

Kagehina Classic Big Bang Guidebook 2024

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Event Overview - General

A Big Bang is an event which pairs artists and writers together to create content for a particular theme— in our case, it will be centered around the pairing of Kageyama x Hinata from *Haikyuu*. The classic version of this event involves writers signing up with an idea for a fanfic they'd like to write, and artists signing up to work together on that concept to create art inspired by the fic. There are also Reverse Big Bangs, in which artists are the ones to sign up with a concept for a piece of art, and then writers sign up to write a fic inspired by that art.

This year we are going to be running a Double Big Bang, where you get to decide whether you'd like to sign up for either the Classic Big Bang or the Reverse Big Bang.

!!You are not expected to sign up for both events!!! Participants are allowed to sign up for more than one role, but you are by no means expected to do so. We assume the majority of participants will just choose whichever one role they like best.

- There will be a limit of 2 sign-ups per person for writer and artist roles. Please read the requirements of both roles carefully to ensure that you feel confident you will be able to fulfill the duties of both roles. You may additionally sign up as a beta, which will not count as one of your 2 roles.

The requirements for the Classic and Reverse Big Bangs will be a little bit different from each other, but this guidebook will lay out everything you need to know about the **Classic Big Bang**. [To find the Reverse Big Bang Guidebook, you can click here](#). Please make sure to read the guidebook for the side of the event you'd like to sign up for carefully, to ensure that you understand the requirements expected of you for your chosen role.

Once pairings have been announced, you may share snippets/WIPs of your Big Bang pieces on social media, but you **may not post the finished version(s) anywhere publicly until your assigned Posting Date in December**.

You must be at least 18 years of age by the end of sign-ups (July 20, 2024) in order to join this event. You must be at least 18 years of age before joining the Discord server.

Most communication will take place via Discord, so all participants will be required to join the Discord server by the end of the sign-up period. The server opens June 22nd.

Classic Big Bang Overview

- Writers: Classic Writers will be required to write a fic with a minimum word count of 10,000 words by the end of the event. They will be expected to have at least a 10,000 word rough draft written by the time of the final Check-In (November 23rd - 30th, 2024).
- Artists: Classic Artists will be required to draw at least one new piece of art based on their partner's story. Artists will have a chance to select which story they would like to work with during the [Summary Selection](#) process.

There is no maximum limit to word count or number of art pieces you may create. As long as minimum requirements are met, it is up to each individual whether they would like to go above and beyond the requirements of the event.

Reverse Big Bang Overview

- Artists: Reverse Artists will be required to draw at least two new pieces of art. At Check-In #1, they must submit a written description of the idea for the artworks they would like to create for this event. The two ideas must be cohesive enough to take place within the same story, as their partner will only be required to write one fic based on these two pieces of art.
- Writers: Reverse Writers will be required to write one fic with a minimum word count of 5,000 words based off of their partner's art pieces. They will be expected to have at least a 5,000 word rough draft written by the time of the final Check-In (November 23rd - 30th, 2024). They will have a chance to select which art concept they would like to work with during the Summary Selection process.

There is no maximum limit to word count or number of art pieces you may create. As long as minimum requirements are met, it is up to each individual whether they would like to go above and beyond the requirements of the event.

From here on out, this Guidebook is about the rules of the Classic Big Bang

To find the Reverse Big Bang Guidebook, [Click Here!](#)

Role: Classic Writer

- Classic Writers are required to write a story with a minimum of **10,000 words**.
 - There is no upper limit on word count.
- The fic must be new, unpublished, and unshared on any public forums.
 - Once pairings have been announced, writers may share snippets/WIPs of their fic on social media, but they may not post the full story until their assigned posting date in December.
- It is permitted to join the event with a fic that has already been started, so long as none of the story— including outlines or plot ideas— have been shared publicly. However, works may not be more than ~50% complete before pairings are announced.
 - If you're unsure whether a piece you've already begun writing is suitable for the event, please reach out to a mod before Check-in #1.
- Works must be centered around Kageyama/Hinata. It is okay to focus on a platonic relationship instead of a romantic one, but in that case, no other Kageyama or Hinata ships are allowed. All romantic stories must be Kageyama/Hinata endgame.
- If your fic has multiple chapters, you will be expected to post at least the first chapter on your assigned posting date. You may choose your own update schedule after your initial posting date, **so long as you post at least the first 10k of your fic by January 22nd** (one month after the event's final posting date). After that, your update schedule is entirely up to you.

Role: Classic Artist

- Classic Artists are required to draw **one** new art piece based on their partner's story. Artists will have a say in which fic they would like to work with during the [Summary Selection](#) process.
 - There is no upper limit on the number of art pieces you may create.
 - Artwork can be any style and medium— digital or traditional, as well as comic-style format. All artwork must be new.

