



COSPLAY

CHAMPIONSHIP



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Welcome to the Otamatsuri 2025 Cosplay Championship!

For the first time in Otamatsuri history, we're taking cosplay to the next level with **TWO** distinct categories—**Armor and General**! Whether you're crafting intricate armor builds or perfecting fabric-based designs, this is your chance to shine.

This isn't just about costumes—it's about bringing characters to life with craftsmanship, performance, and passion. With a pre-event photoshoot, on-stage showcase, and exciting prizes, this year's tournament is set to be the biggest yet.

Everything you need to know is in this booklet, so read on and get ready to make history!

Universal Guidelines

1. You must be an event ticket holder to compete. Only register if you want to compete. If you want to cosplay just for fun, no need to register.
2. You must register correctly, supplying all information and content required in the registration form, by the deadline of **Sunday, August 3rd, 11:59 PM**.
3. You must be **13 years and above** to take part in this championship.
4. **Do not cosplay based on fan art**. Your costume must be of an existing fictional character from canon.
5. Do not create your own character, or mix more than one character to create a unique concept.
6. Register with an email and mobile number **you regularly check**. Updates and changes may happen, and Movie Jabber will use those two avenues to communicate the same.
7. Movie Jabber may host a virtual meeting after registration closes, which you will be required to attend if you register successfully. This meeting will offer important event updates, as well as allow you to present concerns or questions. Timings will be duly communicated well in advance via email.
8. All costumes must cover “swimsuit areas”; **nudity is not allowed**. Whole-body paint costumes are not eligible. This is a family-friendly event, and we retain the right to disqualify or bar entry for inappropriate costumes.
9. You can cosplay a gender-bent version of your character. However, male cosplayers shouldn't wear skirts or dresses. In short, **no crossdressing**.
10. Keeping tabs on communication from Movie Jabber once you have registered will be **your responsibility**.
11. Please be advised that by attending this event and entering this tournament, you are agreeing to be filmed and/or photographed, and the resulting assets may be used for marketing or promotional purposes in perpetuity. If you wish not to be photographed or recorded on video, please do not attend or sign up to compete.
12. Judging for both cosplay categories shall be done on **Saturday, August 9th**, at a location which shall be communicated to registered cosplayers.
13. A pre-event photoshoot shall also be done on **Saturday, August 9th**, for the purpose of obtaining high-resolution images for on-stage media and fan voting. The photos shall also be availed to the cosplayers for their own personal use.

General Category (max. 25 Contestants)

Overview

The General Category is designed for cosplays that are primarily fabric-based or involve simpler construction methods. This category caters to cosplayers who focus on sewing, modifying existing clothing, or assembling a character's look without extensive armor work.

Eligibility & Requirements

- Cosplay must be from an Asian anime, manga, manhwa, or an Asian/Anime-sourced character in a video game. No fan art is allowed.
- The costume must be at least **50% crafted or modified** by the contestant.
- Armor pieces must be **minimal** (light armor elements like pauldrons or accessories are fine, but full-body armor builds belong in the Armor Category).
- Store-bought cosplays are allowed only if visibly modified (e.g., custom tailoring, added details, hand-made accessories).
- Contestants can perform solo or in a duo (**max 2 people per entry**).

Judging Criteria

- **Craftsmanship (35%)** - Execution, material choices, sewing, or modifications.
- **Character Likeness (30%)** - How well the cosplay matches the source material.
- **Creativity & Interpretation (25%)** - Unique touches and problem-solving in costume design.
- **Stage Performance (10%)** - Acting, movement, audience engagement.

Prize Pool:

First Place: 20,000 KES

Second Place: 15,000 KES

Third Place: 10,000 KES

Armor Category (max. 15 Contestants)

Overview

The Armor Category is for cosplayers whose costumes are primarily built using rigid materials such as foam, thermoplastics, 3D-printed parts, or other forms of structured fabrication. These cosplays typically include intricate armor builds, large props, or complex mechanical elements.

Eligibility & Requirements

- Cosplay must be from an Asian anime, manga, manhwa, or an Asian/ Anime-sourced character in a video game. No fan art is allowed.
- The costume must be at least **70% hand-crafted** by the contestant.
- Costumes in this category should involve significant structural work (e.g., armor plating, gauntlets, helmets, mechanical attachments, oversized weapons).
- Store-bought armor pieces are allowed **only if heavily modified**.
- Large props are allowed but must comply with event safety regulations (e.g., no sharp edges, no heavy metal parts, no functional weapons).
- Group entries are not allowed in this category.

