



## Picture This! Photo Contest Rules and Regulations 2019

We are happy to announce that the Picture This! Photo Contest is returning for METROCON 2019! Submit your photos of cosplayers, dolls, BJDs, figurines and more for a chance to win! **All entries must be submitted online by June 23, 2019** to [Metroteamcosplay@gmail.com](mailto:Metroteamcosplay@gmail.com). Late entries will be disqualified.

Below are the complete rules and regulations of the contest. **Our judges reserve the right to disqualify an entry for any reason at the sole discretion of the judges.** Any entry deemed ineligible will be notified via email.

### ~ Rules ~

- The photographer must submit all photos.
  - Only a legal guardian of a minor **under the age of 18** may enter a photo taken by the minor as a proxy.
- You may submit between 1 and 5 photos into the contest.
- All photos must be submitted in JPG format.
- All photos must have been taken between July 19, 2018 and June 23, 2019.
- All entries must be submitted via email with the completed registration form to [Metroteamcosplay@gmail.com](mailto:Metroteamcosplay@gmail.com) with the subject line **“Picture This! Photo Contest 2019.”**
- You must attend METROCON 2019 to be eligible to enter.
- Anyone caught entering photos they did not take will be banned from all current and future METROCON contests.
- All photos must in some way relate to anime, video games, conventions, Japan, Japanese culture, comic books, manga, or other nerd/geek culture.
- Photos may not exceed a PG-13 rating. Any entry deemed to exceed this rating will be individually disqualified.
  - Meaning any other entries adhering to rules and guidelines will still be eligible.

- **METROCON Judges reserve the right to disqualify an entrant for any reason at their sole discretion.**

## ~Award Categories~

All entries and winners will be showcased in a musical slideshow during the judging portion of the Lip Sync Battle Contest. Winners will be able to collect their awards and prizes from the Cosplay Booth following the Lip Sync Battle. **All award categories are subject to change without notice.**

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| • Best in Show          | • Best Model                |
| • Best Composition      | • Most Adorable             |
| • Best Photoshop        | • Best Use of Location      |
| • Most Expressive       | • Judges Award              |
| • Best Convention Photo | • Cosplay Director Award    |
| • Most Humorous         | • Cosplay Excellence Awards |
| • Best Action           |                             |

## ~ Additional Regulations & Guidelines ~

The following are additional options or actions you may take when taking and submitting your entries and additional information for entering the contest.

- All photos entered into the contest are eligible for every award category except Best Photoshop. Photos that do not have explicit editing will not be eligible for this category.
  - Example: If you use “Auto Levels” and nothing else in Photoshop (or another photo-editing program) you will not be eligible for this award category. Conversely, if you take a photo of Sailor Moon and place her into a setting on the actual moon with your editing software, that photo will be eligible for Best Photoshop.
- You may use any feature on your camera when taking a photo and it will not count as a “Photoshop” entry unless content is being added to the picture.
  - IE: Adding in Emoji, graphics, etc.
- You may clean up photos with universal filters for image integrity and not be considered a “Photoshop” entry. Additional universal effects as applied to the whole image are also allowed such as color correction, sharpen image, etc. Minor touch ups, such as removing a blemish, are also acceptable
  - Please note such filters or minor touch ups being used in the “Additional Comments” section of the entry form when submitting. If it is deemed the level of editing to be substantial enough, the entry CAN be considered for the best Photoshop award.
- Nudity is explicitly not allowed and all photos must adhere to all rules and guidelines of the contest and METROCON in general.

- Please submit highest quality photos for judging. Pixelated or blurry photos can count against you and all photos are also used for promotional purposes that may even be printed.

## ~ Frequently Asked Questions ~

**Q: May I have some ideas of what pictures I should take?**

A: Some examples are:

**Bad idea:** A photo of a cat

**Good idea:** A photo of your cat in a Gundam costume.

**Bad idea:** A photo of your friend.

**Good idea:** A photo of your friend in a costume.

**Q: I don't have a camera. Will METROCON provide me with one? What can I do?**

A: METROCON will not provide you with a camera to enter this contest. You may borrow a camera from someone. Most Cell phones now have high quality cameras, as long as the photo can be printed well in 8 x10, it can be accepted.

**Q: May I submit a photo I took previously?**

A: Yes. Photos taken between July 19, 2018 and June 23, 2019 are allowed to be entered into the contest.

**Q: I Photoshopped the photo I want to use a long time ago. Can I still enter it?**

A: No. We are sorry, must be a photo from the dates listed above

**Q: I have a friend that I took a photo of but I can't find it anymore. I can submit one that they took of themselves, correct?**

A: No, you must have taken the picture yourself.

**Q: I didn't read all that legal stuff and I really don't care. I'm just going to take pictures of random people and enter them without their permission!**

A: That would be inadvisable as in they may seek damages against you. Please get permission from someone before you enter their picture in this competition.

## ~ Legal Disclaimers ~

**YOUR RIGHTS:** Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of the photographs they enter except for the following: Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your entered photographs—and your name to be published as winners or finalists in METROCON's Picture This contest website, and used for promotions of METROCON including, but not limited to, publications from METROCON and its subsidiaries, exhibitions, a

photo contest calendar, a compilation book or electronic collection of photographs, online photo features and contests, and web pages.

**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 photograph. 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 CosplayStaff 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.