Role: Beta

- Betas will participate in a Summary Selection process to choose which project they would like to work with. Both Classic and Reverse summaries will be available during the selection process, and betas are free to request whichever summaries they like best, regardless of which side of the event their chosen summaries fall on.
- If you only sign up as a beta, you may beta for up to 3 fics. If you decide to sign up as both a beta and another role in the event, you may only beta for 1 fic.
- What betas look over (SPAG, continuity, tenses, plot cohesiveness, etc) will depend upon what each writer wants to have evaluated.
- Betas can also choose to work on fics on a case-by-case basis, if someone pings the @Beta role in the event's Discord server.

Role: Pinch Hitter

- Pinch hitters will be contacted on a first-come first-served basis if a writer or artist drops out of the event.
 - I.e. The first writer that signs up for a pinch hitter role when sign-ups open will be the first person contacted to cover if a writer drops out of the event.
 - Pinch hitters will be able to sign up for more than one type of pinch hitter role if they so choose.
 - If you choose to sign up for more than one pinch hitting role, you will still only be asked to pinch hit for one project, it just increases the chances that you will be called upon if you sign up for multiple roles.
- Pinch hitters will be expected to fulfill all of the same expectations of the event: 10,000 words for writers, one art piece for artists. However, they will have a one week extension on all Check-ins.
- Writer pinch hitters will work with their team to decide whether they would like to do an entirely new concept together, or try to work based on whatever the artist has already created for the original writer's concept. We ask you to be flexible in working with your new partner's preferences, particularly if you are called on quite late into the event.
- Artist pinch hitters will be expected to draw a piece based on the writer's fic, just as they would have if they had been paired together during summary selection like normal.
- You will have the option to decline any offered project.

Classic Writer Sign-ups

- **Sign-ups open on June 29th and close on July 13th.**
- Please ensure that you are familiar with the Classic Writer requirements before signing up.
 - Creating a story with at least **10,000 words** by your assigned posting date in mid-December 2024.
- Classic Writers must also submit the following for Check-In #1 (Summary Submission), which opens before teams can be paired:
 - A summary of your story
 - A ~1,000 word snippet
 - Proof of 2.5k completion
 - See [Check-In #1](#) for more details
- This event allows NSFW content, so long as it is properly tagged. See [posting](#) for more details.

Classic Artist Sign-ups

- **Sign-ups open on June 29th and close on July 20th.**
- Please ensure that you are familiar with the Classic Artist requirements before signing up.
 - Creating one new artwork based on your partner's story, in any medium or format, by your assigned posting date in mid-December 2024.
- During summary selection, the summaries will be separated into SFW and NSFW categories. Artists are free to choose whether they would like to work with a NSFW story or not. If you sign up as a wild card, there will be an option to opt-out of working on a NSFW story.
 - Wild cards may be assigned to projects that did not end up with a partner during summary selection. You will have the option to list any summaries you do not wish to work with and we will respect those requests.
- Even if an artist is assigned to a NSFW fic, this does not mean the artist has to create NSFW art.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the Mods if you are unsure whether your concept is suitable for the event.

Beta Sign-ups

- **Sign-ups open on June 29th and close on October 25th.**
- Once paired, you and the writer you are paired with can discuss the precise nature of what they would like you to look for when betaing.
- Sign-ups may remain open beyond this date if there are still writers who requested a beta but were not assigned one, but anyone signing up to beta after this date will be doing so on a pinch hit basis.
- If you normally work with a particular writer, there will be the option to pre-pair with them on the sign-up form.

Pinch Hitter Sign-ups

- **Sign-ups open on July 21st and remain open throughout the majority of the event.**
- You will be DMed on a first-come first-served basis, meaning that the earlier you sign up to be a pinch hitter, the more likely it will be that you will be called on to pinch hit.

Classic Writer Pinch Hitters:

- If you are contacted, we will first ask you if you would like to create your story based on what the artist has already created for the previous concept, or if you would prefer to come up with your own concept and have the artist start fresh.
- If you would like to start with a new concept, we will then ask you to disclose any potential trigger warnings, whether your idea is SFW or NSFW, and a summary for your story, which we will show to the artist.
- Should they be happy to proceed, we will connect you with them.
- Please ensure that your story meets the requirements as stated in the [Role: Classic Writer](#) section.

Classic Artist Pinch Hitters:

- The minimum requirement for Classic Artist pinch hitters is creating one piece of art based on the writer's story.
- If you are contacted, we will send you all the information the writer submitted for Summary Selections. Should you agree to work on the concept, we will connect you with the writer.
- Please see the section [Role: Classic Artist](#) for more information.

