

# BHC 2023 AMV Contest Rules

**Please read all the rules listed below before submitting your video.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the AMV coordinator:  
[blackhillsconamv@gmail.com](mailto:blackhillsconamv@gmail.com).

This AMV contest is open to all regardless of age, state, country, planet, galaxy, etc. Although it is preferred for participants in the contest to attend BHC, it is most definitely NOT a requirement for entry, though we would love to see you there. Since this is the first AMV for Black Hills Con we would like to inform you that submitting a video does not mean you are automatically accepted into the contest. We are preparing for a large quantity of video entries, and we realistically may not be able to showcase them all due to time constraints. Thank you for your understanding and we can't wait to see what you send in.

**Rule 1-** We do NOT accept fully live action videos.

As much as we love Ghost in the Shell and Alita Battle Angel live action movies, this contest is for animation. This does not mean you can't use live action in your video, but the AMVs must be at least 75% animation to be accepted..

Video game animations are welcome! Feel free to make a video with any video game as the source.

Original animation is also welcome, but please keep it anime style; no plain slideshows. No stolen images from Deviant Art; we love art, but please do not use it without permission.

**Rule 2-** All videos must be new: made (finished) after July 2021.

If you didn't make the video. DO NOT ENTER IT! If we catch you stealing someone else's video and claiming it as your own, then you will never not be allowed to enter the contest at BHC ever again and will be immediately disqualified.

**Rule 3-** You may submit up to 4 original entries per person.

All entries must be received by the submission deadline, May 23, 2023.

**Rule 4-** All entries must be kept PG-13!

Explicit content will not be accepted; this means no nudity of any kind.

**Rule 5-** Videos must contain at least 75% non-repeating footage.

**Our judges reserve the right to disqualify a video if it does not follow all of our rules.**

## **Video Technical Requirements**

These requirements are set in place to help the creators as well as the audience get the best out of the experience please look it over carefully as you plan your AMV.

### **Framerate-**

23.976 / 24 fps, 29.97 / 30 fps, or 59.97 / 60 fps

### **Audio-**

224 kbps or higher, avoid variable audio bit rates. Though uncompressed audio is preferred, it is not required.

### **Video quality-**

Please do not worry about space, go as big as you'd like. However interlaced video is strongly discouraged as it typically looks poor on modern displays. Variable framerate encoding is also strongly discouraged due to inconsistent playback among editors and players.

### **Preferred File Types-**

MP4 is preferred. Older formats such as AVI and WMV will still be accepted, but are highly discouraged.

### **File Naming Guidelines-**

To avoid having a million different video entries named MyHeroAMV.mp4, please try to keep your file names unique.

Example: MyHeroDanceParty\_byRachzoo.mp4 is a great way to name your video!

### **Time Limit-**

All videos must be between 2-7 minutes long.

**Title/Credits-**

They are allowed but please keep them short. Videos may have creator identification at the beginning or end. Intros or ending credits may be no longer than 10 seconds each in length. If you do not wish to add one we will add one of our own for the contest itself.

**WARNING-**

If your submission has logos, interlacing, subtitles, or is very difficult to look at. It can and most likely **will** be disqualified. We will be emailing entrants about any playback issues as soon as the video has been reviewed. This is in hope of having the issue corrected for video resubmission, please rest assured that we are here and willing to help.

## **CATEGORIES**

### **Action/Adventure-**

Showcase movement and pace. These videos are all about excitement and are often fast paced. Show us your fighting style!

### **Drama/Romance-**

These videos should be all about the characters, maybe even some love and tears. Show us your ship or make us reach for the tissues, your choice!

### **Comedy/Parody-**

This category is for the laughs, we dare you to make us laugh!

### **Upbeat/Fun-**

This category is for videos that make us happy, they should make you want to get up and move. Shake your tail feathers!

### **Potpourri-**

This is the random category if your video doesn't fit any other category enter it here.

## **How to Submit Your Video**

We will only be accepting entries via our submission form. No mail-in submissions are allowed. If you have any questions on how to use our upload page then please contact the AMV Coordinator.

All video submissions must be accompanied with appropriate video and editor contact information. Failure to provide the proper information can lead to disqualification of one or all of your videos. This information will be kept private and only be used for the contest. NOTE mailing address is needed for sending prize if the contestant is not in attendance at the time of award ceremony.

Please provide the following information.

Editor(s) Name-

Studio or Surname-

E-mail address-

For each video provide the following information:

Title of the Video-

Name of the music or audio artist-

Title of the music or audio-

Name of sources used (if 3 or more sources please list it as 'various')

Name of category (AMV staff may change this)

Creator name

Pay close attention to the information you are entering, otherwise your video may end up on the big screen, with spelling errors and incorrect information!

Note: If submitting a MEP (multi-editor project) please list all the creators in the comment section of the entry form so everyone gets proper credit.

Again, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us! [blackhillsconamv@gmail.com](mailto:blackhillsconamv@gmail.com)