Rin Bowl Exchange 2023

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

Introduction

Welcome to the Rin Bowl Exchange 2023!

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. Your work will be posted anonymously to AO3, and creators will be revealed two (2) weeks after posting.

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 (e.g. Rin and Shidou go ice skating, fanart, T-rated) as well as what you do not want (e.g. no MCD, no G-rated, no

background BachIsagi). At the same time, you will provide some guidelines on what you are willing to create (e.g. fanfiction, fluff and romance, up to M-rated) as well as what you are not willing to create (e.g. no BachiNagi background ship, nothing E-rated).

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

Sign-ups Open: April 1, 2023

Sign-ups Close: April 29 | 11:59PM EST

Assignments Released: May 6 | by 11:59PM EST

Assignments Confirmed: May 13 | by 11:59PM EST

👑 **10-week creation period** 👑

Check In 1: June 10 — Contact Check In

Check In 2: July 8 — Progress Check — 25-50% due

Drop Deadline: July 15 | 11:59PM EST — Last date to drop without repercussions

Check In 3: August 5 — Progress Check — 50-75% due

Assignments Due: August 26 | 11:59PM EST (Hard Deadline)

Anonymous Gift Exchange: September 3–9

Gifters Revealed: September 23, 2023

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?

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 — while also asking for 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 are "offering" — 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 at the very end of the event.

The gift works are turned in and posted on AO3 anonymously for recipients and others to enjoy, showing the creators as "Anonymous" until we reveal the creators on **September 23**. 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. Information on how to post anonymously will be provided closer to the posting date.

During the posting period, the Rin Bowl Exchange twitter account will be posting links to the AO3 works, tagging **only** the recipient. The number of posts per day will depend on how many participants we have.

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 DM the mod team through Twitter. We may be able to help you get an invite sooner. There are no skill requirements or applications to participate.

All event communications will occur through the email associated with your AO3 account. The event twitter will promote works during the anonymous gifting period. After creators are revealed, you are welcome to promote the work on your own social media — tag us @itoshirinbowl and #rinbowl2023 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!

Mods will be doing three (3) **check-ins** via email to make sure everyone ends up with a gift! Our first contact will be on June 10, 2023 to confirm that you have received your assignment and touch base. Then, there will be **two (2)** additional check-ins on July 8, 2023 and August 5, 2023 to demonstrate your progress. July 15, 2023 will be our **drop deadline** — if you elect to drop after this date, you will not be allowed to participate in Rin Bowl Exchange 2024 AND you will not receive your gift.

OPTIONAL

- Pinch-hitter sign-ups

- Beta sign-ups

- Request a beta

Rules

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

2. To participate in this exchange, you must fill out **both** this Google form with your contact information AND sign-up through the AO3 collection to choose what kind of gift you wish to receive and what you're willing to give. Your registration will **not** be considered complete without **both**!

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.

- 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 add additional chapters 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 **August 26th, 2023 by 11:59PM EST,** 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 **July 15th, 2023**. With the exception of extenuating circumstances (communication with mods is **necessary**), those who drop the event, either by informing the mods or failing to upload a gift by August 26th, 2023, will be banned from participating in the next Blue Lock Bowl Exchange.

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! Failure to comment on your gift **by the creator reveal** (2 weeks after the last gift is posted) will result in a ban on participation in the next Blue Lock Bowl Exchange.

- 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 Creator Reveals.**

- This exchange is **anonymous** until creators are revealed, so please do not reveal yourself to your giftee (the person you make the gift for) until after Creator Reveals happen on September 23. You are welcome to share or talk about your participation in the event but please **do not** tell anyone which work is yours until the reveal (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! We can be contacted through Twitter, Discord DMs or email. Our contact info can be found at the bottom of this guide.

- You may include **additional author/artist notes** when posting, **but please be careful not to give away identifying information** in the AO3 notes — this

includes thanking betas by name or linking to your socials. You can edit and add those later when your identity has been revealed!

- It's allowed and encouraged to reply to comments and feedback during the anonymous period — AO3 will keep your username hidden until the final reveal! But again, avoid revealing any identifying information when you do.

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, you'll be contacted via your AO3-associated email address with a link to a form where you'll have to update the mods on your progress.

- The first contact will be on **June 10th** to confirm you received your assignment and generally touch base. There will then be two (2) additional check-ins for progress updates on **July 8th** and **August 5th**!

- 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 us through Twitter as soon as possible. We will be releasing a posting guide in late August with step-by-step information including code on how to embed art!

- 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 questions/issues/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 here if you'd like a mod to match you 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 you can use temporarily until the reveal to keep things

anonymous. Once creators are revealed, you're welcome to replace it with your own watermark. However, if you still wish to use your own watermark even before the reveal, that is also okay — whatever works best for you. This is supposed to be fun, not anxiety-inducing because you fear your art will be stolen.

- When submitting your art, you will need to host your image on a separate site first (like Imgur or sending it through a Discord message or server, clicking on it, and getting the link), as AO3 does not host art directly, and your artwork will have to be uploaded to AO3. We will provide you instructions for embedding artwork closer to posting. 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** - June 10
- **Check-In 2** - July 8
- **Check-In 3** - August 5
- **Final Submissions** - August 26

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% of the final word count
- **Check-In 3** - at least 75% of the final word count
- **Final Submissions** - complete work - editing is allowed up until posting

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% completion
- **Check-In 3** - at least 75% completion
- **Final Submissions** - complete work - editing is allowed up until posting

Contact Info

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

	Twitter	Discord
EO	https://twitter.com/EoHasCats	Eo#9480
HAN	https://twitter.com/augurals	mwahahan#5557
INE	https://twitter.com/ineednotbe	ineednotbe#6974

If you prefer e-mail, our address is rinbowlexchange@gmail.com. We can also be reached by DMs through the event Twitter account or Curious Cat