Pinch hitters will be granted a **one-week extension on all Content Check-ins**. You can find those dates in the [Creation Check-ins](#) section. Pinch hitters will still be expected to post during the regular posting dates in mid-December.

Check-In #1 - Classic Writers

- Check-In #1 is between **August 3rd - August 10th**.
- You will submit your Check-In #1 via a Google Form which will be linked on the event's Discord server. It will ask you to supply the following information:
 - Social media handle, if applicable
 - Discord handle
 - Email address
 - Story rating
 - Potential triggers (anything you can think of that could be triggering)
 - Other ships (including past ships, implied ships, and background ships)
 - A max 1,000 word snippet from your fic, that will be seen by artists and betas during Summary Selection.
 - The full draft of what you have written so far— this will **NOT** be seen by artists and betas. You must have at least 2.5k written by this point, but everything counts: Outlines, rough ideas, character sheets, anything you have written about this fic counts toward this 2.5k minimum.
 - Whether you would like a Kagehina Double Big Bang assigned beta or not. If you do request one, you will be asked to tell us what kinds of things you'd like your beta to look over for you (SPAG, characterization, pacing, etc).
 - Please note that even if you request one, we cannot guarantee that you will be assigned a beta due to the disparity in number of sign-ups between betas and writers for the event.
 - If you end up without a beta after summary selection, but would still like one, you can always ping the @Beta role in the server, and someone will likely help you out!
 - If you have a beta that you normally work with that wants to join the event, we will include a question on the sign-up form that allows you to pre-pair with your beta.
 - If you have a beta that you normally work with that does *not* want to join the event, that's okay! Just work with them as you normally do outside of the confines of the event.
- It is up to you how detailed you make your summary, but we strongly suggest being more detailed than you would in a typical AO3 summary in order to provide all relevant plot information for the betas and artists during summary selection.
- If you need to modify or change your Check-In #1 after submitting, but before summary selection has opened, please don't hesitate to contact a Mod for help!

Ratings:

G - General audiences

T - Teen and older

M - Mature audiences only

E - Explicit and only suitable for adults

- It is best to err on the side of caution and over-rate rather than under-rate if you are unsure which rating to choose. If your story contains explicit sexual content or significant amounts of violence, it is probably best to rate E rather than M, but the decision ultimately lies with you.
- If you are unsure of your rating at the time of Check-In #1, there will be an option to select "Unsure," but these fics will be sorted with the NSFW (M and E rated) fics during summary selection.

You can always contact a Mod if you need help deciding which rating to choose.

Summary Selection – Artists

- Summary viewing begins on **August 17th**.
- Links to the SFW and NSFW summaries will be provided within the event's Discord server containing all of the Classic summaries that were submitted. These will be shared in the #announcements channel.
- Summaries will be anonymous and labeled with a number.
- All summaries will be available for artists to request during summary selection. There is no pre-pairing of artists and writers.
- Artists will have from **August 18th to August 23rd** to submit their summary selection forms. A link to the summary claim form will be posted in the #announcements channel, and it will ask you for the following information:
 - Email
 - Social media handle (if you have one)
 - Discord handle
 - Whether you are willing to work with more than one writer in the case of an uneven number of participants
 - Whether you would be willing to be a wild card
 - Your top 7 summaries **in order of preference**
 - Ex. 18, 7, 30, 19, 49, 62,... with 18 being your first choice, 7 being your second, etc.
- Summary selections are **not** first-come-first-served. [This website](#) will be used to facilitate the pairing process to ensure fair and unbiased pairing. There is no time pressure to submit your selections quickly, all you need to worry about is getting them in before the deadline.
- **The deadline for summary selections is 11:59PM EST on August 23rd.**
- If any artists do not receive one of their top 7 summaries during the pairing process and have not chosen to be a wild card, they will be free to either leave the event or we can offer a priority spot on the pinch hitter list (please see the pinch hitter sections for more details).
- Any summaries which are still in need of a partner after the pairing process is finished will be posted in the #artists-private channel on the event's Discord server and artists who are willing to take on another story will be free to claim them.

