

Video Competition – General



General Rules

- Maximum of 10 videos that make it past the board.
- Length: maximum of 6 minutes
- To compete, one member of the team which produced the video must participate at UNICON XV. The person submitting the video must be at Unicon XV (For example, 3 people created the video – only 2 attend. One of the 2 must be at Unicon and the name of the person responsible for the video).
- The video should be new material and should not be released until after Unicon XV.
- It must be about unicycling, not a commercial video.
- Offensive movies will not be shown.
- The candidates guarantee free rights (image) for public projection.
- There will be a jury doing the rating, NOT the public.

Judging Criteria – for actual comp

- Popular vote

Judging Criteria – for board selecting the 10 or fewer vids

- No offensive movies
- Original
- Either really good unicycling or really good theme/plot. Does NOT have to be both, but bonus if both good unicycling and good theme/plot.
- Entertaining

Because it is necessary to restrict the number of movies, a jury will preselect 10 videos among the candidates. The jury will make the final decision with the selection of the 10 videos to be shown at Unicon XV. The candidates will have to upload their video with smaller resolution on a website (we will give you the website address then) but only the jury will be able to watch the videos. For Unicon, the selected candidates will have to come with a CD or a DVD of their movie in high resolution and give it to the organisers before the competition. The showing sequence will be a random draw.

Video specifications

The video submitted for the competition should be stored on a computer media. Since the video will be played back from a computer there will be no means to play back tapes of any sort.

* Supported formats: CDR/CDRW, USB Key, DVD-R DVD-RW, DVD+R DVD+RW

* Compression & File format: AVI, Quicktime, MPEG and WMV, file size is irrelevant (2GB max for AVI though).

* Allowed CODECs:

AVI: MPEG4 and compatible (Divx and Xvid included), DV

QT: Any QT 7 compatible codec

MPEG: MPEG 2 ONLY

WMV: Any version up to 9
H.264 (high def)

* Resolution:

Min: 640x480

Preferred: 720x480 NTSC or 720x576 PAL

You may submit HD files (1280x720 max), however you must provide a standard definition backup file in case of computer slowdowns.

* Frame rate:

Min: 24 fps

Preferred: 25 fps or 30 fps

* Sound:

Sound must be stereo PCM 44.1khz min /16 bits (CD compliant)

Please note that uncompressed video is NOT allowed, nor are DVD Files (.VOB). This is for maximum playback compatibility. We highly recommend you use either AVI or Quicktime with DV compression applied for maximum quality, or MPEG2 files at a high bitrate (8Mbps).

These specifications only apply to the final screened video, for preview purposes you can ftp a 320x240 file, compressed sound of any flavor you like.

If you have any technical question or need more information please contact Joe Dyson (joe.dyson@gmail.com).