

Follow Your Heart FILM FESTIVAL

International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart"

Supplemental Guidelines for Best Operator (Cinematographer) 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 Operator Award. The award recognizes outstanding cinematography in a film (feature or short) by the cinematographer (operator).

B. Evaluation Format

B.1. Open Evaluation

The jury receives:

- Film title, genre, length, and year of release.
- Cinematographer's name and production details.
- Access to screener links highlighting cinematography.

B.2. Transparency

All relevant information is provided to evaluate visual composition, lighting, and camera work.

C. Submission Requirements

C.1. Complete Submission

Submissions must include:

- A credited cinematographer listed in the final credits (e.g., “Director of Photography”).
- A complete screener or excerpts showcasing cinematography.

C.2. Incomplete Submissions

If credits are missing:

- The submission is assigned a “Pending Credit” status.
- The Committee provides a 7-calendar-day Cure Period.
- Failure to provide credits results in disqualification.

D. Award Eligibility and Verification

D.1. Verification of Cinematographer

The Committee verifies the cinematographer’s identity via:

- Final film credits.
- Signed agreements or certified letters.
- Distributor or festival materials.

D.2. Non-Verification

If unverified, the submission is disqualified.

E. Award Assignment

E.1. Attribution

The award is granted to the cinematographer for their work on the film.

E.2. Credit Disputes

Disputes suspend the announcement until resolved.

F. Conflict of Interest

F.1. Declaration

Jury members declare conflicts and abstain if necessary.

F.2. Handling Errors

Errors in credits are logged and addressed.

G. Documentation and Recordkeeping

G.1. Records

Decisions are documented and retained for 5 years.

G.2. Confidentiality

Ballots are confidential; only winners are disclosed.

H. Practical Workflow

- **Jury Access:** The jury receives film details and screener links.
- **Evaluation:** The jury assesses visual composition, lighting, and camera work.
- **Verification:** The Committee confirms the cinematographer's identity.
- **Award Assignment:** If verified, the award is granted; if not, the submission is disqualified.
- **Announcement:** Winners are announced publicly (e.g., "Best Operator awarded to [Cinematographer] for [Film Title]").

Approved by the Organizing Committee

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