# A – GENERAL TERMS

**A.1** – To participate in Picvetia 2024, participants must read and agree to these terms. Entry will be denied, and access to IT tools will be restricted for individuals who cannot confirm they have read and accepted the terms.

**A.2** – These terms have been prepared in English, German, French, and Italian in accordance with current Swiss laws and regulations.

**A.3** – The terms can be viewed and downloaded here and will also be sent to selected participants along with the confirmation email.

**A.4** – Participants may explore the profiles of other members on the Picvetia Discord, where they can find detailed contact information for networking purposes. Using Discord is a required condition for participation.

**A.5** – Participants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with Discord and understanding its use.

**A.6** – All registered participants must declare their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions required for using the website and Discord server.

A.7 – All members must provide accurate and truthful information.

**A.8** – The organizers will strive to ensure the functionality of the website and Discord but inform that service interruptions may occur due to updates and maintenance work.

**A.9** – The organizers also point out that using the internet and electronic services could expose participants to risks, such as malware attacks or threats to access personal data by third parties.

**A.10** – Access to all systems during the event requires a Discord account. Additionally, using an Instagram account is recommended to promote participant interaction.

**A.11** – To facilitate the organization of photoshoots and associated travel, an interactive map is available on Discord with directions to each location, linked to images.

**A.12** – To improve communication between the organizers and participants, a closed Discord server will be set up. This server will serve as a platform for participants to easily network, share information, and obtain additional organizational details not available on the website.

**A.13** – In cases of reports of violations of these terms or social behavior standards, the organizers will promptly take appropriate action. Notifications of such violations should be submitted to the organizers via the contact form available on the website.

# **B – REGISTRATION**

**B.1** – Anyone can apply to participate in the event on the Picvetia website, where they can also view or download the event terms. A valid and active email address is required for registration. Registration for the event will be open at the time communicated by the organizer on the website.

**B.2** – To register, participants must complete a registration form and explicitly declare their intent to participate in the current edition of Picvetia. They authorize the organizers to collect and use personal information solely for event-related purposes.

**B.3** – Completing the registration form indicates that each member acknowledges having fully read and accepted all rules. This also constitutes an agreement with the Picvetia organization and expresses the individual's commitment to adhere to the established rules.

**B.4** – The selection results will be privately communicated to all applicants via email on January 19, 2025.

**B.5** – The confirmation email for accepted participants will contain important information from the organizers, and it is strongly recommended to read it carefully. Additionally, the email includes the liability waiver, which must be signed and returned.

**B.6** – Joint registrations of cosplayers or photographers are allowed, but mixed pair applications, such as a photographer and a cosplayer together, are not accepted. Furthermore, selected pairs should plan and participate in at least 80% of the photo shoots together. The remaining 20% corresponds to two photo shoots, which can be conducted individually. Duos or groups among the chosen solo participants can be freely created.

**B.7** – Only a limited number of participants will be accepted, evenly divided between photographers/videographers and cosplayers. The organizers reserve the right to review each application based on specific criteria.

#### Criteria photographers

#### Criteria cosplayers

B.8 – After the payment deadline, links to the exclusive Discord will be sent via email.

**B.9** – Participants who fail to confirm their attendance within the stipulated 15-day period will be excluded from the selection list. Due to strict selection criteria, participants are strongly encouraged only to apply if they are sure they can attend.

**B.10** – A dedicated channel on the Picvetia Discord is available for slot searches. The organization encourages participants to use this portal for optimized planning and coordination.

**B.11** – The agreement applies for the event duration and until photographers have delivered their photos to cosplayers.

**B.12** – To participate, it is mandatory to sign and return the liability waiver beforehand. It is also recommended to pick up a personalized badge for full event access.

**B.13** – The event is private, and non-accredited photographers or cosplayers will not be admitted.

### **C – DURATION AND CONCLUSION**

**C.1** – Picvetia 2024 will take place over two days, June 14–15, in the Yverdon-les-Bains area, covering locations within a 40-minute drive from Yverdon.

**D.1** – The information point will serve as the headquarters and official meeting point.

**D.2** – Participants will be provided with an interactive Google Maps map to help them easily reach each location.

**D.3** – Each location on the Picvetia map will be linked to Google Drive, connecting each place with previously taken images by the organizers.

**D.4** – The organization cannot provide transport to the photoshoot locations. Although volunteers may assist if necessary, their involvement is primarily reserved for extreme cases or emergencies. Participants should arrange their transportation accordingly.

**D.5** – Participants are encouraged to thoroughly review the location map, each site's opening and closing times, and any specific rules before planning photo shoots to ensure well-informed and efficient planning.

**D.6** – Using locations outside the provided options is not prohibited, but the organization disclaims all liability for incidents at non-designated locations. It is highly recommended to consult the organizers before using areas with uncertain safety conditions.

# **E – LICENSES AND IMAGES**

**E.1** – The participant declares they have the right to use the images submitted for registration or are legally authorized to use the works presented.

**E.2** – In the event of a legal dispute involving the organization due to a third-party complaint against participants, they must reimburse the organizers' costs, including legal representation and any compensation costs.

**E.3** – The event aims to produce photo and video recordings. Given the significant effort, the organization sets a reasonable delivery period of up to eight months for images. Cosplayers who have not received the promised material after this period should notify the organizers.

**E.4** – The use of images is authorized for personal websites and social media or for printing for exhibitions or competitions. Selling prints is allowed with the consent of all involved parties (cosplayer, photographer, Picvetia).

**E.5** – For slots lasting an hour or more, photographers agree to provide at least three images to the cosplayer, unless a different arrangement is made. Photographers are also welcome to share additional images if they choose. Please note that selling images or edits is strictly prohibited.

