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JMoF Executive Committee



## **JMoF 2022 Convention Format**

Regarding the Japan Meeting of Furries 2022 (JMoF 2022) convention held by the JMoF Executive Committee, in light of the effects of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), we would like to announce the following modifications to the convention format.

- The convention length will be 2 days, from January 8th (Sat.), 2022 to the 9th (Sun.)
- The participation registration method will only be Pre-Registration, and will be limited to the first 700 people who sign up.
- Inside the convention, various virus countermeasures will be implemented, such as modifying how the scheduled events are run, and disinfecting with alcohol and other disinfectants.

Furthermore, due to the raises in cost resulting from the changes in the convention format to cover each participant, and in efforts to sustain holding conventions in the future, for those of you who are considering participating, please be aware of the following:

- The registration fee will be raised.
- The con-badge (participation badge) will only be sent to addresses in Japan. As a general rule, we will also not hand out the con-badge at the venue on the days of.
- Use of the changing room will require registration in advance, and have a separate entrance fee.
- You will be required to comply with other various regulations relating to participation, including the virus countermeasures.

Even now, in the latter half of 2021, the government's declarations of a state of emergency and priority preventative measures against the infectious spread of the disease are occurring quite frequently. There is also the issue of more infectious variants spreading, like the Delta variant, continuing the uncertainty of the future.

On the other hand, the Coronavirus countermeasure guidelines from the government, local entities, and various organizations are progressing. In the event industry, plans and actions concerning how to go about holding events even in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic are being improved upon. As well, Japan's COVID-19 vaccination status continues at a pace faster than originally thought, and it stands to reason that by the end of this year, many people will have completed their vaccinations.

Through this, we thought that searching for a way to hold a furry convention could be considered a contribution to the development of the furry/kemono culture, and thus, we are inclined to hold the convention at its usual venue, Loisir Hotel Toyohashi (Toyohashi City, Aichi Prefecture). We are currently keeping close contact with various parties and proceeding with preparations.

It goes without saying that when we hold JMoF 2022, we must adhere to the above virus countermeasure guidelines. As a result of careful consideration on our part, in order to take care of things like confirming the budget in taking these countermeasures (including the securing of spaces/facilities able to have the virus countermeasures and the understanding that we have to limit the participation count/collect contact information of all participants), we are announcing the aforementioned convention format modification to everyone.

For details regarding JMoF 2022 participation rules and registration, we will announce them on the JMoF official website and social media. Furthermore, if there are changes to the guidelines put in place by the government and local entities, there is a possibility that changes will occur to the virus countermeasures we have defined, as well as other actions such as shrinking the scale of the convention, or even canceling it altogether. In these cases, as well, we will announce it through the media mentioned above.

For all the furry/kemono fans, JMoF 2022 could be a challenge; nevertheless, to help keep an irreplaceable place like the furry convention in our future, we are exerting ourselves to the fullest in accumulating efforts for this convention. For everyone, in order to together build a place where participants can have peace of mind, we kindly ask that you get your vaccinations (barring special reason), and while at JMoF 2022, keep in mind your responsibility regarding participation, and carefully read/abide by the virus countermeasure guidelines.

Sincerely,

JMoF Executive Committee

Chairperson

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