POTTERCEST FEST RULES

Welcome to Pottercest Fest! Have a look through the rules & guidelines to make yourself familiar with how this fest is going to run.

If you have any questions you can email us at @pottercestfest@gmail.com or send us a [Tumblr Ask](#).

Fest Schedule

Prompting Begins: Tuesday, 10th of February 2026
Prompting Ends: Tuesday, 24th of February 2026
Claiming Begins: Thursday, 26th of February 2026
Claiming Closes: Wednesday, 10th of June 2026
Submissions Due: Friday, 26th of June 2026
Posting Begins: Wednesday, 1st of July 2026
Creator Reveals: TBD

Important Links

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Claiming Form
[AO3 Collection](#)

General Rules

- This fest is for **18+** participants only. If you are found to be lying about your age, you will be removed from the fest, and banned until you are the required age.
- As this is a Potter Family-centric fest, all works need to feature a pairing from the Potter Family. A list of eligible characters will be listed below.
- All works will be posted to our <u>AO3 Collection</u>. We will ask for permission to be co-creator to **only** change the posting date, **nothing else**. If you are uncomfortable with that, let us know when you submit your work and we

will tell you when we plan to publish your work so you can change the date.

- The minimum word count is 1000 words, with no maximum count. Multichapter works are allowed, but must be completed by the submission deadline.
- Any and all tropes/kinks are allowed. Just be sure to tag accordingly so people know what to expect.
- Your work must be exclusive to this fest. No WIPs will be allowed.
- **No** AI work will be accepted.
- Ghosting will not be tolerated. If you ghost us, you will receive a ban from the fest.

Prompting

10th of February – 24th of February 2026

- You can submit as many prompts as you like. There is no limit to how many prompts you can submit.
- You can submit a prompt even if you don't plan to claim, and vice versa.
- Prompts can be for fanfiction or fanart.
- Be sure to add as much as you can to your prompt, so it gives anyone who claims it, a direction to go.

Claiming

26th of February – 10th of June 2026

We will ask you to list three prompts on the claiming form, in case your first prompt has already been claimed. You will be sent a confirmation email within 48 hours of submitting a claim.

- You need to confirm your prompt when you receive your confirmation email. If you don't reply to the email within 48 hours, you will lose your claim.
- Each prompt can be claimed twice. Once for Fic, and once for Art.
- If you wish to create a prompt just for yourself, you can absolutely do that. There will be a section on the claiming form for self-prompting.

- If you wish to claim another prompt, you must submit your first claim beforehand.

Submissions

26th of June 2026

All works should be posted by this date to the fest's collection. The tag **Pottercest Fest 2026** should be added to your work, and co-creator permission should've been given to us, unless you said otherwise.

A submission form will be sent out to everyone who claims. That form should be filled in and sent to us once you've submitted your work. **This is a mandatory step.** If you don't submit a form, your work will not be accepted into the collection.

If you wish for your work to remain Anonymous while others are revealed, you can say so in the submission form. If you feel more comfortable with your work being Anonymous, then Anonymous it shall be!

If you can't make it to the deadline, let us know as soon as possible, and we can grant you an extension. Extensions will not be given out once posting starts, but an extension can go past the posting date.

The same goes for if you need to drop out. Let us know asap. No penalty of any kind will be given, and you will be more than welcome to join us again next year.

Posting

Starts 1st of July 2026

Depending on the amount of submissions we receive, the posting period length can differ. A timetable of all works being posted will be sent out to each participant so they are aware of when their work will be posted.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Poly relationships where two of the members are Potters **are** allowed.
- Works centered around a Potter OC are **not** allowed.
- Ships involving people outside of the immediate Potter Family are **not** allowed.
- AUs where they are no longer related are **not** allowed.

Eligible Characters

- James
- Lily (Only eligible with Harry and her grandchildren)
- Harry
- James Sirius
- Albus Severus
- Lily Luna
- Fleamont
- Euphemia
- Any older family members