

~ METROMascot 2017 Art Contest Rules and Regulations ~

Official Rules:

- Must Redraw/recreate the 2017 METROCON Mascots in your own style or medium.
- The official mascot artwork can be viewed here:
https://www.facebook.com/pg/METROCONMascotsOfficial/photos/?tab=album&album_id=770969756377464
- All entries must be created by the person submitting the entry, no proxies. (You can submit in a pair or a small group if you all worked on the artwork.)
- Entries may not exceed a PG-13 rating. Rating will be at the judge's sole discretion.
- Entry must include all four mascots to be considered for the top prizes.
- An entry consists of a group composition, pairs of the mascots, or all four mascots drawn/created separately. (**Note:** A complete entry must include all four mascots in some variation of listed formats.)
- Action or stationary poses accepted for all characters.
- You may submit up to two entries into the contest.
- By Submitting your entry to METROCON for this contest, you give METROCON/Team Dynamite Productions full rights to display the entry for the convention as they see fit. Once you have submitted an entry, you **CANNOT** revoke permission. METROCON may use this entry for any and all promotional purposes including but not limited to: promotional materials, social media posts, convention guide, etc.
- Entries will be posted to any/all METROCON social media pages or websites unless disqualified for inappropriate content, other rule violations, or at METROCON discretion.
- Entries may be submitted in the following file formats: .JPG, .PNG, or .PSD. (**Note:** .PSD files are the preferred entry type followed by .PNG and then .JPG. File submission types DO NOT affect entry scoring.)
- Entries submitted in low resolution *may* be disqualified on a case by case bases. (**Note:** This is not an automatic disqualification. But if resolution is too low to adequately judge entry, said low resolution could disqualify entry or significantly lower its score in judging. A minimum resolution of 300 is recommended.)
- Entries must include artist's complete real name and phone number at time of submission along with entry titles if any.
- Entries must be submitted to metroteamcosplay@gmail.com by **May 31, 2017 at 11:59pm.**
- All entries must have the subject line "METROCON 2017 Art Contest Entry."
- **Late entries will be disqualified.**
- By submitting your entries, you agree to all terms and conditions of the contest.

Additional Entry Suggestions:

- Entries do not require a background image.
- If entries do not have a background, please submit entries with a transparent background in .PNG or .PSD format if able. (This is for promotional use and will help keep art quality at highest level.)
- Save your design files for entries in case higher quality resolution files are requested for judging purposes.
- Consider saving mascots in individual layers for promotional use. Example: A mascot is taken

out of your composition to be placed in a collage of artwork of that specific mascot. This will allow the full integrity of your work to be preserved rather than having your mascot “cut” out of the composition.

- The higher resolution the better. While not guaranteed, **submissions may be used in signage around the convention or even in the con guide**, low resolution submissions may prevent your work from being used, even if you're not a top placement, your entry might still be used as described.
- While not mandatory, including **Gear Sprites** into entries may increase overall scores during the judging process. The Gear Sprites will be revealed via social media.

Prizes:

- **1st place:** Free METROCON 2017 Artist Alley table, 2 weekend badges, selection of convention swag bag, and trophy.
- **2nd place:** 2 Free weekend badges, convention swag bag, and contest medal.
- **3rd place:** 1 Free weekend badge and contest medal.
- Up to 8 honorable mentions will receive contest medal.
- **Fan Favorite:** 2 Free Weekend Badges, bag of convention swag, and contest medal.
- **Directors Choice Awards:** Each will receive a free weekend badge and Director's Choice Medal.

Contest FAQ:

- **Q:** I wish to draw the mascots, but I don't want to color them in digitally, can I still submit?
A: Yes, you can color or shade in any medium (and you don't necessarily have to use color, you can shade in black and white if you so desire) But you must scan in or photograph the art to put it into digital format.
- **Q:** I only wish to plain line art or light scribble sketch the mascots. Can I just submit line art to Win?
A: No, sketches and simple line art will not be accepted for judging. You must at least shade your image. No simple line art or scribble sketches will be accepted as possible competitors for the top three prizes (unless shaded).
- **Q:** I wish to cosplay all four mascots with my friends and submit photos for the competition; can I compete with the cosplay photos?
A: As long as the one who submits the photos gives full credit to the one who made the costumes, then yes, it is acceptable.
- **Q:** I don't know how to draw, but I really want to compete, what are some other forms of art that are acceptable in this contest?
A: There are many forms of art that will be accepted into this contest: Cosplay, Sculpture, Pixel Art, Crochet, Plushie...the only limit is your imagination.
- **Q:** I won in the contest. Where and when do I get my prizes?
A: At the Cosplay Booth located at the base of main events near the sky bridge entry/exit (If the cosplay booth is in a different location, please ask METRO staff for directions) during hours of operation.
Thursday: 12pm-5pm **Friday:** 10am-5pm **Saturday:** 10am-5pm **Sunday:** 11am-3pm
- **Q:** Can I just redraw the images with the same poses that I see on the website and Facebook?
A: No. We don't want redrawings of the mascots that the Cosplay Director has already drawn...we want YOUR version of these Characters.

