

Follow Your Heart FILM FESTIVAL

International Film Festival "Follow Your Heart"

Supplemental Guidelines for Best Animation 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 Animation Award. The award recognizes an animated film (feature or short) that excels in animation technique, storytelling, and visual artistry.

B. Evaluation Format

B.1. Open Evaluation

The jury receives:

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

B.2. Transparency

All relevant information is provided to evaluate animation quality and creativity.

C. Submission Requirements

C.1. Complete Submission

Submissions must include:

- A credited director and key animator(s) listed in the final credits.
- A complete screener of the film.

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 Director and Animator(s)

The Committee verifies the director and key animator(s) 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 film, with credits to the director and key animator(s).

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 animation technique, storytelling, and artistry.
- **Verification:** The Committee confirms credits.
- **Award Assignment:** If verified, the award is granted; if not, the submission is disqualified.
- **Announcement:** Winners are announced publicly (e.g., “Best Animation awarded to [Film Title], directed by [Director]”).

Approved by the Organizing Committee

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