

Anime Festival Orlando

Anime Music Video Contest Rules

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These are the official rules for the AFO11 AMV contest. Please read these rules carefully, failure to follow the rules may result in your video entry/entries being disqualified. The contest host will be responsible for organizing and operating the contest and will be the final judge of rules compliance. If you have any questions you should email them to afoamv@wampner.org with "AFO11 AMV Contest" on the subject line.

1) Content:

Video entries should consist of video footage at least 75% of animation in the Japanese style, a.k.a. "Anime" and an audio track 8 minutes or less. Videos that do not qualify can be presented for exhibition but will be not eligible to receive an award from the judges.

Bumpers (titles, credits, studio logos) are discouraged, but not banned. The total length of any bumper, before and/or after the video cannot be in excess of 15 seconds. Bumper length will be added to the video length in considering the 8 minute time limit. All videos will have title cards before and after presentation during the contest. Do not use corporate trademarks, movie studio logos or "Movie Rating" images that would imply that your video was created or approved by a real company with real lawyers.

Videos must be viewable by a general audience to be eligible for a judged award; that means a PG-13 rating at most. Please especially avoid scenes of sex, drugs, or alcohol use among characters that appear to be underage.

DO NOT USE SUBTITLED SOURCE FOOTAGE unless the subtitle is part of your video. You will not be allowed in the judged contest.

2) Awards:

Judged awards will be given for Best Drama/Romance, Best Comedy/Parody, Best Action, and Best of Show. Additional awards are TBD.

3) Eligibility:

You must be pre-registered as an AFO11 attendee to participate in this contest. The person submitting the video must have directly been responsible for the creation of the video.

Any videos submitted by staff of AFO11 or the AMV judges are not eligible for a judged award. General volunteers are not considered staff in this case.

4) Number of submissions:

We will accept up to 3 entries from each contestant. Additional entries may be submitted for exhibition (they will not be judged). If you submit more than one video, please rank the videos in the unfortunate event that we have to limit the contest due to a large number of entries.

- 5) Additional:

The Host of the AFO11 AMV contest and/or the Chairperson of AFO reserves the right to reject any video for any reason, including, but not limited to: content, video quality, video content, sound quality and time constraints. The decisions of the Host and/or Chairperson are final.
- 6) Submission Requirements:

Please read the following carefully. It is important to both parties to get the best possible presentation of your video for both judging and viewing by the other AFO attendees.

 - a) **All Contestants must submit their contestant and entry information via the contest web page**
<http://amvcontest.wampner.org/>
This includes mailed entries.
 - b) ANALOG SUBMISSION
 - i) Allowed Formats:
S-VHS Tape
DV Tape
 - ii) Additional Requirements
They must be NTSC standard.
They must start with ten seconds of silent, black footage, there must be an additional ten seconds of silent, black footage between each video submission, and there must be ten seconds of silent, black footage after the final video.
 - iii) See "Mailed Contest Entries" below for mailing requirements and deadlines.
 - c) DIGITAL SUBMISSION
 - i) All digital submissions **MUST** be in one of the following formats:
 - (1) AVI file with a DV, DIVX 4.0+, Xvid, or HuffYUV video codec, and uncompressed or mpeg-L3 audio codec.
 - (2) MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 file with standard compliant audio stream
 - ii) All videos should be encoded at a minimum resolution of 352x240 with at least 23.98 frames per second. 720x480 with 29.97 fps is **strongly** recommended.
 - iii) Videos may be submitted on CD-R (using WinRAR for spanning if required), DVD+-R/W, or via the FTP site.
 - iv) CD or DVD media should only include AVI and/or MPG files and accompanying text files. **DO NOT AUTHOR A VIDEO DVD OR CD.**
 - v) **Videos entries in excess of 250MB MUST be submitted via MAIL.**
 - d) Each submission which is received will be confirmed via email. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 5 days, please contact the contest host.
 - e) FINAL WARNING
All videos will be captured/converted into MPEG-2 for display to the judges and presentation during the AFO AMV contest. Submitting your video in that format is your best control over how your video will look, please consider it.

f) MAILED CONTEST ENTRIES

Entries must be mailed in suitable packaging to
AFO11 AMV Contest
C/O Eric Wampner
2618 Adela Ave.
Orlando, FL. 32826-3253

Entries must be postmarked by **July 16, 2010**. Entries must be physically marked on the outside of the media with the submitter's name and email address. Make sure it is clear that the entry information you submitted on the contest website clearly identifies which file/tape pos/etc is on your media.

g) UPLOAD SUBMISSIONS

Video entries smaller than 250MB can be directly uploaded to the contest website. Entries must be uploaded completely by **July 24, 2010**. The upload mechanism will provide you with a byte count and an md5 checksum for the uploaded entry, please use that to confirm that your entry was uploaded correctly.

h) CONFIRMATION

You will receive an email confirming that your video has arrived/been uploaded and can be viewed, at the latest, 3 days after the submission deadline. If you have not received an email by that time, please contact the contest administrator at afoamv@wampner.org. I will make every reasonable effort to allow you to participate in the contest.

i) THE HOST AND ANIME FESTIVAL ORLANDO CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST MAIL, FAILED SERVERS, OR OTHER ACTS OF A PERVERSE UNIVERSE. SUBMIT EARLY AND GET CONFIRMATION!