- **Q:** I draw chunky chibi types; can I submit chunky chibi type art even though the default art isn't like that?
A: Yes we want YOUR style, whatever that style may be we would like to see our 2017 mascots in it!
- **Q:** I kind of draw in a similar style of the default images for the contest; can I still enter and compete?
A: Yes, we are not barring artist with similar art styles. We are just promoting creativity in all entries, and not pure replication. Even if your art style is similar, you could come up with different poses and interesting compositions.
- **Q:** Can we redesign the METRO Mascots? And put them in different Outfits?
A: This is a yes and no answer. You can put them in two alternate designs: what they would wear to a PJ party or what they would wear to the masquerade. You cannot however alter their default outfits. Example: You can put Artemis in an onesie for the slumber party, but you can't change her dress into suit. We want creativity in this particular variation. **NOTE:** If you choose to submit one of these alternate designs, they will **NOT** be eligible for first or second place awards. In other words, be very creative in designing their slumber party and masquerade outfits, but stay true to their default costume when creating them in your unique art style.

A Note on Judging and Voting:

All art submitted will be judged on overall composition, character personality of each mascot drawn, the flow of their image lines, colors and or the absent of colors, and even character art equality (If you create one mascot at a substantially high level compared to the rest of your entry, that will negatively impact your score. Example: one mascot looks amazing and the others look poorly drawn in relation to your own submission, will result in lower scores from judges.)

All the judges' final results for each image will be compiled together for group averaging and actual placement of each artist.

Concerning the Fan Favorite Award: the **METROCON** community will be the sole judge for this category. None of the judges or Cosplay Director will have any say on the winner of this award. The award will be based on public voting in the METROCON community on social media. This is the only award than can double up on a contestant. For example: 1st place cannot win 1st and 3rd place. But 1st place can win first and Fan Favorite.

HARASSMENT of ANY kind will **NOT BE TOLERATED!** Nasty back handed comments, rudeness to the Cosplay staff, and harassing judges or winning entries will result in disqualification or even convention banning.

YOUR RIGHTS:

Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of the artwork they enter except for the following: Your entry/entries to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your entered artwork—and your name (cosplay/art name(handle) if you do not wish your real name to be published) to be published in METROCON's METROMayhem Art Competition contest website, and used for promotions of METROCON including, but not limited to, publications from METROCON and its subsidiaries, exhibitions, a future illustration contest calendar, a compilation book or electronic collection of artwork, online photo features and contests, web pages, METRCON signage around the convention and Digital or Paper Flyers Promoting METROCON.

LEGAL CONDITIONS:

By entering this competition, you agree to these entry rules and the following legal conditions:

By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that participant has obtained any necessary permission from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the artwork. METROCON reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Decisions of METROCON shall be final and binding.

By entering, participants release and hold harmless METROCON/ Team Dynamite Productions, its affiliated organizations, and each of their directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives (collectively, the "Companies") from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or related to the METROCON, any prize won, any use of the entry materials by METROCON, the warranties participants make, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, participation in any METROCON-related activity, or participation in METROCON.

Any attempt by an entrant or other individual to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the METROCON convention is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, the Companies reserve the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Companies are not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the METROCON, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the METROCON, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The Companies assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, photographs. The Companies are not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information in METROCON.

If, for any reason, METROCON is not capable of completion of the contest as planned, including, but not limited to, by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the Companies that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the contest, the Companies reserve the right at their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest.

In no event will the Companies, their advertising and promotional agencies, or their directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives be responsible or liable for any damages or losses of any kind, including direct indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages arising out of participant's access to and use of the Companies' websites, or the downloading or uploading and/or printing of material from said sites. Without limiting the foregoing, everything on the Companies' sites is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied. Some jurisdictions may not allow the limitation or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so some of the foregoing limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. Check your local laws for any restrictions or limitations regarding these limitations or exclusions.