

Rin Bowl 2023

Exchange Sign-Up Guide

Brief Description

Rin Bowl Exchange 2023 is a gift exchange centered around Itoshi and all his ships from Blue Lock. In this event, you will create a gift for someone and receive a gift in return in an "exchange"-type dynamic.

We welcome anyone aged 18+ who wants to share their talents and celebrate their love for Rin! Adult content (NSFW/M or E rated as per the AO3 rating system) will be allowed (though not required), so those under 18 unfortunately cannot participate in the event.

If you are a creator of fanart or fanfiction and want to participate, read below for more information!

Relevant Links

[Twitter](#) | [Carrd](#) | [Discord Server](#) | [AO3 Collection](#)

How to Sign Up

The sign ups for the Rin Bowl Exchange will be the same regardless of whether you plan on creating a fanfic or fanart (or both), and will consist of two parts. Both parts are required to sign up!

1. This [Google Form](#) to gather some basic information about you to allow the mods to more easily contact you
2. This [AO3 form](#) to actually submit your requests and offers.

Listed below are some further instructions on how to do the AO3 sign up, based on if you've participated in an AO3-hosted exchange before or not!

I'm familiar with AO3-hosted Exchanges

If you are familiar with AO3-hosted exchanges, then most of this guide will be redundant for you! Just a few points as you head into sign ups.

1. We are using a tag set for this exchange! To help us keep our anime-only participants spoiler-free, we're using Blue Lock (Anime) and Blue Lock (Manga) fandom tags to help the algorithm match people. Ao3 considers these to be different fandoms!
 - a. This does **not** mean you have to use manga characters, plot points, or use the fandom tag you signed up with as your final fandom tag, if the other fits better! This is purely for matching purposes.
2. You must put 3 unique Itoshi Rin-centric ships/pairings. They can be romantic (as indicated by the slash, e.g. Itoshi Rin/Shidou Ryuusei), platonic (as indicated by an ampersand, e.g. Itoshi Rin & Chigiri Hyouma) or polyamorous ships (including all three characters names, e.g. Bachira Meguru/Isagi Yoichi/Itoshi Rin).
 - a. We have a specific tag 'Itoshi Rin Character Study' if you'd like to include a non-ship character study in your requests or offers. **Please note** that Itoshi Rin/Itoshi Rin is for self-cest requests/offers
 - b. AO3 generally lists names alphabetically, so if your desired pairing isn't showing up, try switching the order of names!
 - i. If you are in the Anime fandom and want to request/offer a ship wrangled to the Manga fandom, DM a mod
 - ii. If your desired ship is *still* not coming up, DM a mod!
 - c. AO3 again allows a maximum of 20 ships. If you want to indicate more, please do so in the optional tags section or description box.
 - d. If you want to include crossover ships, please list them in the description box, along with the fandom they are from, and/or in the 'Optional Tag' box
3. In the 'additional tags' section of both your request and offer, please indicate what types of work you're comfortable receiving and creating (respectively).
4. If you are comfortable/interested in receiving or creating problematic content, please use "Dead Dove/Do Not Eat" in the optional tags
5. Please list your Do Not Wants in the description box.

I'm not familiar with AO3-hosted Exchanges

Before we get into it, a general notes on signing up through AO3:

Event mods will have access to the email address associated with your AO3 account. This will be the email address we'll use for communication throughout the exchange. We promise not to abuse it (i.e. we'll only use it for event-related communications) and to not reveal it (all emails will be done via BCC).

When you go to the AO3 signup page, you'll see 2 sections: Requests and Offers. Both are necessary for signing up. They don't have to be the same, though they often are!

1. [Requests](#) — details about what kind of gift you'd like to receive
2. [Offers](#) — details about what kind of gift you'd like to create

AO3 uses a tagging system (the same tags as when sorting or posting works!) to help match participants based on their requests and offers. There are a certain number of tags that we are requiring to ensure that the rules of the exchange are being met and to help us match participants!

Requests and offers can be edited after submitting, up until the sign up closes.

Requests

The first section you'll see is 'Requests', where you'll put tags about what kind of gift you'd like to receive.

1. Fandom: select the check box next to Blue Lock (Manga)
2. Relationships: enter **at least 3** Itoshi Rin-centric relationship tags that you would like to receive as a gift. Romantic pairings are indicated with a '/', platonic pairings are indicated with an '&'. Polyamorous pairings are welcome as well! The form will not let you submit if you have entered fewer than 3 ships.

Fandom (1): *

Fandom

Blue Lock (Anime)

Blue Lock (Manga)

Relationships (3 - 20): *

Isagi Yoichi & Itoshi Rin (x) Chigiri Hyouma/Itoshi Rin (x)

Itoshi Rin Character Study (x) Itoshi Rin/Itoshi Sae/Shidou Ryusei (x)

