



## Lip Sync Battle 2022 Rules and Regulations

It is time to gear up with the Wild and Weird 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!

But this isn't a dance contest! You really need to make us believe you're singing the song!

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this contest, we will now require online auditions to compete. Meaning it is no longer a first come first served entry process. All those interested in competing will be required to send a video audition of your routine. While it does not need to be your exact performance, the more energy you put into the video the more accurately we can pre judge.

The top entries will be invited to compete and be judged by our lineup of cosplay guests at METROCON 2022!

We will be accepting online entries into the contest until May 1, 2022. After prejudging we will notify those moving onto the actual competition. If a contestant chooses to not accept entry into the physical contest, we will extend the invite to the next contestant.

Below are the complete rules and regulations of the contest. **Our judges/METROCON Staff reserve the right to disqualify an entry for any reason at the sole discretion of the judges/METROCON Staff at any time.** Any entry deemed ineligible for submission will be notified via email for a chance to resubmit if deadlines have not passed.

## Rules and Regulations

- ⊗ All entries must be submitted to [Metroteamcosplay@gmail.com](mailto:Metroteamcosplay@gmail.com) with the subject line “**Lip Sync Battle 2022 Entry**” by **May 1, 2022**.
- ⊗ All entrants must complete the official entry form and include in their email submission.
- ⊗ All entrants must email a video recording of their desired performance for review and judging.
  - This video will only be used for prejudging purposes. Actual contest judging will take place at METROCON and conducted by our Cosplay Guests and/or other Special Guests and METROCON Staff.
- ⊗ 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 entries will be prejudged and the top performances invited to compete at METROCON.
  - Entry into Lip Sync is now based on this audition format and no longer based on a first come, first served basis.
- ⊗ Once submitted, an act cannot be changed.
  - **Exception:** If an earlier entry has the same song submitted, the later entry will be asked to change their song entry in descending order for auditions.
- ⊗ If you are chosen as a finalist for the competition, your routine and song **CANNOT be changed for any reason**. You will have the option to withdraw and no other option.
  - Because entry is now done via audition, you cannot swap out your act or song for the sake of fairness to other contestants who auditioned.
  - Contestants who attempt to “**bait and switch**” their routine at the convention will have the lights cut and be disqualified from the competition at METROCON.
- ⊗ 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. **Rating is at the sole discretion of METROCON staff.**
- ⊗ 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.
- ⊗ A song may be entered only once in the contest at a first come first serve basis. The same song may not be used in multiple performances unless it is part of a mashup.
  - Due to auditions, if the same song is entered for consideration, the person submitting first will have priority on that song. We will notify secondary contestants asap for a chance to resubmit an entry assuming deadlines have not passed.
  - Do not wait till 11:59pm to enter as that will leave zero time to correct issues.
- ⊗ Songs may be a mashup of different songs.
- ⊗ On stage, performances **may not exceed a PG-13 rating** at the discretion of the judges and METROCON Staff. Please remember this is an all age’s convention.
  - Sexual acts on stage are strictly prohibited. Anyone performing lewd actions on stage will be disqualified. **The rating of performances are at the sole discretion of judges and METROCON Staff.**
- ⊗ Those approved into the contest must physically check into the contest at the cosplay booth no later than Noon on the day of the contest. 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 and METROCON staff. 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!