**E.6** – The participant consents to the use of their image for promotional purposes for Picvetia. Participants must promptly provide photos, videos, or other materials to the organizers upon request, even without added logos, if explicitly directed by the organization. This content may be used for promotional purposes or published on Picvetia platforms, with due credit to all involved parties.

**E.7** – Photos published online from the event must clearly mention the event. On social media, where Picvetia is present, the event must be tagged. Hashtags #Picvetia and #Picvetia2025 may be used. On Instagram, the event should be tagged as a collaborator, though acceptance cannot be guaranteed for all requests.

**E.8** – When publishing photos, videos, or other content created at Picvetia, participants must identify the persons depicted by including their name or personal profile. This practice ensures proper acknowledgment and increases visibility on social platforms.

# **F - RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROHIBITIONS**

**F.1** – The organization assumes no responsibility for damages caused by third parties (including other participants).

F.2 – Participants must adhere to the rules and customs at each venue where Picvetia is held.

**F.3** – Certain locations may have restricted access due to their fragile condition or unsuitability for certain activities. The organization assumes no liability for damages to persons or property. Therefore, a liability waiver must be signed in advance.

**F.4** – Specific rules for each location are available in the respective Location Channels on Discord, and participants must read and comply with them.

**F.5** – Participants must immediately rectify any damage they or third parties cause at event locations.

**F.6** – Participants must collect their trash and leave the locations in the same condition as they found them.

**F.7** – All participants must conduct themselves respectfully toward others and treat the locations with the utmost care. The organization reserves the right to remove individuals who fail to respect these conditions from the venue.

**F.8** – It is strictly forbidden to alter, move, or modify anything within the available locations without prior permission from the organizers or property owners.

**F.9** – "Stolen shots" of cosplayers engaged in other sets are expressly prohibited. This measure is to ensure unique shots can be created and to maintain a peaceful and orderly environment during the event.

**F.10** – It is essential to note that participants are strictly prohibited from accepting payment for slots. However, reasonable contributions to set organization costs, such as horse rentals or fire services, are permissible if agreed upon by both parties. This should cover only shared or individual expenses.

**F.11** – Any type of set that contravenes the event's standards of public decency is prohibited. Nudity and suggestive or erotic content are explicitly banned during Picvetia.

F.12 – Participants may not:

- Upload any illegal content.
- Engage in behavior that violates or attempts to circumvent the law.
- Disrespect social behavior norms and good manners.
- Use electronic services in a way that disrupts operations or causes issues for service providers and other participants.

**F.13** – Photographers are strongly encouraged to behave appropriately at the event, with an absolute commitment to respecting cosplayers. Proper behavior, both in conduct and language, is mandatory. Photographers are asked to refrain from physical contact with cosplayers and to treat everyone they interact with respectfully.

**F.14** – During the event, participants are expressly prohibited from making arrangements or spontaneously organizing sets with individuals who are not registered and have not gone through the usual selection process. Engaging in such practices or supporting them will lead to expulsion from the current event and exclusion from future editions.

**F.15** – Any information shared by the organizers with participants should be considered confidential and private. It is strictly forbidden to disclose such information without the organization's direct consent.

### G – COMPLAINTS

**G.1** – Complaints regarding Picvetia or any of the provided services can be sent to the organization via email at <u>info@picvetiaevent.ch</u>. The organization will respond as soon as possible.

**G.2** – The complaint must include an accurate description of the reported situation, the names of the reported participants, the reason for the complaint, and all necessary information to fully understand the situation. All complaints will remain strictly confidential within the organization.

**G.3** – While the organization is committed to reviewing complaints promptly, it will analyze the submitted data within a maximum period of 14 calendar days from the date received.

### H – ASSISTANTS AND COMPANIONS

H.1 – There is no limit to the number of assistants.

**H.2** – All participants may bring companions without limitation; however, companions will not have access to private or restricted areas to avoid disturbing other participants.

H.3 – Accredited assistants will also receive a personalized badge.

**H.4** – Participants must register their assistants through a special form, which must be completed with the assistants' personal information.

**H.5** – The registration fee for assistants must be paid to Picvetia's bank or PayPal account after registration.

**H.6** – Failing to meet any of the requirements will invalidate the assistant's accreditation request.

### I – WITHDRAWALS

**I.1** – Picvetia is a limited-attendance event with a strict selection process, as described in Sections B.9, B.10, and B.11. Although it is possible to decline participation after receiving the invitation/acceptance email from the organization, individuals are strongly advised to approach event registration and commitment with caution and seriousness.

**I.2** – After the deadline for contribution fee payments, participants who have not paid will be considered excluded from the event.

**I.3** – In the case of a later withdrawal or cancellation, notification must be sent via email to info@picvetiaevent.ch. An uncommunicated withdrawal will be considered unjustified.

**I.4** – Due to the nature of the event and the high level of selection, unjustified withdrawals deemed trivial by the organization will lead to exclusion from future editions.

# J – EXPULSION

The organization reserves the right to exclude participants under the following conditions:

**J.1** – The organization will exercise its right of expulsion if one or more participants violate Picvetia's rules, Swiss law, or general standards of good conduct.

J.2 – The organization will exercise its right of expulsion if one or more participants:

- Upload illegal content;
- Engage in behavior that violates or attempts to circumvent the law;
- Disrespect social behavior norms and good manners;
- Behave poorly toward other participants;
- Use electronic services in a way that disrupts operations or causes issues for service providers and other participants.

### **K – CONTACTS**

The contact form on picvetiaevent.ch/contact can be used for any correspondence.

Complaints can be sent via email to info@picvetiaevent.ch.