

Moderated Panel Descriptions 2019

Pressure on Athletes

What does it take to become a champion? This panel will feature athletes discussing how to cope with both the physical and mental stresses put on those who strive to win. Can anime be an effective stress reliever? Do real athletes find that sports anime provides a true to life look at an athlete's circumstances, or can anime be more useful as a simple escape?

Adaptations and Origins

This panel asks if it matters where a franchise comes from before it becomes an anime. What are the various advantages and disadvantages of original anime versus anime based on manga, light novels, or other sources? What makes for a good adaptation? Is it more important to stay true to the original work, or to allow an anime studio and director tell a story their own way? And what happens when an anime is adapted into another medium?

Team Cosplay

Be it sports teams, magical girl teams, or tokusatsu teams, some of the most impactful cosplay happens when you team up with others. What are some of the extra difficulties that arise when you have to get a group of people to come together and develop group cosplay? Learn from those who have done it before, and maybe they'll even share some pictures!

Convention Photography

What are some of the tricks of the trade in becoming a great convention photographer? Come discuss the etiquette of getting consent for pictures, talk about the best equipment for the price, tips on ensuring that your lighting is okay, and finally what to do as far as touching up and showing off your photos once you get home.

Cultural Representations in Anime

Can you learn from anime? Certainly, some anime can teach you about cultural concepts, both traditional and modern. Is it more effective when an anime directs your attention directly to a cultural idea, or when the concept plays a more subtle role in influencing a story? What happens when anime attempts to borrow cultural concepts from outside Japan? Does being exposed to cultural ideas make a viewing experience more valuable?