

BALLISTIC BREWS — \$2,000 NEXT FEST CONTEST

Official Contest Rules

1. Organizer & Contest Period

The Ballistic Brews \$2,000 Next Fest Contest is organized by **Syncarnation Studio**, developer of *Ballistic Brews*.

- **Contest Starts:** October 19, 2026
- **Contest Ends:** October 26, 2026, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time (PDT, UTC-7)
- **Winners Announced:** By October 30, 2026
- **Total Prize Pool:** \$2,000 USD

All eligible videos must be **first published and officially submitted during the contest period**. Videos published before the contest begins or submitted after the deadline are ineligible.

2. Eligibility

The contest is open to participants aged **18 or older, or the age of majority in their jurisdiction, whichever is higher**, in locations where participation is legally permitted.

No purchase is necessary. The Ballistic Brews Demo is free to play.

Syncarnation Studio team members and individuals directly involved in organizing or judging the contest are not eligible to win.

3. General Entry Requirements

- All entries must feature gameplay from the official *Ballistic Brews* Demo.
- Videos must be publicly available on the eligible platform and submitted through the official contest form before the deadline.
- Participants may enter multiple categories and win multiple prizes.
- Only **one entry per participant per category** is allowed, except for D4 Speedrun, which permits multiple submissions.
- To participate in multiple categories, participants must submit a different eligible video for each category.

- Submitted content must be the participant's own work and comply with the applicable platform's policies.
- Artificial engagement, fraudulent submissions, and unauthorized gameplay modifications are prohibited.

4. Most Viewed Video — \$600

The eligible **long-form YouTube gameplay video** with the highest verified public view count wins **\$600 USD**.

- Only standard, publicly available YouTube videos are eligible.
- **YouTube Shorts and TikTok videos are excluded.**
- **Paid or sponsored promotional videos are ineligible.** Previously sponsored creators may compete with a separate, independently created, non-sponsored video.
- Purchased views, bots, artificial engagement, or view manipulation are prohibited.
- View counts will be measured at or as close as reasonably possible to **October 26, 2026, at 11:59 PM PT**.

The organizer's verified view count determines the winner.

5. Most Creative Build — \$600

Submit a **public YouTube or TikTok gameplay video** demonstrating an original build, including its key weapons, items, mechanics, or synergies.

Prizes:

- 1st Place: \$300
- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$100

Judging Criteria:

- 40% — Originality
- 30% — Effectiveness & Synergy
- 20% — Creative Execution
- 10% — Presentation

Originality & Publication Precedence

When substantially similar builds are submitted, the build with the **earliest verifiable public video publication time** receives an originality scoring advantage over later entries featuring the same core concept.

Later entries may still receive originality credit for meaningful new mechanics, synergies, or creative variations.

Publication precedence does not automatically determine the overall winner. Common or independently obvious builds may receive similar originality scores.

6. D4 Speedrun — \$600

Complete Difficulty 4 as quickly as possible, using the game's official **in-game completion timer**.

Prizes:

- 1st Place: \$300
- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$100

Requirements:

- Submit a **public YouTube video** containing a complete, continuous, unedited recording of the run, from the beginning through the victory screen.
- The final in-game completion time must be clearly visible.
- Bugs, glitches, and unintended gameplay exploits are permitted when performed in the official, unmodified Demo.
- Mods, cheat software, altered game files, memory editing, debug tools, and external gameplay manipulation are prohibited.
- Multiple submissions are permitted. **Only each participant's fastest verified eligible run counts.**
- Identical verified times are ranked by the earlier valid submission timestamp.

Daily Leaderboard

Syncarnation Studio may publish the **Daily Best Run** and **Current Best Record** on the official Ballistic Brews Discord throughout the contest.

Leaderboard updates reflect submitted runs and are provisional until verified. Participants may choose when to publish and submit their runs, provided both occur within the contest period.

7. Best Ballistic Short — \$200

Create a **public, edited YouTube Short or TikTok video lasting 15–60 seconds** featuring Ballistic Brews gameplay.

Prize: \$200 for the winning entry.

Judging Criteria:

- 40% — Entertainment & Hook
- 30% — Editing & Presentation

- 20% — Gameplay Moment
- 10% — Originality

View counts, likes, and follower counts do not affect judging.

8. Verification & Fair Play

Syncarnation Studio may verify entry eligibility, publication dates, view counts, gameplay recordings, and other relevant information.

Entries containing fraudulent engagement, manipulated evidence, prohibited gameplay modifications, or violations of these rules may be disqualified.

Creative Build and Best Ballistic Short entries will be evaluated according to their published judging criteria. No random drawing is used.

Judging and verification decisions will be made in good faith and consistently with these rules.

9. Prizes & Winner Notification

All prizes are stated in **USD**, totaling **\$2,000 USD**.

Potential winners will be contacted through their submitted email addresses and must respond within **7 calendar days**.

Prizes will be paid through **PayPal**, or another method selected by the organizer where necessary and legally permitted.

Winners are responsible for applicable taxes and may be required to provide information necessary for eligibility verification or payment.

If a potential winner is ineligible, cannot be verified, or does not respond within the required period, the organizer may select the next eligible entry.

10. Content Rights & Privacy

Participants retain ownership of their submitted content.

By entering, participants grant Syncarnation Studio a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to share, embed, and feature their submitted content, with creator attribution, for contest administration, winner announcements, and promotion of Ballistic Brews.

Syncarnation Studio collects submitted names or creator handles, email addresses, countries or regions, video links, submission timestamps, and category-specific information for contest administration, verification, winner notification, and prize distribution.

Participant handles, public entries, and D4 leaderboard times may be displayed publicly. Contact details will not be publicly published.

Personal information will be retained only as long as reasonably necessary for these purposes and applicable legal obligations.

For privacy inquiries, contact **tom.kun@syncarnation.com**.

11. Platform Disclaimer & General Conditions

Entries must comply with the applicable [YouTube Community Guidelines](#) or TikTok policies.

This contest is not sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with **Valve, Steam, YouTube, or TikTok**.

By entering, participants release YouTube from liability related to this contest, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Syncarnation Studio may disqualify ineligible or fraudulent entries and take reasonable action to protect contest integrity, subject to applicable law.

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