



Official rules of the  
Pix'Hell Game Contest

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

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Each person or entity entering the Contest (the contestant) agrees to abide by the terms of these Official Rules and the decisions of the organizing associations (the sponsor) and its judging panel, which are final and irrevocable in all matters relating to the Contest.

This is a competition for video games, independent or not, that have not been released before 1 July 2022 or participated in any another competition before that date.

### **1. What are the criteria for games?**

Only one criterion is required: the game must take place in a fantasy universe in the broadest sense.

### **2. How to enter the contest?**

To enter the contest, a contestant, who is otherwise eligible under these Official Rules, must submit all of the following documents at any time between March 1 and **March 31**, 2023 (Entry Closing Date):

- A completed official entry form, found on the contest entry page of the sponsor's website, [www.pixel-museum.brussels](http://www.pixel-museum.brussels)
- A digital copy of the game, downloadable either via a link to a digital copy of the game or via a URL with an available online game.
- A video clip of about one minute presenting the game.

All physical input become the property of the sponsor and will not be returned (no intellectual property rights will be collected).

The main competition is open to independent or non-independent games developed for PC, Mac, Unix, mobile and portable consoles or devices (iPhone / Android, etc.).

### **3. Finalist selection process**

The games will first be pre-selected by a committee chosen by the sponsor.

The appointment committee will review the submitted games and select the finalists from 1 March to 3 April 2023. From that date, finalists will be notified of their selection.

#### **4. Requirements for finalists**

Tout finaliste qui ne satisfait pas à toutes les exigences du présent article peut être disqualifié et le commanditaire peut sélectionner un autre jeu finaliste parmi les jeux restants.

Any finalist who fails to meet all the requirements of this section may be disqualified and the sponsor may select another finalist game from the remaining games.

- Catalogue, display, broadcast of the clip
- Each finalist game will be displayed and must be available for public demonstrations during the festival
  - At the BIFFF village
  - At the Pixel Museum
- Each finalist will cover their own travel, meal and accommodation costs

#### **5. Winner's selection process**

Finalist games will be evaluated by a jury selected by the sponsor. Jury members may include independent and mainstream developers, artists, game journalists and others who are familiar with game development, and will be chosen for their professional specialization or other skills in each category.

All winning games will be announced at the festival on 23 April 2023.

#### **6. Awards and ceremony**

Each finalist will receive a user licence for the name of the contest and the official logo of the Pix'Hell game contest.

Each winner will receive a diploma and a user licence for 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. People under 18 must provide proof of permission from a parent or legal guardian.

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

- Independent production:

The Selection Committee must be convinced that the submitted game has been developed in a creative spirit, without plagiarism or use of non-owned material. The Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any game at its sole discretion.

- The use of third-party technology:

Games that use third-party game engines, middleware, or other software or technologies are only eligible if the contestant owns all necessary rights to commercially publish the result.

- Rights:

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

- Updates:

Game updates are permitted during the nomination period. However, the sponsor does not guarantee compliance or enforcement of each patch/update by the selection committee and the jury.

- Development status:

All games entered must be either completed or have the final feature 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 is not already publicly released.

- Platforms:

Registered games will be able to run on any platforms (Windows, Mac, console, mobile/handheld, etc.). Any contestant submitting a game that requires special hardware (e.g. rare input or display devices or older consoles) may be contacted by the sponsor to obtain the hardware at the contestant's sole expense.

By entering the contest, each contestant exempt the sponsor, and each of its principals, from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with any injury, damage or other personal loss (including computer loss) or claim of any kind arising out of or in connection with any violation of these official contest rules, or in connection with the travel and operation of the festival.

## **8. Press**

By entering the contest, each contestant agrees to the use of the contestant's name, photograph, logo (if any), place of residence, and media from the game for publicity, promotion, marketing and administration of the contest, and without additional compensation, to the extent permitted by law. Each contestant further agrees that the sponsor may use any information collected in connection with the contest, including the contestant's name and contact information, for marketing or other purposes related to or unrelated to the contest, to the extent permitted by law and the sponsor's privacy policy.

## **9. Responsibility**

By entering the contest, each contestant declares and warrants to the sponsor that:

- This person is either the contestant (if the contestant is a natural person) or a representative fully authorized by the contestant to represent him/her (if the contestant is a commercial entity).
- The contestant and the game fully comply with all eligibility requirements and all

other provisions of these official rules

- In preparing the game for participation in the contest and festival, the contestant has complied and will comply in all respects with all laws, regulations and rules and has not and will not violate any agreement or arrangement by which it is bound, including any confidentiality, employment, consulting, cession of intellectual property or license agreement.
- The game submitted is an original work of the contestant for which he/she holds all necessary rights, and neither the game submitted, nor the reproduction, use, display, performance, or distribution of the game will infringe or misappropriate the intellectual property or other proprietary rights of any person or entity.

## **10. Cancellation**

The sponsor reserves the right to cancel, end, modify or suspend the contest in its sole and absolute discretion if the contest becomes technically corrupted or is not capable of running as planned, including due to computer virus infections, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the sponsor that could corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the contest. In such event, the sponsor will post a notice at the Festival and on the Contest Website.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

If any part of these official rules is found by a competent court of law to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that part will 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 sponsor, and the remaining parts of these official rules will 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 conflict of law principles. The contest is invalid where prohibited by law. Any dispute arising out of or relating to these official contest rules, the Festival, or any award shall be brought exclusively before the Belgian courts, and the promoter and each contestant hereby irrevocably waive any objection to the venue and jurisdiction thereof.

## **12. List of winners**

For the names of the winners, which will be available after 14 April 2023, visit the competition website.