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OFFICIAL COMPETITION RULES

1. Eligibility & Entry Requirements

1. You must be a valid event ticket holder to attend.
2. To compete in the championship, you must purchase the designated **Competition Ticket**.
 - Only individuals who have purchased a Competition Ticket are eligible for judging and prize consideration.
 - Purchasing a regular event ticket alone does **not** grant eligibility to compete.
3. If you wish to cosplay recreationally without competing: registration and a Competition Ticket are not required (a regular event ticket is sufficient).
4. You must be **13 years of age or older** to participate in the championship.
5. All competitors must complete the official registration form correctly and in full.
6. Registration deadline: **Sunday, August 2nd, 11:59 PM**. Late or incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
7. You must register using:
 - An active email address
 - A mobile number you regularly check
8. Monitoring communication from Movie Jabber after registration is your responsibility.

2. Pre-Event Photoshoot (August 8th)

A professional photoshoot will be conducted for:

- High-resolution on-stage media
- Fan Choice voting materials
- Promotional content

Photos will also be availed to contestants for personal use.

3. Mandatory Pre-Judging & Photoshoot

Date: Saturday, August 8th

Attendance is mandatory for podium eligibility.

Failure to attend pre-judging will result in:

- Ineligibility for Top 3 placement
- Eligibility for Fan Choice Award only

Pre-Judging Scope

During pre-judging, judges will assess all scoring categories **except stage presentation**, including:

- Craftsmanship and construction quality
- Material creativity and technique
- Accuracy to official canon reference
- Structural integrity and durability
- Detailing and finishing
- Overall costume impact (non-performance elements)

Participants must:

- Present official character reference material
- Be prepared to discuss their build process (Progress images are optional, but will lend extra context to this discussion)
- Allow close inspection of costume components

Scores recorded on August 8th will carry forward to final scoring.

The pre-judging score shall be calculated as follows:

Category	Weight
Craftsmanship & Construction	30%
Material Creativity & Technique	20%
Accuracy to Canon	20%
Structural Integrity	10%
Detailing & Finishing	15%
Overall Impact (Non-Performance)	5%
Total	100%

4. Championship Stage Event

Date: Saturday, August 29th

Stage presentation is the only category evaluated on event day.

1. Each contestant will have 60-90 seconds on stage.
2. Performances must be safe and non-destructive.

3. No liquids, fire, smoke, powders, confetti, live animals, or projectiles permitted.
4. All props are subject to inspection and venue safety compliance.
5. Music must be submitted in advance in the required format.

Stage presentation scores will be combined with pre-judging scores to determine final placements.

5. Character & Costume Source Restrictions

1. Cosplay must be based strictly on a character originating from:
 - An Asian anime movie or series
 - An Asian manga publication
 - An Asian manhwa publication
 - A video game character whose origin is directly tied to Asian/anime-sourced intellectual property
2. The character portrayed must be an officially recognized canon character from the original source material.
3. The following are strictly prohibited:
 - Cosplay based on fan art interpretations
 - Redesigns or alternate artistic reinterpretations by independent artists
 - Original characters (OCs) created by the contestant
 - Mashups, fusions, or hybrid character concepts
 - Versions derived from unofficial or non-canon adaptations
4. Reference material from official source publications must be provided during pre-judging.

6. Weapons & Props Policy

1. No real weapons permitted.
2. Prop blades must be blunt and non-metallic.
3. Functional projectile weapons are prohibited.
4. All props must pass inspection.
5. Unsafe items may be denied entry.

7. Judging & Scoring

Final podium placements (1st-3rd) will be determined by combining:

- Pre-Judging Score (**80%** of the total score)
- Stage Presentation Score (**20%** of the total score)

The aggregate of these two components will determine overall rankings. Judges' decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

8. Fan Choice Award

1. Each registered attendee is entitled to one (1) vote.
2. Voting opens after the conclusion of pre-judging on August 8th.
3. Duplicate or fraudulent votes will be invalidated.
4. The Fan Choice winner may also place in the Top 3 (stackable prize).
5. Organizer decisions regarding vote validation are final.

9. Prize Pool

Total Prize Pool: KES 120,000

- 1st Place — **KES 60,000**
- 2nd Place — **KES 30,000**
- 3rd Place — **KES 20,000**
- Fan Choice Award — **KES 10,000**

Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for alternatives.

10. Virtual Briefing Session

Movie Jabber may host a mandatory virtual meeting after registration closes.

- Registered contestants may be required to attend.
- Important updates and clarifications will be provided.
- Timing will be communicated via email in advance.

11. Media & Recording Consent

By attending and entering the tournament, you agree:

- To be filmed and/or photographed
- That resulting media may be used for promotional purposes in perpetuity

If you do not wish to be photographed or recorded, do not attend or register.

12. Code of Conduct

1. Contestants must behave professionally toward staff, judges, and fellow participants.
2. Harassment, sabotage, or disruptive conduct may result in disqualification.
3. Vote manipulation will result in immediate removal.

13. Disqualification Grounds

Participants may be disqualified for:

- Failure to attend mandatory pre-judging
- Misrepresentation of character or craftsmanship
- Safety violations
- Costume policy violations
- Breach of conduct

No refunds will be issued once you have registered.

14. Organizer Authority

The organizing committee reserves the right to:

- Amend rules if necessary
- Adjust schedules due to unforeseen circumstances
- Make final determinations on disputes

All decisions are final.