

Follow Your Heart FILM FESTIVAL

International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart"

Supplemental Guidelines for Best Super Short Film Award

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A. Purpose

These guidelines supplement the Protocol for the Selection and Work of Jury Members, dated January 4, 2023, outlining the procedure for assigning the Best Super Short Film Award.

The award recognizes a film (under 5 minutes) that demonstrates exceptional storytelling, creativity, or impact within a highly constrained runtime.

B. Evaluation Format

B.1. Open Evaluation

The jury receives complete details for each submission, including:

- Film title, genre, length, and year of release.
- Director's name and key production details.
- Access to screener links (video/audio).

B.2. Transparency

All relevant information is provided to the jury to evaluate the film's effectiveness within its short duration.

C. Submission Requirements

C.1. Complete Submission

Submissions must include:

- A credited director listed in the final film credits.
- A complete screener of the film (under 5 minutes).

C.2. Incomplete Submissions

If the director is not specified:

- The submission is assigned a “Pending Credit” status.
- The Organizing Committee (the Committee) notifies the applicant and provides a 7-calendar-day Cure Period.
- Failure to provide credits within the Cure Period results in disqualification.

D. Award Eligibility and Verification

D.1. Verification of Director

The Committee must verify the director’s identity. Acceptable evidence includes:

- Final film credits listing “Directed by” or equivalent.
- A signed production agreement or certified letter.
- Distributor or festival materials.

D.2. Non-Verification

If unverified within the Cure Period, the submission is disqualified.

E. Award Assignment

E.1. Attribution

The award is granted to the film, with credits to the director.

E.2. Credit Disputes

If a dispute arises, the Committee suspends the announcement until resolved.

F. Conflict of Interest

F.1. Declaration

Jury members must declare conflicts and abstain if necessary.

F.2. Handling Errors

Errors in credits are logged and may lead to reassignment or re-vote.

G. Documentation and Recordkeeping

G.1. Records

All decisions are documented and retained for 5 years.

G.2. Confidentiality

Jury ballots are confidential; only winners are disclosed.

H. Practical Workflow

- **Jury Access:** The jury receives a form with film details and screener links.
- **Evaluation:** The jury assesses storytelling, creativity, and impact.
- **Verification:** The Committee confirms the director's role.
- **Award Assignment:** If verified, the award is granted; if not, the submission is disqualified.
- **Announcement:** Winners are announced publicly (e.g., "Best Super Short Film awarded to [Film Title], directed by [Director]").

Approved by the Organizing Committee

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