

RINBOWL2025

Brief Description

RINBOWL2025 is a gift exchange centered around Itoshi Rin 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](#)



Introduction

Welcome to the Rin Bowl Exchange 2025!

What is an exchange?

Exchanges are (initially) anonymous gift “swaps” of fanfiction and fanart that works by matching “gifters” and “giftees” based on a set of prompts. All works for this event, both fan fiction and fan art, will be posted on AO3.

You will provide a list of prompts and ships for your gifter to choose from as a “wishlist” of sorts so that your gifter can create something for you to enjoy — it will include content you want created for you as well as what you do not want. At the same time, you will provide some guidelines on what you are willing to create as well as what you are not willing to create.

The mods (with the help of AO3) will then match creators and recipients based on their creation and gift preferences! The person receiving your gift and the person making a gift for you are not necessarily the same.

Since we want this to be a community event, we are also looking for beta-readers (those that proofread fics and possibly help with brainstorming) as well as pinch-hitters (“emergency” back-up content creators to step in if someone has to drop from the event).

Schedule

	Start	End
Interest Check	June 1	June 7
Sign-Ups	June 10	June 21
Creation	June 24	September 7
Check-in #1	July 5	July 12
Check-in #2	July 26	August 2*
Check-in #3	August 16	August 23
Works Due		September 7
Posting	September 8	September 12

* Drop Deadline: August 2, 2025

You can [contact](#) the mods at any time through Twitter DMs (either event or individual) or event email at any time.

How does the Rin Bowl Exchange work?

All event communications will occur through the [Discord server](#). For that reason, you must join the Discord server to participate in the event. Join here: <https://discord.gg/jCmxQOWNVrz>

For this event, creators sign up through AO3 to create a fanwork (either fanart or a fanfic) in exchange for receiving a fanwork in return.

The sign-up form will ask you to give some information about what you want to “Request”

- Ships (at least 3)
- Rating
- Background ships,
- Genres/tropes and at least 4 prompts
- What you DO NOT want — type of creation, rating, ‘notps’, content and trigger warnings — that your gifter will need to avoid.

Similarly, you will provide information on what you “Offer”

- What you’re willing (or not willing) to create: art or fanfiction (or both!)

- Ships (at least 3)
- Ratings
- Background ships
- Content and trigger warnings, etc.

After sign-ups close, participants will be matched anonymously based on their request. Each gifter will be assigned a giftee and given their “Request” to help guide fanwork creation. The identity of the creators will be kept anonymous throughout the creation process, leading to an identity reveal during posting.

We ask that you remain anonymous until then, meaning no ‘WIP’ posts to Twitter and no generalized discussion of your piece in a space where your recipient may see it.

The only requirements to participate are being 18+ and having an AO3 account, since this event will be hosted on AO3! If you don't have an account, you can request an AO3 invite [here](#) or contact the mod team. We may be able to help you get an invite sooner. There are no skill requirements or applications to participate.

You are welcome to promote the work on your own social media — tag us [@itoshirinbowl](#) and #RINBOWL2025 so that the event account can retweet it!

Our goal is to make this exchange a pleasant experience for everyone involved! For that, we ask that all participants commit to the exchange upon sign-up. It is imperative that you communicate with the mods if anything comes up and you either need extensions or to drop. We're here to help make this a fun experience for everyone!

Please make sure the timing and expectations for the event match up with your schedule. If you're 18+ and are able to participate, we hope you'll join us!

OPTIONAL

- [Pinch Hitter Sign-Ups](#)
- [Beta Sign-Ups](#)



Rules

1. This is a gift exchange for Itoshi Rin, so all gifts must centre around Itoshi Rin. Platonic and polyamorous ships are welcome. Problematic ships (including incest and self-cest) will also be welcome.

2. You must sign up for this event through the AO3 collection to choose what kind of gift you wish to receive and what you're willing to give. To secure your participation, you must follow the confirmation instructions provided when receiving your assignment.

3. When you receive your assignment, please limit yourself to the ratings requested by your giftee. In the same spirit, please make sure to stay within the general parameters of your giftee's requests and avoid their DNWs.

- For example, if someone wants a fluffy Rin ship where they cuddle on the couch, don't give them an angsty fic with no happy ending.

4. All gifts have to be complete when you submit them. You're allowed to slightly edit or turn it into a series later, but make sure that whatever you upload can stand on its own. Random drabble bits, placeholders, or the initial chapters of a multi-fic are not allowed. This is a gift and so should be complete in and of itself.

5. If you do not turn in your gift to AO3 and have not contacted us before the deadline on September 7th, 2025 by 11:59PM ET, we will assign a pinch-hitter to complete a belated gift for your giftee and you will not be able to post your gift in the exchange collection. At that time, you will be considered 'dropped' from the event and subject to the penalties of dropping after the deadline.

6. The Drop Deadline is August 2nd, 2025. Please respect this deadline as we want everyone to be able to receive a gift and dropping out after this deadline may interfere with that. That being said, even if it is after the deadline, it is best to inform mods as soon as you can if you need to drop the event. We understand that life happens!

7. Once the gifts are posted, commenting on your gift is required. Everyone works very hard to make something for their giftee, and it's very important to be sure they feel appreciated for putting the time into it!