Judging Criteria

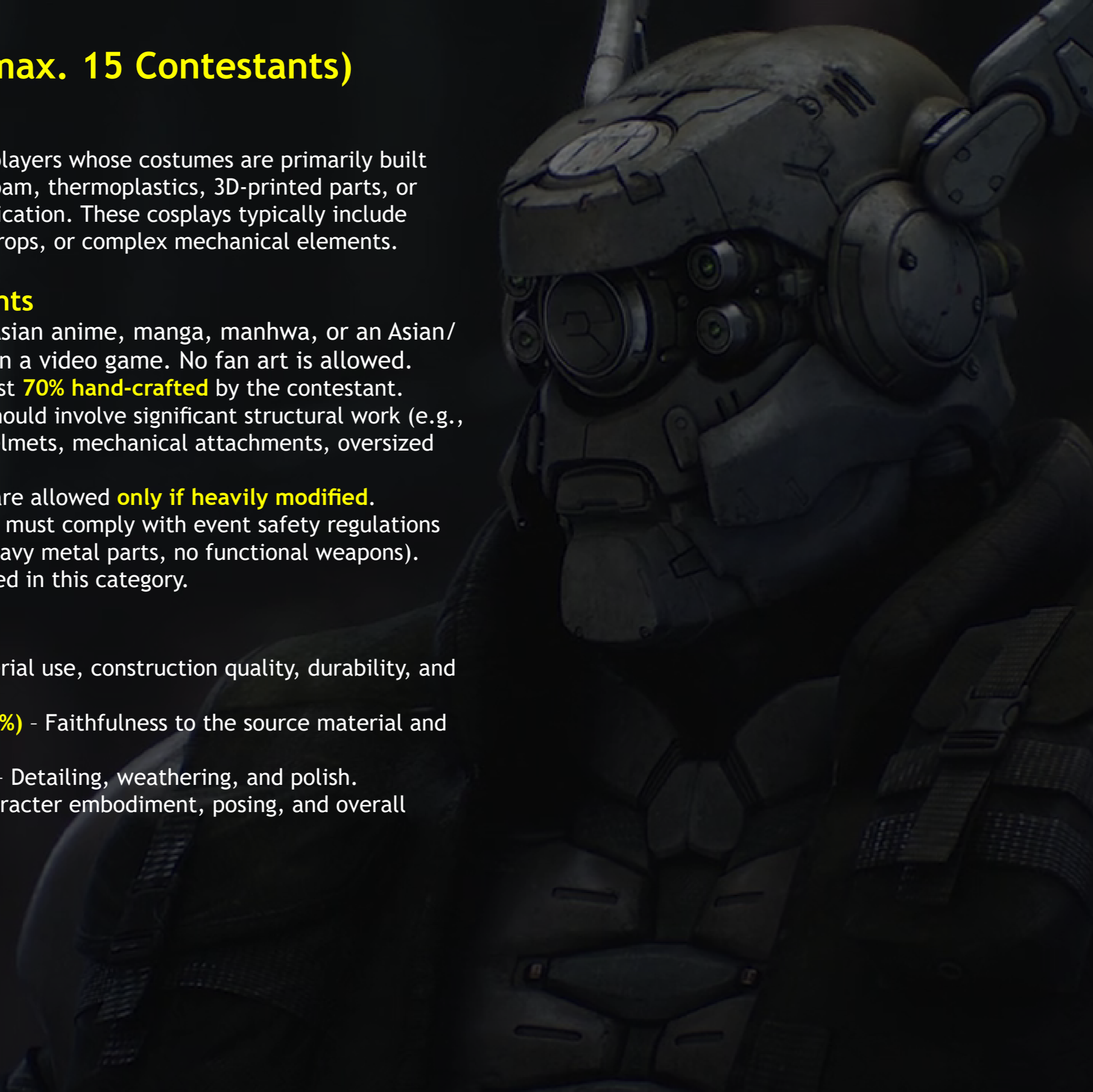
- **Craftsmanship (40%)** - Material use, construction quality, durability, and finishing.
- **Complexity & Accuracy (30%)** - Faithfulness to the source material and technical difficulty.
- **Painting & Finishing (20%)** - Detailing, weathering, and polish.
- **Stage Presence (10%)** - Character embodiment, posing, and overall presentation.

Prize Pool:

First Place: 25,000 KES

Second Place: 15,000 KES

Third Place: 10,000 KES



Fan Vote

For the first time, Otamatsuri introduces a Fan Voting Category, where the audience gets to decide their favorite cosplayer! This category allows fans to actively participate by voting for the contestant who best captures their character's essence, craftsmanship, or stage presence.

How It Works:

All registered cosplayers will have their pre-event photos uploaded online for public voting. Votes will be cast through a designated platform (details to be announced).

The cosplayer with the highest number of votes by the deadline will win the Fan Favorite Award at Otamatsuri 2025.

Prizes for this category will be announced soon, so stay tuned!



Championship Schedule

Cosplay Championship Registration Opens: Friday, May 30th, 2025

Cosplay Championship Registration Closes: Sunday, August 3rd, 2025

BTS Photoshoot: August 9th, 2025

Pre-Judging: (On photoshoot date)

Event Day Check-in: 2:00 PM (August 23, 2025)

Register Here:

ARMOR

GENERAL

Contact Us

Have any questions or concerns? We're here to help! Reach out to us through any of the following channels:

- **Instagram:** @Otamatsuri or @MovieJabber
- **Email:** cosplay@moviejabber.world