

Batocera 10th Anniversary Contest — Official Rules

Sponsor: ANBERNIC

Organizer: The Batocera community team, on a voluntary basis (Batocera is an open-source project with no legal entity) — coordinated by Nicolas Adenis-Lamarre ("we", "us", "the Organizer")

Submission period: September 1 – December 1, 2026 (closes December 1 at 23:59 CET).

Voting: 7 to 14 days afterwards, depending on the number of entries.

1. Sponsor and Organizer

1.1. This Contest (the "Contest") is organized to celebrate Batocera's 10th anniversary. **Batocera is a free, open-source project; there is no company, association, or other legal entity behind it.** The Contest is run on a voluntary basis by members of the Batocera community team (together, the "Organizer") and is coordinated by Nicolas Adenis-Lamarre.

1.2. **ANBERNIC is the sponsor of this Contest** and provides all prizes. ANBERNIC is responsible for supplying and shipping the prize consoles.

1.3. This Contest is **not sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with Discord, YouTube, X (Twitter), or any other platform** used to promote or run it. Any questions about the Contest must be directed to the Organizer, not to these platforms.

2. Eligibility

2.1. The Contest is open **worldwide, wherever participation and receipt of the prize are legally permitted.** It is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

2.2. To participate, you must:

- have a valid Discord account, and
- be a member of the official Batocera Discord server (<https://discord.gg/wJhHMeQEb>).

2.3. **Age.** You must be at least 18 years old, **or** have reached the age of majority in your country of residence. If you are a minor, you may only participate with the prior consent of a parent or legal guardian, who must handle prize claim and delivery details on your behalf.

2.4. The following persons are **not eligible to win**: members of the Batocera team, moderators, administrators, and members of the Contest jury, as well as their immediate family or household members. (Moderators and administrators act as jury — see Section 5.)

2.5. **No purchase is necessary** to enter or win. A purchase does not improve your chances of winning.

3. How to Enter

3.1. Entries are submitted exclusively on the official Batocera Discord server, in the dedicated forum channel for each category.

3.2. **To enter, create a new thread in the forum channel of the relevant category.** Do **not** post your entry as a reply inside someone else's thread — only new threads count as entries. Comments and reactions on other people's threads are not entries.

3.3. Unless stated otherwise for a category, you may submit **one (1) entry per category**. You may enter more than one category.

3.4. All entries must be **your own original work**. By entering, you confirm that your submission does not infringe the intellectual property, privacy, or other rights of any third party.

3.5. Entries must comply with the Batocera community guidelines. Any entry that is offensive, illegal, infringing, or off-topic may be removed and disqualified at the Organizer's discretion.

3.6. Entries submitted outside the official channels, or after the submission deadline, will not be considered.

3.7. **No AI-generated content in setup entries.** For the Best Setup category, photos and videos must show your real, physical setup; AI-generated or AI-manipulated images are not allowed. If there is any doubt about the authenticity of a submitted setup image, the Organizer may ask the participant for a **video confirmation**, and reserves the right **not to retain the entry if the doubt is not resolved**. This restriction does **not** apply to the Best Theme category, where AI-generated artwork within a theme is acceptable.

Category-specific requirements — Best Theme

3.8. To enter the Best Theme category, the **theme's creator** must post a thread presenting the theme. Both existing and newly created themes are accepted.

3.9. The theme thread must include **screenshots (a short video is recommended)** and a **link to download or install the theme** (e.g. its GitHub repository or the official Batocera theme downloader), so that the community can evaluate it from the thread.

3.10. **The theme must be compatible with Batocera v43.1**, the target stable version for this Contest. Themes that do not work on v43.1 are not eligible. A theme that supports all systems and is up to date is strongly recommended.

3.11. **The default Batocera theme cannot be submitted as an entry.**

4. Categories and Prizes

The Contest includes the following categories and prizes. All prizes are ANBERNIC consoles provided by the Sponsor.

Best Theme — community vote

- 1st place: ANBERNIC RG VITA PRO

- 2nd place: ANBERNIC RG DS
- 3rd place: ANBERNIC RG CubeXX

Best Setup — community vote

- Winner: ANBERNIC RG VITA PRO

Jury Prize — Most Original Setup — internal jury vote

- Winner: ANBERNIC RG CubeXX

Best Testimonial — community vote

- Winner: ANBERNIC RG 40XXV

Total: 6 consoles.

4.1. Prizes are **non-transferable, non-exchangeable, and cannot be swapped for cash** or any other item.

4.2. A single participant may win in more than one category, but **cannot win more than one prize within the same category**. For the Best Setup category, the Jury Prize winner is selected first and is then excluded from the community-vote finalist list, so the two Setup prizes go to two different people (see Section 5).

4.3. Prizes are supplied "as is" by the Sponsor. **Any manufacturer warranty is provided by ANBERNIC** according to its own terms; the Organizer provides no warranty of any kind.

4.4. **Prize substitution.** If a prize console becomes unavailable (e.g. out of stock) before it can be awarded, the Sponsor may replace it with a console of **equivalent or higher value**. No cash alternative will be offered.

5. Selection and Voting Process

5.1. The Contest runs in two phases:

- **Submission phase:** September 1 – December 1, 2026; the submission period closes on **December 1, 2026 at 23:59 CET**. During this phase, participants post their entries in the forum channels.

- **Voting phase:** 7 to 14 days after the submission phase, the exact length depending on the number of entries.

5.2. **Jury.** The jury is composed of Batocera administrators and moderators.

5.3. **Finalist preselection.** After the submission phase, the jury reviews all entries and selects a short list of **up to ten (10) finalists per community-voted category**. Finalists are chosen on general criteria such as overall quality, originality, effort, and relevance to the category. This preselection is a practical step to make voting manageable; it is not itself a prize.