- We understand that you may not have the time at posting to fully enjoy their gift. For that reason, comments may be something along the lines of "I'm excited to read this!". We are asking only for a show of appreciation for the work your gifter put in.

8. Please keep your work anonymous until Posting

- You are welcome to share or talk about your participation in the event but please do not reveal who your giftee is or the contents of your gift before your Posting Date (with the exception of beta readers/close friends in private chats).
- To preserve anonymity, we ask that you do not contact your giftee before the reveals take place. If you have any questions about their prompts, the mods are more than happy to help facilitate any questions or clarifications you may need to complete your assignment! Our contact info can be found at the bottom of this guide.

9. Make sure you complete the check-ins.

- To ensure everyone receives a gift, we'll be doing three (3) check-ins through Google Forms. When check-in time comes, the link will be shared in the event Discord server.
- It is ok if you are under the word count or behind the suggested completion for the check-ins! We ARE looking for progress, however! Demonstrating progress will help you if, after the drop deadline, something comes up and you need to request more time.

10. Communication is key!

- *Please make sure that you give us up-to-date contact information so that we can contact you via Twitter, Discord or email in case we need to contact you.*
- *If your gift is complete near the deadline but you're having technical difficulties submitting it, please contact the mods as soon as possible!*
- *If, for any reason, you need to drop out of the event, or you realize you won't finish your gift on time — don't worry! Just contact the mods immediately so that we can assign a pinch hitter so that your giftee won't be without a gift in the exchange!*

11. We're here to have fun!

- *Be respectful to everyone involved in the exchange.*
- *By entering the event, you're agreeing to be a friendly and supportive participant. Unsolicited criticism or any form of rudeness will not be tolerated. We want to shower all the gifts with kudos, nice comments, and lots of love. We're not saying you need to read every fic or comment on every piece of art, but please remember this is a community event!*
- *Although this is a Rin-centric event, ship-bashing and hate will not be tolerated. Be nice and respectful, please!*
- *Gifts may be read by the mods to ensure that there is nothing that goes against your DNWs. If you have anything you'd rather not see, that's what the DNWs are for.*

12. Contact the mods through email, Twitter or Discord if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.



Gift Guidelines

For Fics

- *The minimum word count for fics is 2000 words and there's no maximum word count — the sky's the limit. The fic must be complete and fulfill at least one of your giftee's prompts/ships by the deadline. Prologues or single chapters of a planned multi-chapter work will not be accepted for this event.*
- *All fanfiction should be new. In other words, do not continue previous works that have already been posted. That would reveal your secret identity and require your giftee to read your previous works in order for them to enjoy their gift. You are, of course, allowed to add to the piece after it's been posted, if you want.*

- *Asking a beta or friend to look over your work is totally fine, just make sure you swear them to secrecy so that your giftee can be surprised! Betas can also be requested by contacting the mods if you'd like to be matched with one.*

For Art

- *Fanart works must be at least one rendered illustration without a background. There is wiggle-room for this — we understand that different artists operate differently! DM a mod if you'd like to propose an alternative piece of fanart. Traditional or digital is fine, but please no lined paper/canvas, napkin drawings or equivalent!*
- *If you feel the need to watermark your art, we can provide you with a watermark or use your own watermark — whatever works best for you. This is supposed to be fun, not anxiety-inducing because you fear your art will be stolen.*
- *Fanart will also be uploaded to AO3 for this event. As AO3 does not directly host art, you will need to host your image on a separate site when submitting. (This can be done using Imgur or sending it through a Discord message or server, clicking on it, and getting the link). If you're struggling or have any questions, please reach out to the mods and we will help you with posting!*



Checking In

Participants are expected to keep the moderator team up to date with their work via check-ins. This is to help the moderators ensure that everyone who signed up for a gift ends up receiving one!

Check-in forms will remain open for seven (7) days following their release in the event server on the following dates:

- *Check-In 1 - July 5*
- *Check-In 2 - July 26*
- *Check-In 3 - August 16*

Expectations

- *Writers and artists are expected to provide the moderator team with information regarding their progress with files of their WIPs*
- *This event will have three check-ins, all of which will last seven (7) days following the posting of the form in the event server*

- *If you foresee that you're unable to meet the deadline of the check-in, please reach out to the moderator team to sort out an extension*
- *Even if you have not met the minimum requirements for the check-in, we would still like to see your work!*
- *If a participant does not submit their check-in...*
 - *The moderators will reach out to them two times in the 7 days following the deadline regarding next steps*
 - *If no reply is received, the individual will be considered dropped out of the event and pinch hitter will be recruited*

All Participants

Both writers and artists will be asked to submit the following for each check-in

- *Their name and contact*
- *The name of their giftee*
- *An uploaded file of their WIP via shareable link or email*

Writers

To help the moderators gauge your progress, writers will be asked to provide an estimated final word count.

Here are the minimum progress requirements for each check-in:

- *Check-In 1 - suggested 25% of the final word count OR a full outline*
- *Check-In 2 - at least 50-75% of the final word count*
- *Check-In 3 - at least 75-100% of the final word count*

Artists

Here are the minimum progress requirements for each check-in:

- *Check-In 1 - suggested 25% completion OR a full sketch/concept*
- *Check-In 2 - at least 50-75% completion*
- *Check-In 3 - at least 75-100% completion*



Contact Info

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

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