



RULES FOR THE 32ND MANGA BARCELONA TATTOO CONTEST

FICOMIC y **Oshun** are organizing the first edition of the **Tattoo Contest** as part of the 32nd Manga Barcelona.

The contest aims to recognize existing tattoos related to anime, manga, and video game culture, highlighting both the artistic quality of the pieces and the creativity of the tattoo artists who created them.

Please read the rules carefully:

1. There is **a single category open to all styles**, from which three winners will be selected. No tattoos will be done during the contest.
2. Any person may participate who:
 - Is at least **18 years old as of the registration date**.
 - Has the tattoo being submitted.
 - Is able to attend the finals in person on **Sunday, December 6, 2026**.

The entry must be submitted by the person who has the tattoo. The presentation of the piece must identify and acknowledge the artist who created it.

Each person may submit **only one entry and only one piece**. If the tattoo is part of a larger set, it must be clearly indicated which part is being submitted for the contest. Only the specific portion of the tattoo outlined in the entry will be evaluated.

3. Tattoo Requirements:
 - **Theme.** The tattoo must be related to anime, manga, or video games, with no restrictions on series, era, or platform. This connection must be explained in the application.
 - **Style and Size.** All styles and sizes are permitted. There will be no separate categories based on technique, size, or use of color.
 - **Age of the Tattoo.** The tattoo and its most recent touch-up must have been completed at least **14 days prior to the date of the final round**. There is no maximum time limit.
 - **Skin condition.** The area must be fully healed and allow for comfortable display, with no open wounds, bleeding, or active peeling that would prevent the piece from being evaluated.

- **Body area.** Tattoos will be accepted on any area that allows the piece to be displayed to the jury and the public while respecting the person's privacy and the venue's rules. Participants will not be required to expose intimate areas. Clothing must allow the tattoo to be displayed appropriately.
4. Registration is **free** and will be conducted exclusively through the online form until **November 19, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.**, Barcelona local time.

To complete your application, you must fill out the form.

Registration does not require the purchase of a ticket. **Submitting an application does not guarantee a spot in the finals nor entitle you to receive a ticket** until the selection has been announced and attendance confirmed.

5. You must submit **two recent photographs**:
- A general view showing the entire piece.
 - An additional image from another angle or showing a detail.

The images must meet the following requirements:

- **JPG or PNG** format.
- They must be in focus and well-lit.
- They must not contain filters, digital retouching, or elements that alter or conceal the tattoo.
- They must not include third parties or show intimate areas.
- Cropping the image to protect privacy is permitted. It is not necessary to show your face.
- The organization may request clarifications or additional images when necessary to verify the requirements or properly evaluate the application, specifying the deadline for submission.

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6. The selection committee will review the valid applications and **select up to 20 participants** for the in-person final, based on the evaluation criteria set forth in these rules.

Those selected will be notified by email and must confirm their attendance within the timeframe specified in that message.

If they do not confirm within the specified timeframe or indicate that they will be unable to attend, the organization may offer the spot to another person on the waiting list.

7. Each finalist will receive a pass in their name to attend on **Sunday, December 6, 2026**. Passes will be mailed. If there are any issues with the passes, they may be picked up in person at the **Manga Barcelona Accreditation Desk**.

Admission does not include guests, travel, lodging, or other expenses related to participation.

Any support or accessibility needs must be communicated in advance to **hello@oshun.space** so that the venue can coordinate the necessary accommodations and access arrangements.

If a person confirms their attendance and is subsequently unable to attend, they must notify the same email address as soon as possible.

8. The final will take place on **Sunday, December 6, 2026**, at 1:30 p.m., on the Manga Stream stage.

Finalists must arrive at **12:45 p.m. at the meeting point for the Manga Stream stage** to have their tattoo inspected and receive instructions for participation. They should allow sufficient time to enter the venue.

Each participant must present the same tattoo design submitted with their application. The professional jury will examine the tattoos in person. Participants must allow their tattoos to be evaluated and displayed to the public while wearing appropriate clothing, ensuring their privacy is respected at all times.

Absence or a delay that prevents the jury from conducting the checks or participating in the assigned time slot may result in the loss of their spot.

9. Judging will be conducted by a professional jury appointed by the organization. The following criteria will be taken into account:
 - **Technical quality:** execution of lines, shading, color, and other elements characteristic of the style used.
 - **Composition and fit to the body:** balance, legibility, and how well the piece integrates into the tattooed area.

- **Artistic interpretation:** creativity and treatment of the characters or elements depicted.
- **Relation to the theme:** how the piece relates to anime, manga, or video games.
- **Final appearance of the healed tattoo:** finish and current appearance of the tattoo.

10. Three prizes will be awarded, each consisting of a trophy and other surprises.

- **First prize**
- **Second prize**
- **Third prize**

11. The photographs submitted for the contest will be used to process the registration and to conduct the selection and evaluation. Participation does not constitute a transfer of intellectual property rights to the tattoo, the photographs, or the characters or universes depicted.

12. Any questions or comments regarding the contest should be directed to hello@oshun.space

13. In accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), effective as of May 25, 2018, we assume that all registrants consent to the use of their data by FICOMIC and Oshun.

14. FICOMIC and Oshun reserve the right to make the final decision regarding the interpretation of these general rules of participation, as well as in cases not explicitly covered herein.