

A – GENERAL CONDITIONS

A.1 – To participate in the event *Picvetia 2026*, participants must read and agree to the present terms and conditions. Persons who cannot prove that they have read or accepted these terms will be denied entry and will not be allowed to use the provided IT tools.

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

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

A.4 – Participants may explore other members' profiles on the Picvetia Discord, where they can find complete contact information for networking purposes. The use of Discord is considered an essential requirement for participation.

A.5 – It is the participants' responsibility to familiarise themselves with Discord and learn how to use it.

A.6 – Every registered person must accept the general contractual and service conditions required for the use of the website and the Discord server.

A.7 – All members are required to provide accurate and truthful information.

A.8 – The organisers will strive to ensure the proper functioning of the website and the Discord server but inform participants that service interruptions may occur due to updates and maintenance work.

A.9 – The organisers also wish to point out that using the internet and electronic services may expose participants to risks, such as malicious access through malware or threats to the security of personal data by third parties.

A.10 – Access to all systems during the event requires a Discord account. Additionally, the use of an Instagram account is recommended to foster interaction between participants.

A.11 – To facilitate the organisation of photoshoots and related travel, an interactive map is available on Discord. The map includes instructions to reach each location and provides a link to the relevant images.

A.12 – To improve communication between the organisation and the participants, a closed Discord server will be established. This server will serve as a platform for participants to network easily, exchange information, and receive additional organisational details not available on the website.

A.13 – In the event of reports of violations of these terms or social behaviour standards, the organisation will promptly take appropriate action to address them. Notifications of such violations should be submitted to the organisation using the contact form available on the website.

B – REGISTRATION

B.1 – Anyone can apply for the event on the Picvetia website and can view or download the event regulations. A valid and active email address is required for registration. Registration for the event is possible via the website at the time specified by the organiser.

B.2 – To register, participants must complete a registration form and explicitly state their intention to participate in the current Picvetia edition. They grant the organisers authorisation to collect and use personal information exclusively for event-related purposes.

B.3 – Completing the registration form signifies that each member acknowledges having fully read and accepted all rules. It also constitutes an agreement with the Picvetia organisation and expresses a personal commitment to abide by the established regulations.

B.4 – The results of the selection process will be communicated privately by email to all applicants on **6 November 2025**.

B.5 – The confirmation email for accepted participants contains important information from the organisation and should be read carefully. It also includes the liability waiver, which must be signed and returned.

B.6 – Partner registrations between cosplayers or photographers are allowed. However, mixed pair applications, such as a photographer and a cosplayer together, are not accepted. Furthermore, selected pairs should plan and attend at least **80 %** of photoshoots together. The remaining 20 % correspond to two sessions that can be done individually. Duos or groups among selected solo participants may be freely formed.

B.7 – Only a limited number of participants will be accepted, evenly divided between photographers/videographers and cosplayers. The organisers reserve the right to review each application and decide according to the following criteria:

Criteria for Cosplayers

Criteria for Photographers

As stated in section B.4, the results of the selection process will be communicated to participants on **6 November 2025**. Each applicant will receive an individual email informing them of the results. Those selected for the event must confirm their participation by paying the participation fee to the event's bank or PayPal account within the specified deadline. Payment details will be included in the email. Participants who fail to confirm within the given period will be considered excluded. The participation fee will not be refunded in the case of exclusion or withdrawal.

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

B.9 – As stated in B.7, participants who fail to confirm their participation by payment within the established timeframe will be removed from the selection list. Given the strict criteria for participant selection, applicants are strongly advised to register only if they are sure they can attend. This ensures smooth event management with minimal absences.

B.10 – A waiting list of **10 places** is maintained to fill any cancelled spots. The organisation is under no obligation to inform applicants of their exact position on the waiting list. Applicants selected from the waiting list will receive an email when applicable.

B.11 – The organisation reminds all accepted participants that a dedicated channel for finding available slots is accessible on the Picvetia Discord. To optimise planning and coordination, the organisation encourages participants to use this portal.

