



Picture This! Photo Contest

Rules and Regulations 2025

We are happy to announce the Picture This! Photo Contest is returning for METROCON 2025! Submit your photos of cosplayers, dolls, BJDs, figurines and more for a chance to win! **All entries must be submitted online through the Google Form between February 4th and April 6th, 2025 at 11:59pm.** Late entries will be disqualified.

NEWLY ADDED RULES: There will now be TWO categories to enter your photos into:

- *Hobbyist:* You take photos strictly for fun. You've never been hired personally or professionally and have never charged for photo shoots.
- *Professional:* You've been hired for professional / personal paid photo sessions. This could mean as a continuous main source of income or on an irregular basis.

You may only enter in **one** category. Hobby photographers may enter their photos in the professional category if they believe their skills are on the professional level; however, professional photographers may **not** enter themselves into the hobbyist category.

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.

Congratulations to last year's winner- Tyler Haunts!



~ Rules ~

- When submitting photos please ensure the file name is your name
- The photographer must submit all photos (models may not submit photos of themselves taken by someone else)
- 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 a maximum of 2 photographs
- All photos must be submitted in JPG format.
- **The use of AI, even via photoshop, is strictly prohibited**
- 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.

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~Award Categories~

- Best in show
- Judges Choice
- Fan Favorite
- Best Hobbyist
- Best Professional

Concerning the Fan Favorite Award:

The METROCON community will be the sole judge for this category. None of the judges or convention staff 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 that 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.)



~ 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 Social Media Staff 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.