



Official Rules of the 2024 Pix'Hell Game Contest

The Pix'Hell Game Contest is organized by the BIFFF and Pixel Museum Brussels associations.

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The Pix'Hell is an annual contest that alternates between the theme of video games and board games. The year 2024 is the year of board games (in the broadest sense).

Each person or entity participating in the contest (the participant) agrees to abide by the terms of these official rules and by the decisions of the organizing associations (the organizer) and their jury panels, which are final and binding for all matters related to the contest.

This is a board game contest. These games can be independent or not, but should not have been released before March 1st, 2024, or presented at another contest before that date.

1. What kind of games are expected?

The only requirement is that that game should be set in a fantasy universe in the broadest sense. Board games, role-playing games, card games, strategy games, puzzles, miniatures, ...

2. How to participate?

To enter the contest, the participant, who is also eligible under these Official Rules, must submit all of the following documents at any time between March 1, 2024 and **March 31**, 2024 (submission deadline):

- A completed official entry form, that you can find on the contest entry page on the organizer's website, www.pixel-museum.brussels
- A copy of the rules of the game, that you can download either with the link to a digital copy of the game, or by sending it by post (see the registration site).
- A one-minute video clip introducing the game.

All physical entry materials become the property of the organizer and will not be returned (no intellectual property rights come into play).

The main competition is open to both independent and non-independent games.

3. Finalist Selection Process

The games will first be shortlisted by a committee chosen by the organizer.

The nominating committee will review the proposed games and select the finalists from March 1 to **April 3, 2024**. As of this date, finalists will be notified of their selection.

4. Requirements for Finalists

Any finalist who does not meet all requirements of this section may be disqualified and the organizer may select another finalist game from the remaining games.

Each finalist will have their game presented at the festival, even if they cannot be physically present or represented.

- The participant can make his promotional or explanatory material available, namely: booklets, displays, broadcasting of the video clip.
- Each selected finalist game will be on display and will be subject to a demonstration during the festival:
 - In the festival village
 - At the Pixel Museum
- Each finalist will be responsible for his/her own travel, meal, and accommodation expenses.

5. Winner Selection Process

Finalist games will be judged by a jury selected by the organizer. Jury members may include independent and mainstream game designers, artists, (video) game journalists, and other persons that are familiar with (video) game design, and will be chosen for their professional specialization or other aptitude in each category.

The winning games will be announced at the end of the event on April 12, 2024 and all winning games will also be announced at the end of the festival on April 19, 2024.

6. Prizes & Awards Ceremony

Each finalist will receive a license to use the name of the contest and the official logo of the Pix'Hell game contest.

Each winner will receive a diploma and a license to use the name of the contest and the official logo of the Pix'Hell game contest as the winner.

All prizes will be awarded on site during the festival.

7. Eligibility and Restrictions

The contest is open to everyone. Participants under the age of 18 must provide an authorization from their parent or legal guardian.

In addition to the general eligibility requirements above, the following additional requirements must be met:

- Independently created:

The selection committee must be convinced that the game submitted sprouted from one's own creativity, without plagiarism or the use of material that does not belong to the participant. The selection committee reserves the right to reject any game if they have any doubts about its genesis.

- The use of third-party technology:

Games that use third-party game engines, middleware, or other software or technology are only eligible if the participant has all the rights necessary to commercially release the result.

- Rights:

Prior to submitting a game, the participant must have obtained written permission from all people or entities owning property rights on that game.

- Updates:

Updates of the game are permitted during the selection period. However, the organizer does not guarantee the observance or application of each patch/update by the selection committee and the jury panel.

- Development status:

All proposed games must either be completed or have their final features set. You must intend, at the time of submission, to release the game within 12 months of the Pix'Hell game contest, if your game has not already been released publicly.

By entering the contest, each participant exempts the organizer, and each of its officers, from any and all liability arising out of, or related to, any injury, damage or other personal loss (including informatics tools) or claim of any kind arising out of or in connection with a violation of these official contest rules or related to the postponing and operation of the festival.

8. Press

By entering the contest, each participant consents to the use of the participant's name, photograph (if an individual), logo (if applicable), place of residence, and game media for advertising, promotion, marketing and administration of the contest, and without additional compensation, to the extent permitted by law. Each participant further agrees that the organizer may use all information collected in connection with the contest, including the participant's name and contact information, for marketing or other purposes related or not related to the contest, to the extent permitted by law and the organizer's privacy policy.

9. Responsibilities

By entering the contest, each participant declares and warrants to the organizer that:

- This person is either the participant (if the participant is a natural person) or a representative fully authorized by the participant to represent the participant (if the participant is a commercial entity).
- Participant and the game are in full compliance with all eligibility requirements and all other provisions of these official rules.
- In preparing the game for participation in the contest and during the festival, the participant has complied and will comply with all laws, regulations and rules and has not or will not violate any agreement or arrangement by which he is bound, including any confidentiality, use, consultation, assignment of intellectual property, or a license agreement.
- The game presented is an original work of the participant for which he owns all necessary rights, and neither the game offered nor the reproduction, use, display, performance, or distribution of the game will be counterfeited or diverted from the intellectual property or other proprietary rights of any third person or entity.

10. Cancellation

The organizer reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest in according to his own judgement if the contest becomes corrupted or is unable to run as planned, including due to computer viruses, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the organizer that may corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or smooth conduct of the contest. In such a case, the organizer will post a notice at the festival and on the contest website.

11. Diverse

If any section of these official rules is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, that section shall be deemed modified or deleted to the extent necessary, in the opinion of the court, to make it enforceable while preserving the original intent of the organizer, and the remaining portions of these official rules shall remain in full force and effect. The contest shall be governed by, and these official rules shall be construed by, and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the state of Belgium, without regard to principles of conflict of laws. The contest is void where prohibited by law. Any dispute arising out of, or relating to, these official contest rules, the festival, or any prize shall be brought exclusively in the Belgian courts, and the promoter and each participant shall irrevocably waive any objection to the place and jurisdiction thereof.

12. List of winners

To find out the names of the winners, which will be available after April 14, 2024, please visit the contest website.