

# JSNW Japan Day Cosplay Guidelines

Please read these guidelines carefully before attending Japan Day.

## **Costume:**

Your costume can be from any source of media, fashion or original design - you may be recognised more coming as an anime or game character, but feel free to come in anything you consider to be cosplay!

If you plan on wearing your costume throughout the day as well as for the competition, please be considerate of others as the venue will be very busy. Please ensure that your costume is not constructed with sharp edges or hard (metal, wood etc.) spiky or pointy bits. For example, metal armour is allowed but must have properly finished and turned edges. Think! If your costume could hurt someone if they fell or bumped into you, don't wear it!!)

Also please bear in mind that Japan Day is a family event when choosing your costume.

## **Weapons / Props:**

Upon arrival at Japan day all weapons and props **MUST** be brought to the JSNW desk, where they will be checked for safety and compliance to the rules. If your weapon or prop is not approved, it will be held at the JSNW desk for safekeeping until the cosplay competition begins.

*Props* – We understand that a lot of costumes have props to go with them; in all cases we ask that you think about whether the prop is necessary and whether it is suitable for carrying around, especially as there may be children present at the venue. If your costume simply won't do without the prop, then please make sure you avoid the below:

*Firearms* – At no point are you permitted to carry any replica firearms (BB, airsoft, etc.) around the venue. If you have a fantasy or sci-fi themed weapon that cannot be mistaken in any way for a common gun, these rules are relaxed.

*Blades* – At no point are you permitted to carry any live blades around the venue.

Martial arts training weapons such as Bokken, Shinai or Bo are similarly banned.

Within reason, all other props would be accepted as long as they comply with the size rules below. As long as the item has no exceedingly sharp edges or points that could cause damage to the surrounding venue or injure others, there are no further restrictions on construction materials.

## **Size**

Oversize weapons and costumes can cause problems in busy areas and are a potential fire hazard, as such any weapons **over the size of one metre in length will not be allowed in the building**. However, you are permitted to leave any oversized items at the JSNW desk until the cosplay competition begins. If your costume includes oversized items attached to your body (wings, armour etc), please restrict yourself to wearing these items for the cosplay competition only.