5.4. **Community vote.** For each community-voted category, the finalists are put to a vote using Discord's native poll feature. The official poll is published in English on the Batocera server; announcements pointing to it may also be posted in each language-specific

channel. The entry with the most votes wins; for Best Theme, the top three entries take 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

5.5. **Jury Prize (Most Original Setup).** This prize is decided **solely by an internal vote of the jury** and rewards the most original or creative setup. There is no community vote for this prize.

5.6. **Tie-breaking.** In the event of a tie in a community vote, the jury will decide the final ranking among the tied entries.

5.7. **Transparency.** Participants acknowledge that the jury selects the finalists and that the community then votes among those finalists.

5.8. The Organizer's and jury's decisions are final.

5.9. **Low participation.** If a category receives very few entries, the Organizer may adapt the process for that category — for example, skipping the preselection or the community vote, or awarding the prize on the jury's decision alone. Any such adaptation will be communicated on the official channels.

5.10. **Time zone.** All Contest deadlines and times are given in Central European Time (CET/CEST).

6. Winner Notification and Claiming a Prize

6.1. Winners will be contacted by the Organizer through a **Discord direct message** after the voting phase ends.

6.2. A contacted winner must **respond and provide the information required for delivery within 14 days**. If a winner does not respond within this period, cannot be contacted, or is found ineligible, they forfeit the prize, and the Organizer may award it to the next eligible entry (a backup winner).

6.3. To receive a prize, the winner must provide a valid **shipping address and contact details**. These details will be shared with the Sponsor solely for delivery (see Sections 7 and 8).

6.4. **Announcement of winners.** Winners are announced publicly on the Batocera channels (including Discord, YouTube, and X), and a results video may feature the winning entries. By entering, participants agree that their **username and their submission** may be shown as part of the results. Postal addresses are never made public.

7. Delivery, Shipping, and Customs

7.1. **Prizes are shipped directly by the Sponsor (ANBERNIC) to each winner.**

7.2. **The Organizer does not handle, guarantee, or cover shipping, delivery, or any problem related to the delivery of the consoles** (including delays, loss, or damage in transit). Any such issue is between the winner and the Sponsor / carrier.

7.3. **The Organizer provides no technical support for the prize consoles.** Product support and warranty are handled by ANBERNIC under its own terms.

7.4. **Customs duties, import taxes, or other local fees may apply depending on the winner's country. Any such duties, taxes, or fees are the sole responsibility of the person receiving the prize.** The Organizer and the Sponsor are not responsible for paying them, and a prize may not be delivered if the recipient refuses to pay applicable fees.

7.5. **Prize-related taxes.** Any tax that may arise from winning or receiving a prize is likewise the sole responsibility of the winner.

8. Personal Data (GDPR)

8.1. **Data controller.** Batocera is an open-source project with no legal entity. Winners' postal addresses are collected by the Organizer and then passed to the Sponsor for shipping; the person responsible for this — Nicolas Adenis-Lamarre — therefore acts as the data controller, in their own name, and can be reached at nicolas.adenis.lamarre@gmail.com. ANBERNIC receives the address as a recipient, solely to ship the prize (see 8.4).

8.2. **Data collected:** for winners only, the Organizer collects the shipping address and contact details necessary to deliver the prize.

8.3. **Purpose and legal basis:** these data are used **solely to deliver the prize**. The legal basis is the performance of the Contest and the delivery of the prize you have accepted.

8.4. **Recipients:** the winner's shipping details are **shared with ANBERNIC solely for the purpose of shipping the prize**. By accepting a prize, the winner consents to their shipping details being shared with ANBERNIC for this purpose. Data are not sold or shared with any other third party.

8.5. **Retention:** shipping details are **kept only for as long as needed to deliver the prize and are deleted once delivery is complete**.

8.6. **Your rights:** you may request access to, correction, or deletion of your personal data by contacting nicolas.adenis.lamarre@gmail.com. Note that if you withdraw the information needed for delivery, the prize cannot be shipped to you.

9. Rights to Submissions

9.1. Participants **retain ownership** of the content they submit (themes, setup photos/videos, testimonials).

9.2. By entering, you grant the Organizer a **non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide license to display, reproduce, share, and promote your submission** in connection with the Contest and Batocera — including on Discord, YouTube, X, and other Batocera channels — with attribution to your chosen username where practical.

9.3. You confirm you have all necessary rights to grant this license and that your submission contains no third-party content that would infringe someone else's rights.

10. Conduct and Disqualification

10.1. Any attempt to manipulate entries or the vote — including the use of bots, multiple or fake accounts, vote buying, or any other fraudulent behavior — will result in **immediate disqualification**.

10.2. The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify any participant who breaches these rules, the Batocera community guidelines, or the terms of the platforms used.

11. Changes and Cancellation

11.1. The Organizer reserves the right to **modify, suspend, or cancel** the Contest, or to adjust these rules, if required by circumstances beyond its control or to protect the integrity of the Contest. Any material change will be announced on the official channels.

12. Acceptance of the Rules

12.1. **By entering the Contest, participants fully and unconditionally accept these rules** and the decisions of the Organizer and jury.

13. General Provisions

13.1. **Language.** These rules may be translated or summarized in other languages for convenience. In case of any discrepancy between versions, **the English version prevails**.

13.2. **Severability.** If any provision of these rules is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force and effect.

14. Governing Law

14.1. These rules are governed by **French law**. Any dispute that cannot be resolved amicably will be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent French courts, without prejudice to any mandatory consumer-protection rights the participant may have in their country of residence.

15. Contact

For any question about the Contest, contact the Organizer at <https://batocera.org/contact>.