Summary Selection – Betas

- Betas will have their own round of summary selections from **October 20th - October 25th**.
- Links will be provided in the Discord server containing all of the summaries that were submitted from both the Classic Big Bang and the Reverse Big Bang which were seeking a beta, sorted into SFW and NSFW subsections. These will be linked in the #announcements channel.
- Summaries will be anonymous and will be labeled with a number.
- Betas will have from **October 20th to October 25th** to submit their summary selection forms. A link to the summary claim form will be posted in the #announcements channel on the event's Discord server, and it will ask you for the following information:
 - Email
 - Social media handle (if you have one)
 - Discord handle
 - Whether you are willing to work with more than one writer in the case of an uneven number of participants
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- The deadline for summary selections is **11:59PM EST on October 25th**.
- It is unlikely that a beta will not get one of their top 7 summaries to beta for the Kagehina Double Big Bang.

Partners

- Artist/Writer partners and teams will be announced on **August 25th**.
- Betas will be added to your team on **October 26th**.
 - Your partners are your respective writer/artist/beta that you will be working with for the duration of the event!
- You will be expected to create a group DM on Discord for your team's communication throughout the event. If you and your partner(s) are unsure of how to do this, you can feel free to reach out to your Team Mod.
- If throughout the event, you no longer feel comfortable working with your partner(s), for any reason, please contact your Team Mod as soon as possible and let them know. We will work with you to find a solution, whether that means finding you a new partner, dropping from the event, or something else.

Teams

- Every writer/artist/beta group will be put onto a larger team led by one of the event's Mods. Every team will consist of only Classic Bang participants or Reverse Bang participants. If you have any questions throughout the event, your team Mod will be the best person to ask so that there is no confusion over the difference in rules between the Classic and Reverse versions of this event.
- The Mod you are paired with will be the Mod you will be in contact with for all Contact Check-ins and Creation Check-ins. If you have any general questions, ask your team Mod as well.
- Mod teams will have their own private channels in the event's Discord server.

Contact Check-Ins

- Contact Check-ins exist for your team Mod to touch base with all writer/artist/beta groups. These Contact Check-ins will be conducted on **September 7th** and **November 2nd** via a short google form.
- **All participants must reply to the google form within 7 days**, or whoever did not reply will be considered dropped from the event, and the Mods will find a pinch hitter to take their place.
 - Betas only need to reply to Contact Check-in #2.
- If you are in a situation where you believe ahead of time that you will not be able to fill out the google form within 5 days of a Contact Check-in, DM your team Mod and they will accommodate you.

Creation Check-Ins

- Creation Check-ins are when the writers and artists submit their WIPs to the Mods. They will be conducted on **October 5th-12th** (50% completion for Writers, General ideas completion from Artists) and **November 23rd - 30th** (at least a 10,000 word rough draft written for Writers, 90% completion for Artists).
 - **All partners** must submit their Check-ins within 7 days, or whoever did not submit will be considered dropped from the event, and the Mods will find a pinch hitter to take their place.
 - If you are in a situation where you believe you will not be able to submit your Check-in before the end of the window, DM your team Mod and they will be able to accommodate you.
 - For artists: A good guideline for Check-ins is:
 - October 5th - October 12th (~50% completion)
 - A clean sketch completed
 - If doing a comic-style artwork, having a rough sketch of the layout + panels
 - November 23rd - November 30th (90% completion)
 - Lineart, flat colors and some shading (if applicable) completed
 - But ultimately, artist Creation Check-ins are more subjective compared to writers, as the process is more variable from creator to creator
 - For writers:
 - You **must** have at least 2k of a first draft written for the October 5th - 12th Content Check-in, and have shared at least this much with your artist partner(s) to ensure that they have enough time to complete their own piece(s) for the event.
 - Failure to meet this requirement will result in the Mod team finding a pinch hitter to take your place.
 - Completion percentage is based on how long approximately you think your entire fic is going to be (if it is a one-shot), or based on a 10,000 word count minimum (if it has multiple chapters).
 - Ex: If your fic is a one-shot and you estimate it will be 20k, then you must try to reach 10k by the Creation Check-in on October 5th.
 - Ex: If your fic is 3 chapters long, with an estimated total word count of 20k words, your estimated completion total would

be based on the 10k minimum, even if the first chapter is under 10k words.

- If your fic is going to be multiple chapters, you only have to post Chapter 1 on the posting date. Chapter 1 can be under 10k, but you will need to post **at least 10k of your fic by January 22nd** (one month after the final posting date). Beyond that, your posting schedule is up to you.
- For betas: Please submit a Google Doc with a sentence or two on your progress. You will only need to respond to Creation Check-in #3 (between November 23rd - 30th).
- Creation Check-ins will be completed via Google Forms. Your team Mod will drop a new link in your private team channel at the beginning of each Creation Check-in.
 - If you don't think you reached the completion requirements, that's okay! We still want to see what you're working on.
 - If you feel like you can no longer complete your duties as a participant, don't fret! See: [Dropping out](#).

