

~ 2017 METROCON Cosplay Lip Sync Battle ~

Official Rules:

- To enter, email metromascotsofficial@gmail.com. Use this as your subject line: METROCON 2017 Cosplay Lip Sync Battle Entry for (Add YOUR NAME, group name or Cosplay Name). Attach the mp3 for your song and **INCLUDE** the lyrics to your song.
- Entry is limited to one (1) song and one (1) entry per person.
- You must include the lyrics for the song you are using so that we may review for approval. To do so, copy/paste the lyrics (if the song is not in English, you must include lyrics in the original language **and** the English translation) into the body of your entry email.
- When crafting your entry email, please include a description of the performance and any special needs you may have.
- You may upload a MP3 file of your music. No other types will be accepted. (**Note: This will be the file used for your performance at the convention, so please use a high-quality mp3 of the song of choice.**)
- You **MAY NOT** send in your performance to us in the mail or via social media. If an upload error occurs, then you **MUST** screen cap the error message and email the cosplay director with the Subject: "METROCON 2017 Cosplay Lip Sync Battle Upload Problems" **any email without "METROCON" in the subject line will be IGNORED, NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made if you do NOT at least have METROCON in the title).
- All performances **MUST** be PG-13. Those we deem are not will be disqualified.
- You can only compete in **ONE** performance. For instance: if you play Luffy in your friend's One Piece song, you may not run and change costumes and then play Naruto for another song in the competition.
- You have 2-3 minutes on stage to impress the judges. Songs must be shorter than 3 minutes or shortened to be no longer than 3 minutes.
- You will be notified of your approval within one week after the contest entry deadline.
- Online entries must be submitted to metroteamcosplay@gmail.com by **June 23rd, 2017 at 11:59pm.**
- **IMPORTANT:** You must check yourself in at the **COSPLAY BOOTH** no later than **12:00pm on Friday, August 4th** to confirm your spot in the Cosplay Lip Sync Battle.
- **NO SHOW POLICY:** Once your online entry is confirmed for the Cosplay Lip Sync Battle, you have until 1 WEEK before the convention to drop out via email. **NO SHOWS** the day of the convention will be taken seriously and may result in your being banned from future cosplay-related competitions with METROCON.

Convention Performance Rules:

- If chosen, you must perform the same song at the convention that you sent in. No substitutions are allowed after the convention starts (if there are unforeseen circumstances, please contact the Cosplay Director immediately).
- All individuals/groups that will be performing at METROCON must be in line by the Special Events door by 3:30pm on Friday August 4th for the Cosplay Lip Sync Battle. If the individual/group is not there, they will be subject to possible disqualification. Please see NO SHOW policy above for further information.
- Please bring a copy of your song to the convention center in CD format in the event of any technical issues with your file. Before you go on stage, you will present the music/skit to the sound manager.

- Your real name or group name must be legibly written on the CD along with the song name.
- Please do not request specific lighting. This cannot be provided.
- Weapons and props must follow METROCON's weapon policy.
- Commissioned costumes and store bought costume pieces are allowed for the Cosplay Lip Sync Battle.
- Please make sure to test your audio prior to the convention to ensure the CD plays properly.
- Cosplay Staff will be showing you before the contest begins how to cue the sound booth for your song to start so plan accordingly and listen well to Cosplay Staff.
- A prop mic may be requested for your performance.
- Judges will consider several factors when judging your skit. Was it original? Did the song match well for the character(s)? Was it funny? Did it entertain the audience? Was it fun to watch? Ask yourself a few of those questions and it might help you improve your performance, or you can always try performing your song for a few friends to see what they think!

Cosplay Lip Sync Battle Prize Categories:

- Best In Show
- Best Solo Performance
- Best Group Performance
- Judge's Award
- Cosplay Director's Choice Award
- Please note, awards are subject to change.

Cosplay Lip Sync Battle FAQ:

- **Q: I want to do backflips and stuff on stage! It would be cool!**
A: NO. There will be no jumping off stage of any kind, and if you do it will result in your badge being confiscated and escorted out of the convention.
- **Q: I have a great voice and want to sing the song myself!**
A: NO. The Cosplay Lip Sync Battle is a Lip Sync based contest, not a singing contest. Please enter Anime Idol if you would like to sing the song yourself.
- **Q: I'm going to use props and get it approved by the con later.**
A: Unless your prop is registered, it cannot be used in your performance. You must have a registration sticker on your prop. If you need your prop registered, please take it to the registration area and they will take care of it for you.
- **Q: I don't have my badge yet. I'll get it after I register for the contest.**
A: Unless you have your official METROCON badge on your person, you cannot register. This also goes for group entries and handlers. Every person involved in the Battle must have a badge. (only exceptions made are for MINORS under the age of 12 and with parental handlers who have badges)
- **Q: I'm going to swordfight like they do in the Chess Match! If they can do it, I can too!**
A: Sorry, but no. Chess cast trained for months under professionals hired by METROCON to be able to perform with weapons and perform safely.
- **Q: I want to throw some really cool stuff out into the audience or to the guests.**
A: We do not allow object to be thrown from the stage. This includes anything that might hurt people or damage the stage or carpeting: liquids, silly string, hard candies, and other cosplayers.

- **Q: We have this really great skit that involves perfect timing with several songs and sound effects and lighting. Your DJ can handle that no problem, right?**

A: For the Cosplay Lip Sync Battle, only one song/track will be allowed. We'd like to have performances stay simple when it comes to lighting. No one is allowed to request specific lighting.

- **Q: We have a cool fight scene where someone gets thrown off stage and/or we want to use real weapons.**

A: NO....the answer is NO....

- **Q: There was only a limited amount of people who could participate in the Cosplay Lip Sync Battle at METROCON and I didn't get signed up in time. What can I do?**

A: We're sorry, but there's a limit to the amount of contestants we can have in the Battle as we have a limited amount of time. If you didn't get in, please try again next year!