

J-Popcon: guidelines regarding material containing sexual content

Erotic content is allowed, porn is not

Erotic content often focuses on romance, relationships, and sexuality without explicit sexual acts.

Depiction of emotions and relationships

Erotic content in manga and Japanese animation can contain depictions of romantic relationships, attraction, and sexuality as a part of character development and storytelling. This can contain subtle or more explicit elements, but its primary focus is exploring emotions and relationships. Yuri/yaoi is thus welcome, as long as its primary focus falls under erotic content. On the other hand, porn normally contains explicit sexual acts, often without any deeper context or character development. It primarily focuses on the sexual acts themselves and its goal is to arouse the reader sexually without exploring emotions or relationships.

Respect towards age limits

You must consider age limits and laws regarding the protection of children. Children and minors must not be portrayed in any implied or explicit sexual acts in any way, and subjects such as loli, shota, and other subcultures exploring these age limits are not allowed whatsoever. All characters taking part in implied or explicit sexual acts must be above the age of 18 and have typical adult features. J-Popcon reserves the right to assess on an individual basis, whether something is considered pornographic or erotic, and whether the portrayed characters are adult-like enough.

Self-regulation and extreme subcultures

J-Popcon wishes that our vendors can sell materials, which explore humans, their sexuality, and their relationships to one another. With that said, we have no interest in being an event which allows the exploration of more niche or extreme subcultures, such as BDSM, gore/guro, vore, rape fantasies, and other niche categories like these. We want neither hypnosis, infantilism, "mind break", nor other genres that focus on exposing one of the involved in a lesser position, in which they lose their ability to consent and their mental capacities. Furry art with erotic elements can be allowed, as long as the other rules are abided by, while all characters must also have clear human characteristics. J-Popcon reserves the right to assess on an individual basis, whether the portrayed characters are human-like enough.