

## **SMASH! 2022 Panels and Workshops Terms & Conditions**

The Sydney Manga and Anime Show (SMASH!) will be taking place from July 16-17 2022 at the ICC Sydney: International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour. We are looking for community-driven people to share their knowledge and skills of Japanese pop culture to complement our Panels & Workshops Program.

Please read through the following information before applying to present at SMASH!

Please note that all panels and workshops are to be held on a voluntary basis. The provision of free tickets for panelists and workshop holders is a maximum of three (3) passes per group. Requests for additional tickets will be handled on a case-by-case basis for successful applicants.

Schedule, available equipment, and room details will be discussed after successful applicants are contacted.

The most important aspects of the application selection process are as follows:

1. **Keep it relevant!** SMASH! is a convention celebrating anime, manga, and Japanese culture. As such, we want our program to reflect this. During the selection process, SMASH! will strongly favour topics that are related to anime, manga, anime-style video games, or other content with heavy artistic influences or inspirations taken from Japanese culture.
2. **Keep it professional!** Presenters of any skill level are encouraged to apply, but presentations should be well-rehearsed, clear, and presented in a way that helps ensure we can bring the most enjoyable community-driven content to SMASH!
3. **Keep it clean!** SMASH! is a family-friendly convention. As such, presentations that include swearing or sexually explicit content are not allowed. All panel and workshop stages will be in the general halls and therefore we will not be able to control age upon entry. All content must not exceed a 15+ rating.

### **Applying to Present**

While completing the Application Form, you will need to provide specific details for your presentation such as the title and included content. The more detail you can provide, the better chance you will have in the selection process. **Applications that do not include required details will not be considered.**

If your presentation is for a group, please ensure the person filling out the form is prepared to be the main contact between your group and SMASH!.

In the Application Form, you will be asked to include a relevant promotional image and a short description of your presentation. If your application is successful, this information will be used on the website.

You will be asked which day of SMASH! (16th or 17th of July) you would prefer to present on. Please note that this is a preference; the day you choose is not guaranteed and will be decided based on the schedule.

Applications close on June 19th. You will be notified soon after this date whether your application has or has not been successful along with more details.

Disclaimer: Your presentation may be filmed or photographed by SMASH! staff and approved media. By submitting an application to present at SMASH!, you and any additional group members give SMASH! Inc. permission to use these assets for promotional purposes in future events.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What will I have to bring for my presentation?**

Usually just yourself and your presentation-specific content.  
i.e. PowerPoint slides, video files, music files, props, prizes, etc.

SMASH! will provide a basic stage set-up with equipment such as projectors, screens, and microphones. A detailed list of SMASH!-provided equipment will be shared with successful applicants at a later date.

The use of personal equipment during presentations must be requested to and approved by the Panels and Workshops team in advance.

### **Is this a paid gig?**

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### **How long should my presentation be?**

For scheduling purposes, presentations should be a minimum of 30 minutes. Presentations that are shorter than 30 minutes may still be considered; however, we will not be able to provide free tickets to these presenters.

One (1) hour is the standard presentation length; however, depending on schedule availability we may be able to accommodate longer presentations by request.

### **I'm not sure if my presentation fits under the Panels and Workshops category, can I still apply?**

SMASH! offers a diverse range of community content and we are keen to receive your application! Other types of presentations include dance, music, competitions, and special events. If you aren't sure whether your presentation fits as a panel or workshop please contact us and we can help you decide.

### **Can I store any items at SMASH!?**

In general, there will not be any storage facilities available within the Event Space for presenters. Permission to store items short-term may be granted on a case by case basis and must be requested to and approved by the Panels and Workshops team in advance.

We suggest you keep all personal belongings with you as you present; however, there will be a “back of house” area at each stage where you can put your belongings during the actual running of your presentation.

The ICC also has a complimentary cloaking service that you may utilise.

### **Inquiries**

For any Panel/Workshop related inquiries, please do not hesitate to email:

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