B.12 – The agreement remains valid for the duration of the event and until photographers have delivered their photos to the cosplayers.

B.13 – To participate in the event, signing and submitting the liability waiver in advance is mandatory. To gain access to all event areas, participants are recommended to collect their personalised badge.

B.14 – Participants are reminded that the event is private and that unaccredited photographers or cosplayers will not be accepted.

C – DURATION AND CONCLUSION

C.1 – *Picvetia 2026* will take place over three days, from **10 to 12 April 2026**, in the *Locarno–Bellinzona* area and will include locations within a 45-minute driving distance.

D – EVENT AREAS, MAP AND LOCATIONS

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 link that allows them to reach each location easily.

D.3 – Each location on the Picvetia map can be found on Discord with an image gallery. Directions and location-specific rules are also listed there.

D.4 – The organisation cannot provide transport to the shooting locations for participants. Although volunteers are available to offer assistance if needed, their support is primarily reserved for cases of absolute necessity or emergencies. Participants should therefore plan their own transport arrangements.

D.5 – The event offers participants access to a wide range of locations. It is strongly recommended that participants review the location map, opening and closing times, and individual rules before planning photoshoots. This ensures a well-informed and efficient planning process.

D.6 – Although using locations outside the approved options is not forbidden, the organisation declines any responsibility for incidents occurring at non-designated sites. Participants are strongly advised to contact the organisation before using areas with uncertain safety conditions.

E – LICENCES AND IMAGES

E.1 – The participant declares that they hold the rights of use for the images submitted during registration or are otherwise legally authorised to use the works presented.

E.2 – In the event of a legal dispute involving the organisation arising from a complaint made by a third party against a participant, the latter must reimburse the organiser for any incurred costs, including legal representation from the date of the complaint and all compensation expenses.

E.3 – The purpose of the event is the creation of photographic and video material. Given the considerable effort involved, the organisation sets a reasonable delivery time for images of up to eight months. Beyond this deadline, cosplayers who have not received the promised material are invited to notify the organisation.

This paragraph is dispositive in nature and allows participants to reach mutual agreements extending this period. In the absence of evidence of such an agreement, the provisions of paragraph 1 apply.

E.4 – The use of images is authorised for publication on personal websites and social networks, or for printing for exhibitions or competitions. The sale of prints is permitted only with the consent of all involved parties (cosplayer, photographer, Picvetia).

E.5 – For slots lasting one hour or more, photographers must provide the cosplayer with at least three images, unless another arrangement has been agreed. Photographers are encouraged to share additional photos if they wish. Please note that selling images or edits is strictly prohibited.

E.6 – The participant agrees to make their own image available for promotional purposes related to Picvetia. Participants are required to promptly provide the organisation, upon request, with photographs, videos or other materials, even without added logos, if explicitly requested. This content may be used for promotional purposes through various channels or published on Picvetia platforms. The organisation undertakes to credit the contributors in all cases.

E.7 – Photos of the event published online must clearly mention the event. On social media where Picvetia has a presence, the event must be tagged. The hashtags **#Picvetia** and **#Picvetia2025** may be used. On Instagram, the event must be invited as a collab partner, although Picvetia cannot guarantee that all requests will be accepted.

E.8 – When publishing photos, videos or any other content created during Picvetia, participants must identify the persons depicted by adding their page name or personal profile. This practice ensures proper recognition of those involved and increases visibility across social platforms.

F – RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROHIBITIONS

F.1 – The organisation assumes no responsibility for any damage caused by third parties (including other participants).

F.2 – Participants must respect the customs and rules of each facility or venue in which Picvetia takes place.

F.3 – During the event, some locations may have restricted access due to their fragility or condition and may not be safe. For this reason, the organisation does not accept responsibility for damage to persons or property. Therefore, the liability waiver must be signed in advance.

F.4 – Specific rules for each location can be found in the location channels on Discord. These must be read and followed.

F.5 – Participants must immediately repair or compensate for any damage they or third parties cause at the locations where Picvetia is held.

