All results given by judges are finalised and cannot be contested.
- AniManGaki will not bear any cost related to the entry of the participants.
- By participating in this competition, each participant accepts the conditions stated in the rules and agrees to be bound by the decisions of AniManGaki. Every submission is final, please ensure all details provided are complete and accurate. Incomplete and inaccurate submissions will be disqualified.

General Health and Safety Guidelines

- All participants **must be fully vaccinated**.
- Face masks are encouraged but not mandatory.
- Sanitise and maintain good hygiene whenever possible.
- If you are experiencing any of these serious symptoms, please inform AMG Crew and take precaution and refrain from attending the event to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants:

Serious Symptoms:

- High fever (above 38°C / 100.4°F)
- Persistent dry cough
- Unusual tiredness or fatigue
- Loss of taste or smell
- Severe headache
- Unusual aches and pains
- Severe diarrhoea
- Unusual rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Loss of speech or mobility or confusion
- Chest pain

- Mild symptoms such as sinus issues, minor colds, or seasonal allergies are not restricted. However, we encourage everyone to monitor their health and prioritize safety where necessary.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in creating a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone!