



Cosplay Contest Geekfalls at Latinoware 2026

Latin American Congress on Free Software and Open Technologies · Cospobre and General Cosplay categories, open to all ages.

CONTEST DATE

October 15, 2026

Thursday

VENUE

Grand Carimã Resort

Av. das Cataratas, 4790 ·
Foz do Iguaçu/PR, Brazil

REGISTRATION

Until October 13

Online and free of
charge, limited spots

RUNWAYS

2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Cospobre · General
Cosplay

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General provisions

1.1. The Geekfalls Cosplay Contest at Latinoware 2026 will take place as part of the program of the 23rd Latinoware — Latin American Congress on Free Software and Open Technologies, on **October 15, 2026**, at the **Grand Carimã Resort & Convention Center**, located at Avenida das Cataratas, nº 4790, Vila Yolanda, Foz do Iguaçu/PR, Brazil.

1.2. The contest is open to event attendees and will be divided into the following categories:

Cospobre

Creativity, improvisation and humor with simple, low-cost or reused materials.

Runway at 2 p.m.

General Cosplay

Self-made or purchased costumes, with extra points for handmade work.

Runway at 4 p.m.

1.3. All categories are open to participants of any age.

1.4. Participation in the contest is free of charge, subject to registration, and limited to the number of spots set by the organizers.

1.5. Registration implies full acceptance of these rules, with the participant declaring awareness of all rules, criteria and conditions of participation.

- 1.6. The organizers may close registration early **if the limit of spots is reached**.
- 1.7. Each participant may register and take part only once, and must choose one of the available categories at the time of registration.
- 1.8. **The organizers may disqualify participants who breach these rules, behave inappropriately or disrespectfully, cause disturbance, or compromise the safety and smooth running of the contest or the event.**
- 1.9. Situations not covered by these rules will be assessed and decided by the organizers.

2 Registration

Online and free registration, until October 13, 2026, or until all spots are filled.

- 2.1. Registration will be carried out online and free of charge, through the form published on the official Geekfalls channels, until October 13, 2026, or until the maximum number of spots is filled.
- 2.2. At the time of registration, participants must **correctly** provide all information requested by the organizers.
- 2.3. After registering, participants will receive an identification number, which will determine their position in the runway order.
- 2.4. Participants must keep their identification number and present it whenever requested by the organizers.
- 2.5. **Only participants who are certain they will take part are encouraged to register, to avoid taking up spots unnecessarily.**
- 2.6. In case of withdrawal, participants must notify the organizers at **least 1 (one) hour** before registration closes.

3 Character and reference image

- 3.1. Characters from any work of fiction may be presented, **including, among others:**

Anime and manga

Video games

Movies and TV series

Comic books

Animation

Books

Other works of fiction

- 3.2. **Presenting a reference image is optional and is not a requirement for registration** or participation in any category.
- 3.3. The organizers nevertheless recommend that participants present a reference image of the character, as it may help the judges assess criteria related to accuracy and characterization.
- 3.4. The image may be presented:
 - Directly on a mobile phone**
 - Printed and handed or shown to the judges**
- 3.5. **Whenever available**, the reference should show different angles and details of the character, including clothing, accessories and other elements relevant to the evaluation.

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Safety and conduct rules

4.1. Carrying or using the following is not allowed:

× Real weapons

× Sharp or piercing objects

× Explosives

× Flammable materials

× Any object that may pose a risk to participants, judges, staff or the audience

4.2. Replica weapons and props are allowed only if clearly harmless and made of safe, lightweight materials such as EVA foam, plastic, cardboard, light wood or similar.

4.3. The organizers may prevent the use of, or temporarily hold, any object deemed inappropriate or that poses a safety risk, returning it to the participant at the end of the event, where applicable.

4.4. Effects or resources that may cause mess, damage, risk or discomfort to the audience are not allowed, including:

× Fire

× Smoke

× Liquids

× Confetti

× Shredded paper

× Similar materials

4.5. Performances or conduct with the following content are not allowed:

× Offensive

× Discriminatory

× Party-political

× Sexually explicit

× Likely to embarrass the audience

4.6. This is a family-friendly event. Cosplays involving nudity, partial nudity or outfits unsuitable for the venue and audience are not allowed.

4.7. The organizers may veto outfits or performances they consider incompatible with the family-friendly nature of the event.

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Cospobre category

5.1. Purpose of the category

The Cospobre (budget cosplay) category aims to value creativity, improvisation, humor and adaptability, using simple, low-cost, recycled or reused materials or everyday objects. Examples of materials that may be used:

Cardboard

PET bottles

EVA foam

Packaging

Reused fabrics

Newspapers

Cans

Adhesive tape

Buckets

Cables

Household items

Other low-cost or reused materials

5.2. Specific rules

5.2.1. Ready-made purchased cosplays or cosplays made entirely by third parties are not allowed.

5.2.2. The cosplay must be produced predominantly by the participants themselves, using materials consistent with the purpose of the category.

5.2.3. The aim of the category is not to evaluate the quality of a professional production, but the participant's ability to create a creative and humorous portrayal of the character using simple resources.

5.2.4. The organizers may disqualify participants who do not meet the purpose of the category or who provide false information about the origin or making of the cosplay.

5.3. Evaluation criteria

The Cospobre category will be judged by a panel of judges, considering:

Creativity and improvisation

Ability to create solutions using simple resources and low-cost materials.

Comic resemblance

Ability to make the cosplay clearly evoke the character, even in a simple or improvised way.

Charisma and stage presence

Poise, energy, creativity and presence **during the runway.**

Each criterion will be scored from 0 to 10.

6 General Cosplay category

- 6.1. The General Cosplay category is open to participants of any age.
- 6.2. Cosplays made by the participants themselves or purchased from third parties may be used.
- 6.3. Accessories and props may be used during the performance, **provided all safety rules set out in these rules are respected.**
- 6.4. Cosplays handmade or produced by the participants themselves will receive **extra points**, provided this is stated at the time of registration.
- 6.5. There will be no pre-judging.
- 6.6. Participants who made or customized their cosplay may, if they wish, **explain directly to the judges the process of creation, making, customization or assembly, including materials, techniques and steps used.**
- 6.7. The explanation must be brief and given during the judging, following the procedure set by the organizers.

7 Runway and performance

Up to 30 seconds on stage, with the DJ's standard soundtrack. Be at the designated area **20 minutes before** your category's runway.

- 7.1. The contest will be held as an individual runway.
- 7.2. Each participant will have up to 30 seconds to perform on stage.
- 7.3. During this time, the participant must:
 - Walk the runway
 - Strike poses that represent the character
 - Allow the judges and audience to view the costume
 - Show their stage presence
- 7.4. Before starting the performance, the participant must clearly and briefly state their name and character into the microphone, as instructed by the organizers.
- 7.5. Custom audio or soundtracks are not allowed.
- 7.6. USB drives, audio files or other materials for individual performances will not be accepted.

- 7.7. The runway will use the standard soundtrack provided by the event DJ.
- 7.8. The performance order will follow the number given at registration.
- 7.9. All participants must be at the location designated by the organizers 20 minutes before the scheduled runway time, **to form the line and check the performance order.**
- 7.10. Participants who are not present when called may be disqualified.

8 Judging

- 8.1. Judging will be carried out by a panel of judges, based on the criteria previously set out in these rules.
- 8.2. Scores will be given on a scale of 0 to 10 for each evaluation criterion.

8.3. Criteria — Cospobre

Creativity and improvisation

Comic resemblance

Charisma and stage presence

8.4. Criteria — General Cosplay

Performance

Poise, stage presence and ability to portray the character.

Finish

Visual quality and care in crafting the cosplay's elements.

Accuracy

How closely the cosplay matches the **character presented.**

Customization

Work of adapting, altering or personalizing the cosplay.

Originality

Creativity in the composition and **presentation of the whole.**

- 8.5. Participants who declare at registration that they handmade their cosplay **will receive the extra points provided for this condition.**
- 8.6. To determine the score, the judges may consider the cosplay as a whole, the performance and, when presented by the participant, the process of creation, making or customization.
- 8.7. In case of a tie, the following tie-breakers will be used, in this order: **1st Accuracy; 2nd Originality.**
- 8.8. **The decision of the panel of judges is final, with no appeal regarding the scores given or the final result.**

9 Contest schedule

Until Oct 13  **Online and free registration**

Or until all spots are filled.

Oct 15 · 2 p.m.  **Cospobre runway**

Gather 20 minutes before, at 1:40 p.m.

Oct 15 · 4 p.m.  **General Cosplay runway**

Gather 20 minutes before, at 3:40 p.m.

- 9.1. Registration will take place online and free of charge, until October 13, 2026.
- 9.2. The Cospobre category contest is scheduled for 2 p.m.

- 9.3.** The General Cosplay category contest is scheduled for 4 p.m.
- 9.4.** Times may change due to organizational, program or operational needs of the event.
- 9.5.** Any changes will be announced by the organizers through the official channels and/or during the event.

10 Prizes

10.1. Cospobre

 1st place R\$ 150.00 Certificate Trophy Giveaways	 2nd place R\$ 100.00 Certificate Medal Giveaways	 3rd place R\$ 80.00 Certificate Medal Giveaways
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10.2. General Cosplay

 1st place R\$ 150.00 Certificate Trophy Giveaways	 2nd place R\$ 100.00 Certificate Trophy Giveaways	 3rd place R\$ 80.00 Certificate Medal Giveaways
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- 10.3.** Winners must be present at the award ceremony to receive their prizes, trophies, medals and certificates.

11 Image rights

- 11.1.** By registering, participants authorize, free of charge, the use of their image and voice, when captured during the contest and the event, for institutional and promotional purposes of Geekfalls and Latinoware, in print and digital media, including social networks, photos, videos and other communication channels.
- 11.2.** The authorization provided in these rules does not entitle the participant to any payment, compensation or remuneration for the use of their image under the terms set out herein.

- 12.1.** Failure to comply with any provision of these rules may result in a warning, being barred from participating, or disqualification, depending on the severity of the situation.
- 12.2.** The organizers may make operational adjustments to these rules when necessary to ensure the safety, organization and smooth running of the contest, notifying participants of any changes.
- 12.3.** The organizers may interrupt or change any performance if they identify a situation that poses a risk to the participant, staff, judges or audience.
- 12.4.** Participation in the contest does not guarantee a prize, which depends exclusively on the result of the evaluation by the panel of judges.
- 12.5.** The full event schedule, including **performance times, calls, the award ceremony** and other activities, will be published on the official Geekfalls channels.
- 12.6.** These rules are the official rules for participation in the Geekfalls Cosplay Contest at Latinoware 2026.



Questions and information

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