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LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER
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AMV Contest Rules

Grab your sunscreen and your favorite parasol, because it's time to invite you all to join us for the return of the Anime Los Angeles AMV Contest!

This year's contest will take place on **Thursday, January 5, 2023** at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California.

Please be sure to review all of the rules below before submitting your videos, and send any questions you have to amv@animelosangeles.org. We can't wait to see what creations you'll serve up this year. Good luck!

DEADLINE: Saturday, December 3, 2022, 11:59 pm PST

GO HERE TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE: <https://animelosangeles.org/project/amv-contest/>

Main Categories

- Action / Adrenaline
- Drama / Theater
- Fun / Upbeat
- Sentiment / Feels
- Rhythm / Vibes
- Comedy / Humor
- Trailer

Bonus Categories

- TV Intro
- Commercial

Note: The final categories are subject to change depending on the amount and type of entries we receive.

Entry Guidelines

Please review all of the guidelines. Contact us with any questions *before* submitting your entry.

Guidelines - All Entries

- The majority of your entry's video content must consist of anime-styled or manga-styled sources. Consideration may be given to other sources that fit within the spirit of this event.
- This is a PG-13 / TV-14 event. Excessive violence, coarse language, or adult situations or inudendo may lead to disqualification.
- Must satisfy our technical standards.
- Must not have any corner watermark trademarks or logos.
- Must not have unnecessary text, subtitles, or credits. Artistically relevant titles may be accepted.
- Must not have premiered online or participated in any public event prior to **August 1, 2021**.
 - Bonus category entries are exempt from this rule.

Guidelines - Main Categories

- Up to **4** main entries per creator or group.
- Duration: **1 minute** minimum, **6 minutes** maximum.
- Audio content must be primarily driven by music, no excessive dialog.
 - Trailer entries are exempt from this rule.
- Only **1** entry *per category* may advance to the finals - multiple entries can be submitted to the same category.
 - The coordinators reserve the right to recategorize your entry where appropriate.

Guidelines - Bonus Categories

- Up to **5** bonus entries per creator or group.
- Duration: **15 seconds** minimum, **2 minutes** maximum.
- Winners from these categories are determined by the judges.

Technical Standards

- **Resolution:** up to **1920x1080**
- **File Size:** up to **300 MB**
- **Formats:** **MP4** (*preferred*), **MOV**, **AVI**, **MKV** or **MPG**
- The following video technical flaws may be subject to disqualification depending on severity:
 - Interlacing
 - Incorrect, or squashed/stretched aspect ratios
 - Chunky/blocky video (often caused by low quality source or excessive data compression)
 - Extreme Banding (i.e. Color gradients caused by video re-compression)
- The following audio technical flaws may be subject to disqualification depending on severity:
 - Audible distortion
 - Levels that are too high, overdriven, or clipped
 - Levels that are too low or inaudible
 - Audible discontinuities caused by flawed audio edits
 - Pitch-shifted or speed-adjusted audio (unless by obvious artistic necessity)

Disqualification and Rejection

Entries may be disqualified or rejected for any reason listed in these rules or for any reason not foreseen by these rules as deemed by the coordinators or volunteer staff. All entries will be screened prior to judging to test for playback and rules compliance.

Disqualified entries may be resubmitted at any time prior to the submission deadline with advised corrections.

Rejected entries may *not* be resubmitted. A rejection may result in a temporary or permanent ban from this event depending on severity.

Your entry may be rejected for the following reasons (subject to change, not limited to...):

- **Plagiarism**
You may not submit another AMV creator's work as your own. You may not use another AMV creator's work, even partially, without explicit acknowledgement.
- **Dishonorable Behavior**
You may not engage in behavior that causes grief, harm, or in any way violates the rules of the convention with other creators, ALA attendees or ALA volunteer staff.
- **Dishonesty**
You may not submit false, inaccurate or misleading information when submitting an entry or while discussing an entry with the coordinators or ALA volunteer staff.
- **Minimal Effort / Zero Edit Submissions**
You may not submit an entry that is deemed to have little to no editing of original sources.
- **Troll Submissions**
You may not submit an entry for malicious purposes towards anyone.

Deadline

All entries must be submitted no later than **11:59pm PST on Saturday, December 3, 2022**. You must fill out the online submission form and include a working download link to your entry by this time.

Entry Submission

- Entries must be submitted digitally - no physical media of any kind will be accepted
- Please use an appropriate file sharing service like Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, etc.
- Please do not link to video sharing sites like YouTube, Vimeo, etc.

Contact Information

Please email any questions, comments or concerns to: amv@animelosangeles.org