Previews & Posting

Previews

- During the final Creation Check-in (November 23rd - 30th), you will have the option to provide a snippet of your fic or a small preview of your artwork that will be used to create a promo graphic to be posted on the official Big Bang social media accounts in the weeks leading up to the final posting dates.
- You may promote your fic or artwork on your own social media account(s) as well (or instead), but it is not mandatory. The guidelines are as follows:
 - For writers, previews must be constrained to a 200-word snippet of your story.
 - For artists, previews should show no more than 30% of your full piece.
 - Please post SFW previews of NSFW art, or we will not retweet your post to our page on Twitter. Tumblr does not allow NSFW, so this should not be an issue there.
 - You must tag all of your partners (including betas!) in either the post itself or on the post's replies. Please also tag the Big Bang account so we don't miss your post!
 - *@kagehinabigbang* on Twitter and Tumblr.
- You may begin posting previews from **November 23rd** onwards, and you can post them whenever between this date and your assigned posting date for the Big Bang.

Posting

- Posting will be from **December 17th – December 22nd**.
 - The Mod Team will assign you a date to post your story/art.
 - For the final Creation Check-in (November 23rd - 30th), we will ask you to approximate what percentage of finished you are (80%, 90%, etc). Those who are done/more-done-than-not will be posting earlier, while those who are less-done will be posting later, as much as can be accommodated.
 - On this form, you may also list the days that you are unavailable to post on.
 - You must post on your assigned posting date.
 - Writers: On your assigned posting date, you must post your first chapter (if multi-chapter) or your full fic (if a one-shot).

- If you are posting a multi-chapter fic, you must post at least the first 10k of it **by January 22nd** (one month after the final posting date). Beyond that, your posting schedule is up to you.
- Artists: If your partner has written a one-shot, you must post your artwork on the assigned posting date. If your partner has written a multi-chapter fic and you've drawn a scene which is not in any chapter(s) that your writer publishes on posting day, you may delay posting until the chapter is released. You may also just post it, if you wish. It is up to you and your partner's discretion.
 - If you have drawn an explicit NSFW piece, please post a SFW crop and then have the full piece hosted on an external site, such as Privatter or Poipiku, or in a separate post on social media. We will not retweet anything explicitly NSFW onto our Twitter page, and Tumblr does not allow explicit content at all.
 - Art pieces which are only suggestive, but not explicit, may be posted in full and will be retweeted/reblogged to our main account. If you're unsure whether your piece(s) are suggestive vs. explicit, please contact your Team Mod and they'll be able to help.
- If you have Twitter or Tumblr, your post must be cross-posted to social media. You must tag us either in the main post or in a reply so that we can advertise your pieces on our social media!
 - @kagehinabigbang on Twitter and Tumblr
 - You must also tag your partner(s). If they do not have an account on the same platform, it's permissible to just mention them by name.
 - You must also link to your partner(s) piece(s). You may do this in a reply if you wish, using either the direct link to their post(s) on social media or to the AO3 link for fics.
 - If you do not have any social media accounts, please contact your team Mod at least three days prior to your posting date to arrange for your piece to be directly promoted on one of the Kagehina Big Bang social media accounts.
 - If you are an artist that does not use social media *and* has an explicit NSFW piece, we will work with you on a case-by-case basis to come up with a solution. If this is the case, please contact your team Mod as soon as you know you will be creating a NSFW piece so that we can begin working on a solution as early as possible.

Dropping Out

- We get it; life happens! If you feel like you are no longer able to follow through with your commitment to the Kagehina Double Big Bang 2024, here's the process:
 - DM your team Mod to let them know that you are dropping out! No explanation necessary.
 - Your team Mod will then begin looking for a pinch hitter to work with your partner(s).
 - DM your partner(s) to let them know that you are dropping out! Please respect the time you have spent working together by doing so.
- **We would much rather you tell your partner(s) & your Mod that you are dropping out than you ghosting us.** We will not judge you, slander your name, or anything like that if you need to drop out. We understand; sometimes things happen, and fandom is supposed to be fun, not a source of stress!
- There will be no repercussions for dropping out before **November 15th**. If you need to drop out after that date, however, you will not be allowed to participate in the Kagehina Big Bang 2025, barring extenuating circumstances.

Failure to meet the minimum requirements of the event will result in you being unable to participate in the 2025 Kagehina Big Bang, barring extenuating circumstances.

If you have any questions about anything listed in this guidebook, please drop us an ask on the event's dedicated Discord server (which will open on June 22nd) or send us a question on [Twitter](#), [Tumblr](#), or our anonymous [Google Form](#). Thank you for reading, and we hope you enjoy the 2024 Kagehina Double Big Bang!