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***COSPLAY INFO & RULES***

**HEROIC & LEGENDARY DIVISION**



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# HEROIC DIVISION

## ABOUT

*The Heroic Division is for cosplayers who are newer to competing. This may be your **first time** on stage, or you may have competed a few times at novice or intermediate level.*

## PREJUDGING

You will have a 5-minute prejudging session with three expert crafters. During this session, you will present your costume, explain the techniques you have used, and share your thoughts behind your process.

You will be scored from 1 to 10 points in the following categories (1 being the lowest, 10 the highest):

- **Wig & Makeup:** Wig or hairstyling, face and body makeup or body paint, prosthetics, etc.
- **Craftsmanship:** Techniques used, complexity and relevance to the character, precision, skill level and overall quality.
- **Prop Making:** Additional props accompanying the costume, such as weapons, jewellery, accessories, etc.

## THE SHOW

After prejudging, you will take part in the catwalk on the Heroes Comic Con Main Stage. You will have approximately 30 seconds to present your costume, striking three different poses at three marked positions on stage while a short presentation of your costume plays.

After the Heroic Division catwalk, the Legendary Division competitors will take the stage. This will be followed by a short intermission and an awards ceremony.

## AWARDS

- Best Wig
- Best Makeup
- Best Prop
- The Superhero (Best Overall Craft)
- Judge's Choice x 3 - Each judge may award one competitor at their own discretion to highlight a unique element.

## WHO CANNOT ENTER THE HEROIC DIVISION

You **must** compete in the Legendary Division if any of the following applies to you:

- You have completed a degree, course, or worked professionally within textiles, pattern making, 3D modelling, wig making, SFX makeup, or another craftsmanship-based field that directly supports costume creation.
- You have won 2 to 3 awards at novice or intermediate level competitions, excluding audience choice or performance-based awards.
- You have competed in an international competition such as Nordic Cosplay Championship, International Cosplay League, World Cosplay Summit, European Cosplay Gathering.
- You have competed in a master level competition such as Expert at DreamHack, Cosplay-SM, or Masters at Närcon.

*If you are unsure whether you are eligible, please contact [comiconstockholm@easyfairs.com](mailto:comiconstockholm@easyfairs.com).*

You can choose to compete in the Legendary Division **without** entering the qualifier for Tournament of Champions. However, **all Legendary Division rules still apply.**









## RULES | GENERAL

*By participating in the cosplay, you agree that Heroes Comic Con Stockholm Summer may use photos and videos provided by you or taken at the event for promotional purposes. Material will not be used in a defamatory manner. No claims may be made against the organizer.*

### SAFETY

All costumes must follow Comic Con Stockholm's general cosplay rules:

- Weapons must comply with the Swedish Weapons Act and the Knives and Other Dangerous Objects Act.
- Clearly harmless replicas are permitted.
- Airsoft replicas must have a safety plug and be visibly harmless.
- Replica knives, swords and axes are allowed if not sharp.
- Nails, sharp edges or elements that may cause harm are prohibited.
- Weapons must not be drawn in the exhibition hall. They may be used on stage or during approved photoshoots if legally permitted.
- Weapons may not be aimed at others.
- In case of an incident, immediately drop your weapon and keep your hands visible.

### ON STAGE

The following are not permitted on the Main Stage:

- Props that fire harmful projectiles. Nerf guns are allowed, but you may not fire toward judges or audience.
- Fire or spark-producing devices.
- Liquids.
- Items requiring cleanup, such as confetti, glitter or flower petals.

# RULES | GENERAL

## *GENERAL BEHAVIOUR*

- Competitors must show good sportsmanship toward judges, staff and other participants.
- You are responsible for arriving on time for prejudging and the show.
- The competitor must wear the costume and carry all props themselves.
- One assistant is permitted but may not enter prejudging or the stage. The assistant must hold a valid entry ticket.
- Depictions of sexual acts, racist or slanderous behaviour are prohibited.





## RULES | HEROIC DIVISION

- Costumes that have previously won awards, **excluding** performance or audience awards, are **not** allowed **unless significantly upgraded**.
- Original designs **are** allowed with a fully colored front and back reference, and documentation the design was made prior to the costume.
- Fan designs (such as works by Sunset Dragon, Hanna Alexander Artwork or Fanart by Sakizou) are **allowed** with proper credit to the original artist.
- Costumes must be 70 to 80 percent self-made, **excluding** base items such as wigs, shoes, stockings and contact lenses.
- You **must** be **18 years old** at the time of the competition to enter. If you are **16 years old**, you can enter with a written permission from a legal guardian.

# RULES | LEGENDARY DIVISION

*These rules follow the final Tournament of Champions regulations.*

- Contestants **must** be **18 or older** at the time of qualification.
- You **must** be able to travel to **YuniCon** in **Austria 30th October to 1st November 2026**. Travel and hotel **during** the event are covered by Heroes Comic Con Stockholm. Any extension of stay will be covered by the contestant themselves.
- You **must** reside in **Sweden** and not have represented another country internationally in 2025.
- **Previously awarded** costumes are **not allowed**.
- **Original characters are not permitted**. Third-party fan designs (like works by Sunset Dragon or Hanna Alexander Artwork) **are allowed** if proof shows the reference existed before construction began.
- Costumes **must** be 80 to 90 percent self-made.
- Depiction of symbols or such that can be associated with extremist, fascist or terrorist organization (like the Manji-symbol on “Tokyo Revengers” costumes) are illegal in Austria, and can therefore not be used and will not be permitted in the qualifier either.
- The winner will serve as a **judge** at **next year’s qualifier** and cannot compete the following year.

*If you qualify, you must be able to provide YuniCon the following before the finale:*

- Reference image, max 5 MB
- Portfolio in PDF, max 30 A4 pages and 10 MB, including reference images, 10 to 15 work in progress images, materials list, approximate work time, process description and completed cosplay photo
- Introduction video

**It is permitted to create a new cosplay for Tournament of Champions.** If you do, the portfolio must match the new costume.