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Thread: [Suggestion: Add a Giveaway Picker for Contest Threads](#)

Xferno - July 30, 2025, 4:46 pm

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Can auto-lock the thread after

Would be a solid feature for the Contest section or similar areas.

What do you guys think — worth adding?

xclouded1 - July 30, 2025, 4:49 pm

I think this is actually a great feature to get rid of potential fraudulent contests and would combat bias.

Xferno - July 30, 2025, 4:50 pm

(Jul 30, 2025 04:49 PM)xclouded1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think this is actually a great feature to get rid of potential fraudulent contests and would combat bias.

Exactly! That was one of the main goals behind it making contests fair and transparent without extra work.

Glad you see the value in it!

Oh_Well - July 31, 2025, 2:47 am

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Xferno - July 31, 2025, 4:30 am

(Jul 31, 2025 02:47 AM)Oh_Well Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's a great idea! I hope to see something like that one day

Appreciate it! I actually already built the plugin . just wanted to see if the community would be interested in seeing it added

Xferno - August 8, 2025, 11:31 am

bumping this

Jamika - August 27, 2025, 11:39 am

Does this work on mobile too ?

Xferno - August 27, 2025, 3:59 pm

(Aug 27, 2025 11:39 AM)Jamika Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Does this work on mobile too ?
yes

Omniscient - August 28, 2025, 1:44 pm

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6 - August 28, 2025, 2:12 pm

(Aug 28, 2025 01:44 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Isn't this on my Roadmap?

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Xferno - August 28, 2025, 3:28 pm

(Aug 28, 2025 02:12 PM)6 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I don't think so but [Xferno](#) has a plugin ready already.

Just noticed it's already on the roadmap—sorry about the overlap. But if you'd like an immediate solution, my plugin is ready to go.

Omniscient - August 28, 2025, 3:36 pm

(Aug 28, 2025 03:28 PM)Xferno Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just noticed it's already on the roadmap—sorry about the overlap. But if you'd like an immediate solution, my plugin is ready to go.

I can look at your plugin but I kind of doubt it's as extensive as I was gonna build it.

Proof - August 28, 2025, 4:04 pm

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Isn't it just simpler to use the post id? (Roll in convo / any random num generator and you're done.)

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

OP (contest holder) should lock thread and paste results, that's what I use to do.

EDIT: Also, I'd imagine giveaways are minimal or next to worthless, so this doesn't seem too important. Just my opinion.