Additional Tags (1 - 2): *

Ratings (1 - 4): *

Isagi Yoichi/Itoshi Rin

Itoshi Rin/Itoshi Sae

Itoshi Rin & Itoshi Sae

Bachira Meguru/Itoshi Rin

Itoshi Rin/Shidou Ryusei

Isagi Yoichi & Itoshi Rin

Bachira Meguru/Isagi Yoichi/Itoshi Rin

Isagi Yoichi/Itoshi Rin/Michael Kaiser

Chigiri Hyouma/Itoshi Rin

Itoshi Rin & Karasu Tabito

- a. The ships available are from a pre-set list of Itoshi Rin ships, which are sorted alphabetically and are wrangled to one or both of the fandom subsets (Anime and Manga). If there's missing a ship you'd like to request, please DM the twitter account or a mod and we'll do our best to sort you out! Side ship preferences can be entered in the description box or optional tag section (see below).
 - b. We have a specific tag 'Itoshi Rin Character Study' if you'd like to include a non-ship character study in your requests or offers
 - i. **Please note** that Itoshi Rin/Itoshi Rin is for self-cest requests/offers
 - c. Again, AO3 only allows up to 20 ships in this section. You are not limited to indicating interest in only 20! Additional ships should be listed in the description box or optional tag section (see below). Any crossover ships should be put in the optional tag section as well.
 - d. The 'Any Relationship' box is a way to tell the AO3 algorithm that you don't care about being matched based on ships (aka that you might be ok receiving a gift about *any* ship). You are certainly still allowed to have preferences and prompts! But if you might be happy receiving a gift about *any* Rin ship, you can select this box (instead of entering up to 20).
3. Additional Tags: the most important part of this section is to indicate if you want to receive fanfiction, fanart or both. **Please select the boxes of all types of gifts you would be interested in receiving.** You must select at least one of these.
 4. Ratings: please select all the ratings you would be comfortable receiving.
 5. Description: the description box is the freeform area where you can list as much (or as little) as you'd like! All the additional characters (including crossover characters from other fandoms), additional Rin ships, side ships, and your prompts will go here.
 - a. If you selected Blue Lock (Anime), please keep this spoiler-free
 - b. If you indicated that you would be ok getting both fanfiction and fanart, **please make sure** to include prompts for both!
 - c. You are welcome to be as specific as you like — we want to make sure you receive a gift you love!
 - d. You should be clear on your 'Do Not Wants' in this section: ships, tropes, characters, etc.

Description: *

Hello [gifter!](#) Thank you in advance for your time, I can't wait to see what you make!

Prompts for art:

- Rin and [Sae](#) go bowling as kids
- [Shidou](#) gives Rin a kiss after scoring a goal
- Rin holding up the World Cup trophy

Prompts for fics:

- Rin & [Sae](#) - Rin character study through the eyes of [Sae](#) — feel free to go crazy here! I'd love to hear whatever theories/[hcs](#) you have about what happened between them!
- Rin & Chigiri (or Rin/Chigiri) — Chigiri transfers schools after recovering from his ACL tear, going to live with his sister in Tokyo. Rin, a first year at his new high school, confronts him when he sees Chigiri juggling a soccer ball on the pitch. They get to know each other and help each other heal.
- Rin/Rin - one of the Blue Lock men malfunctions and takes on Rin's form. Things get...interesting (NSFW please).

- If nothing here strikes your fancy, honestly anything for the above ships that doesn't contradict a DNW! Go wild.

Tropes I love: soulmates, fake dating to real feelings, space operas.

Okay with: smut, hurt/comfort, [omegaverse](#), manga spoilers (I'm all caught up!); if you'd like to make DD for me, please DM a mod for my wants/DNWs!

Side ships I love: [ChigiKai](#), [ChigiNagi](#), [BachiSagi](#), [AikuSae](#)

DNW: hurt/no comfort, cheating, no character bashing, no first-person POV
NOTPs: please don't include X/Y ship except in a 'history-of' context!

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- Optional Tags: You are welcome to add ANY tags here that you want. Additional Rin ships, crossover ships, side ships, AUs, fluff, angst, MCD, etc. AO3 will try to match you to participants who have the same tags in their offer sections, but if it cannot match you perfectly with someone, you *will* still be matched.
 - If you are interested in potentially receiving problematic/dark content, please add the "Dead Dove/Do Not Eat" tag here

Optional Tags: 

[Chigiri Hyouma/Michael Kaiser](#)  [Bachira Meguru/Isagi Yoichi](#) 

[Oliver Aiku/Itoshi Sae](#)  [Fake/Pretend Relationship](#)  [Smut](#) 

Offers

The second and last section is 'Offers'. This mirrors the Requests section in many ways, with slight differences.

- Fandom: select the check box next to either Blue Lock (Anime), Blue Lock (Manga) or both

- a. Choosing Anime will match you only with participants who have requested Blue Lock (Anime) and so prompts will be spoiler-free
 - b. If you feel comfortable creating for both, selecting both the Anime and Manga fandoms will allow you to be paired from a wider pool of participants
2. Relationships: enter **at least 3** Itoshi Rin-centric relationship tags that you would be comfortable creating for. Romantic pairings are indicated with a '/', platonic pairings are indicated with an '&'. Polyamorous pairings are welcome as well!
 - a. Again, this list only pulls from a pre-set list of Itoshi Rin ship tags which are alphabetical and fandom specific. If there is a ship you want to offer that isn't listed here, please DM the twitter account so we can add it for you!
 - b. Again, AO3 only allows up to 20 ships in this section. You are not limited to indicating interest in only 20! Additional ships should be listed in the description box or optional tag section (see below).
 - c. The ships you offer don't have to be the same as the ships you requested!
 - d. The 'Any Relationship' box is a way to tell the AO3 algorithm that you don't care about being matched based on ships (aka that you might be ok creating a gift for *any* ship). You are certainly still allowed to have preferences! But if you might be okay with creating for *any* Rin ship, you can select this box (instead of entering up to 20).
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Contact Info

If you'd like to contact us with any questions/concerns, please feel free to DM us on Twitter or Discord!

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If you prefer e-mail, ours is rainbowexchange@gmail.com. We can also be reached by DMs through the event [Twitter account](#).

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