F.6 – Participants must collect their waste and leave all locations in the same condition as they were found.

F.7 – All participants must behave appropriately and show the utmost respect towards others and the locations made available. The organisation reserves the right to remove anyone who fails to meet these conditions.

F.8 – It is strictly forbidden to modify, move, or alter anything at the available locations without prior authorisation from the organisers or property owners.

F.9 – Taking “stolen shots” of cosplayers involved in other sets is strictly prohibited. This measure ensures that participants have the opportunity to create unique images and that a calm and respectful environment is maintained throughout the event.

F.10 – It is strictly forbidden for participants to receive payment for photoshoot slots. However, reasonable cost-sharing for organising a set — such as horse rental or fire services — is permitted. Such contributions should only cover shared or individual expenses agreed upon by both involved parties.

F.11 – Any type of set that violates the event’s public decency rules is prohibited. Nudity, suggestive, erotic, or similar content is strictly forbidden during Picvetia.

F.12 – Participants may not:

- Upload any illegal content;
- Act in a way that violates or attempts to circumvent the law;
- Disregard social behaviour standards and moral norms;
- Use electronic services in a way that disrupts operations or causes issues for the service provider or other participants.

F.13 – Photographers and cosplayers are asked to behave appropriately during the event, with the absolute obligation to show respect towards others. Good conduct in both behaviour and language is mandatory.

F.14 – During the event, participants are strictly prohibited from making agreements or spontaneously organising sets with persons who are not registered or have not undergone the regular selection process. Such behaviour or support of such practices will result in expulsion from the current event and exclusion from future editions.

F.15 – All information provided by the organiser to the participants is to be treated as confidential and private. It is therefore strictly forbidden to disclose such information without the organisation’s direct consent.

G – COMPLAINTS

G.1 – Complaints concerning Picvetia or any of the provided services may be sent to the organisation by email at info@picvetiaevent.ch. The organisation will respond as soon as possible.

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

G.3 – Although the organisation will strive to handle complaints as quickly as possible, submitted data will be analysed within a maximum of **14 calendar days** from the date of receipt.

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 in order not to disturb other participants.

H.3 – Accredited assistants will also be provided with a personalised badge.

H.4 – Participants must register their assistants using a specific form. Registration must be completed with the assistants' personal information.

H.5 – The registration fee for assistants must be paid, after registration, to the Picvetia bank or PayPal account.

H.6 – Failure to meet any of these requirements renders the assistant's accreditation request invalid.

I – WITHDRAWALS

I.1 – Picvetia is an event with a limited number of participants and a strict selection process, as described in points **B.9**, **B.10**, and **B.11**. Although it is possible to decline participation after receiving the invitation/acceptance email from the organisation, individuals are strongly advised to approach registration and commitment to the event with care and seriousness.

I.2 – After the payment deadline for participation fees has expired, and in the absence of any communication from the person concerned, participants who have not paid will be considered excluded from the event.

I.3 – In the case of a later withdrawal or cancellation, a deregistration email must be sent to info@picvetiaevent.ch. Failure to communicate a withdrawal will be considered unjustified.

I.4 – Due to the nature of the event, unjustified withdrawals deemed by the organisation to be for trivial reasons will result in exclusion from the following edition.

J – EXPULSION

The organisation reserves the right to exclude participants under the following conditions.

J.1 – The organisation will exercise its right to expel any participant who violates the Picvetia regulations, Swiss law, or the general rules of good conduct.

J.2 – The organisation will also exercise its right to expel any participant who:

- Uploads any illegal content;
 - Acts in a way that violates or attempts to circumvent the law;
 - Fails to respect social behaviour norms and standards of decency;
 - Behaves inappropriately towards other participants;
 - Uses electronic services in a manner that disrupts operation or causes problems for the service provider or other participants.
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K – CONTACTS

The form available at picvetiaevent.ch/contact can be used for any type of contact.

Complaints may be sent by email to the following address: info@picvetiaevent.ch