



## **Lip Sync Battle Rules and Regulations**

It is time to be Virtuous or full of Vice in our annual Lip Sync Battle contest! In this contest, we want you to create a cosplay lip sync performance that will get the audience going! Just imagine what it would be like for Uravity from “My Hero Academia” to be singing and performing to “I Need a Hero!” The more the song fits your cosplay, the better!

We will be accepting online entries into the contest until July 1, 2019 or until all available slots into the contest fill up, or whichever comes first. Those accepted into the contest will be notified by email. If there are still slots available in the contest, signups will be allowed at the Cosplay Booth at a first come first served basis.

See below for all of our rules and regulations.

## **Rules and Regulations**

- ⊗ All entries must be submitted to [Metroteamcosplay@gmail.com](mailto:Metroteamcosplay@gmail.com) with the subject line “Lip Sync Battle 2019 Entry” by July 1, 2019.
- ⊗ All entrants must complete the official entry form and include in their email submission.
- ⊗ The entry form must include the lyrics of the chosen song for review. If the song is in Japanese, an English translation must be provided.
- ⊗ All entrants must submit an .MP3 of their chosen song via email. No other file formats will be accepted.
- ⊗ All entrants singing up at the convention must bring a CD with their chosen song.
- ⊗ No songs may exceed a PG-13 rating. Any songs that do exceed the rating will be disqualified.
- ⊗ Songs may not contain profane language.
- ⊗ Contestants may enter as a single person or in a group.
- ⊗ Contestants may not perform in more than one act.

- ⊗ Songs may not exceed THREE minutes in length.
- ⊗ Songs may be a mashup of different songs.
- ⊗ On stage, performances may not exceed a PG-13 rating at the discretion of the judges. Please remember this is an all age's convention.
- ⊗ Those approved into the contest must physically check into the contest at the cosplay booth no later than Noon on July 13. They must also provide a CD copy of their chosen song with their name and song title on the disc. This is to ensure a copy of the approved song will be available at the contest.
- ⊗ You may not change your chosen song.
- ⊗ All contestants must arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the Lip Sync Battle to be lined up and prepped for the contest. Please see the Cosplay Booth for the exact time when checking in for the contest.
- ⊗ Contestants who do not show up for the contest after checking in and confirming their participation may be banned from future Cosplay Department contests.
- ⊗ Judges reserve the right to disqualify a contestant for any reason they deem fit. (IE: A contestant is discovered trying to cheat, sabotaging another contestant, etc.)
- ⊗ By entering into the contest, you agree that you have read and understand all rules and regulations and will abide by them.

## **Performance Guidelines**

- ⊗ All costumes and props must adhere to all METROCON policies.
- ⊗ Store bought and commissioned costumes are allowed into this contest.
- ⊗ You may not throw objects from the stage into the audience.
- ⊗ Combat is not allowed on stage.
- ⊗ 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 to Cosplay Staff direction.
- ⊗ Prop mics may be requested for the performance. Real mics will not be provided, as you will not be singing.
- ⊗ Performances MAY NOT exceed a PG-13 rating at the discretion of the judges. Those that violate this rule will be disqualified.
- ⊗ Have fun and get the audience as excited as you are!

## **Prize Categories**

- ⊗ Best In Show
- ⊗ Best Solo Performance
- ⊗ Best Group Performance
- ⊗ Judges Awards
- ⊗ Cosplay Director's Choice Award

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Can I do backflips and stuff on stage? Or jump off the stage into the audience? It would be cool!**

A: NO. Violating this rule will certainly disqualify you from the contest and could result in your badge being revoked by security. This is for your safety and the safety of the audience.

**Q: I have a great voice and want to sing the song myself. Can I sing the song instead?**

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 a song yourself.

**Q: Can I use props in my performance?**

A: Yes. However, all props must be prop checked at Weapons Check to ensure they follow METROCON policies.

**Q: I do not have my badge yet. Can I get it after I register for the contest?**

A: You can get your METROCON weekend badge or day pass at any time you like. However, without a badge or day pass you CANNOT participate in the contest or check in for the contest. It is held entirely in badge checked areas and entering into the contest does not gain you entry...your badge does. It is recommended that you preregister for your weekend pass before the con starts.

**Q: Can I swordfight as they do in the Chess Match? If they can do it, I can too!**

A: No. Chess cast trained for months under professionals hired by METROCON to be able to perform with weapons and perform safely.

**Q: Can I throw some cool stuff out into the audience?**

A: No. If you do, you will be disqualified/

**Q: Can the DJ give us specific lighting and cues once our performance has started? Can we have them switch to different tracks along the way as well?**

A: The DJ will only play the one provided MP3 track. Specific lighting will not be given. However, the tech crew will be doing their best to make every performance look good.

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

A: We are sorry, but there is 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!