



METROCON 2019 METROMascot Art Contest Rules and Regulations

Official Rules:

- Must recreate the **METROCON 2019** Mascots in your own style or medium. You can draw, sculpt, paint, build, etc. Any creative format will be accepted.
- You may submit up to **two entries** into the contest.
- The artist or artists must submit their own entry. **Proxies are not allowed** to submit.
 - If multiple artists collaborate on an entry, the lead artist may submit on behalf of the other artists. All prizes will be awarded to the lead artist. This group entry will count as one of the allowed entries for partner artists. Meaning all collaborators may only enter one additional entry into the contest on their own.
- Entries may not exceed a **PG-13 rating**. Rating will be at the judge's sole discretion.
- Sketch entries are **not** permitted.
 - A complete black and white entry is not considered a sketch.
- Entry must include **all four mascots** to be considered for the grand prize.
- An entry can include all four mascots in pairs, singles, or all four files.
 - Meaning all four mascots do not need to be in the same composition to count as an entry. Example: You send in four files, each containing a different mascot. This would count as your complete entry or two files of pairs of the mascots. Finally, one file with all four pictured together.
- Including any special characters (to be revealed at a later date such as the Gate Keepers or Gear Sprites) may add bonus points to be considered in judging.
 - Not including said characters will not detract from your overall judging score.
- Action or stationary poses are acceptable for all characters.
- You may not create different outfits for the mascots except for a "PJ" variant.
 - Imagine what the mascots would wear to a pajama party.
 - This entry is not eligible for the grand or top prizes.
 - This entry still counts as one of your two allowed entries into the contest.
- All artwork submitted will be posted to any/all METROCON websites and social media platforms unless disqualified for rating purposes.
 - Once submitted an entry cannot be revoked.
- Low quality submissions may be disqualified at the discretion of judges.

- Please submit all entries in highest quality possible as either a .png or .psd file. Transparent backgrounds are preferred on entries where a background images are not created for the entry specifically.
- In cases where background art is created, if possible save mascot artwork as separate layers. Collages are made of mascot entries for promotional purposes and individual layers maintains the entry integrity.
- Don't let a low quality image lower your score.
- All contestants must complete the official entry form and attach with their entries.
 - Entries that do not have the completed entry form may be disqualified.
- All entries must be emailed to metroteamcosplay@gmail.com by **March 15, 2019 at 11:59pm.**
 - Late entries may be disqualified.
 - Subject line must read “**METROCON 2019 Art Contest Entry**”
- By Submitting your artwork to **METROCON** for this contest, you give **METROCON /Team Dynamite Productions** full rights to display this artwork for the convention as they see fit. Once you have submitted an entry, you **CANNOT** revoke artwork from **METROCON** use. **METROCON** may use this artwork for any and all promotional purposes including but not limited to: promotional materials, social media posts, convention guide, etc.
- Entries may be disqualified for any reason at the sole discretion of the Cosplay Director or Director of Community Engagement.
 - IE: Someone who has been caught cheating in past contests or submitting artwork that was not theirs, or some other out of the ordinary situation.
- By submitting your entry, you confirm that you have **read and understand all rules** and regulations of the contest and **agree to them.**

Additional Entry Suggestions

- Entries that do not have a background image should be submitted with a transparent background as a high quality .png or .psd file.
 - This only applies to promotional use and does not affect the score of your entry one way or the other.
- Entry resolution should be submitted at, at least **300 DPI** if applicable.
- Save design files as you go in case higher resolution versions are requested for promotional or judging purposes.
 - Back ups are your friend.
- Consider saving mascots in individual layers or files in case they are specifically requested. (This is not always applicable for entries based on design but if possible individual layers for each mascot is encouraged but does not affect judges scoring.)
 - Example: A mascot is taken out of your composition to be placed in a collage of artwork of that specific mascot.



- The higher the resolution entry the better. Submitting low-resolution entries could disqualify your entry or significantly lower your score. Judges make their scores solely based on the image in front of them. A blurry or pixelated image could result in lower score. **A minimum of 300 DPI** or equivalent is suggested.
- While not guaranteed, entries may appear in the official convention guide, even if not a top placement winner.

Prizes:

- 1st Place: One Free METROCON 2019 Artist Alley table, two 2019 weekend badges, selection of miscellaneous prizes, and trophy.
- 2nd Place: Two free 2019 weekend badges, prize bag, and contest medal.
- 3rd Place: One free 2019 weekend badge, prize bag and contest medal.
- Up to eight honorable mentions will receive a contest medal.
- Fan Favorite: Two 2019 weekend badges, prize bag, and contest medal.
- Director's Choice Awards: One 2019 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: This will be acceptable, but the creator of the costumes or lead creator must make the single submission. IE: All four cosplayers cannot submit photos as an entry into the contest. This would count as a collaboration if multiple people make the costumes.

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 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 METROMascot Art Contest, where and when do I get my prize/prizes?

A: At the Cosplay Booth Located next to the Sky Bridge to the Embassy Suites during its operating hours.



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 or verbatim copies of the mascots that have already been created. We want your own unique spin on what has been created.

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 2015 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 that we accept all styles of art but we do ask that you put the characters in different poses.

Q: Can we redesign the METRO Mascots and put them in different outfits?

A: Generally the answer is no. You may redesign the mascots in your own style but not create new outfits. The only exception to this is if you create "pajama" versions of the mascots. In other words what they would wear to their annual "Mascot Pajama Party" at METROCON.

However, each mascot must be completely distinguishable as themselves. If you alter their overall design too much beyond their pajama outfit, your entry may be disqualified. Also these "pajama" entries are not eligible for the grand or other top prizes. However, if good enough they might inspire the actual mascots to design their pajamas after your designs.

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 absence of colors, and even character art equality. If you create one mascot at a substantially higher level of quality compared to the rest of your entry, 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 or Director of Community Engagement 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. (Example: 1st place cannot win 1st and 3rd place. However, 1st place can win first and the Fan Favorite award.)

Harassment of any kind **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. Anyone found harassing other contestants or METROCON staff in regards to the Fan Favorite Voting, or any other portion of the contest will be disqualified from the contest entirely and may result in future contest participation banning.



Legal Disclaimers:

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 METROMascot 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, METROCON 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.

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