

Festival Submission Rules

Eligibility

- 1.1 Your film (including credits) must be under 15 minutes.
- 1.2 The film must have been completed on or after 1st January 2016.
- 1.3 Any film not in the English language must contain burned-in subtitles.
- 1.4 Any work submitted must be the completed version. We will not accept any works-in-progress.
- 1.5 You must own or obtain all clearance rights for any of the material you submit to the festival.
- 1.6 Multiple entries are allowed. You can submit more than one film to the festival but the submission fee must be paid for each film.
- 1.7 We do not require premiere status.

Payment

- 2.1 All submissions must be entered via FilmFreeway and paid via credit card.
- 2.2 All fees are non-refundable.
- 2.3 Payment will include automatic consideration for the Best Short Film and Audience Choice categories. Additional categories thereafter will incur a small fee. Please make sure you select the correct categories.
- 2.4 The festival and its organisers will not be held accountable for any costs, damages or legal responsibilities incurred by the submitting party.
- 2.5 The submitting party shall indemnify the festival and its organisers from any claims, liabilities, losses, damages, and expenses (including but not limited to legal fees, and costs of the court) which may be incurred by reason of any claim involving copyright, trademark, credits, publicity, screening, and loss of or damage to the screening videos entered.

Submissions and Selection

- 3.1 Films can only be submitted via an online screener on Film Freeway.
- 3.2 We will aim to contact all submitting parties on the notification date.
- 3.3 Any film shortlisted by the festival must be distributed electronically to the festival organisers within two weeks of the notification date. Failure to do this likely to result in the film being deselected.
- 3.4 Films should be delivered in mp4/mov format (1080p quality) and encoded using h.264/AAC.
- 3.5 The submitting party will allow festival organisers rights to use promotional material associated to the submitted film (such as posters, trailers, photos, short clips) for related festival purposes.
- 3.6 No film may be withdrawn from the festival programme after its official selection.
- 3.7 All response to filmmakers will be by email.

Screenings and Awards

- 4.1 All attendees must be aged 18+
- 4.2 Audience numbers are limited, so film screenings will be ticketed. We will aim to give priority to shortlisted filmmakers who will receive free tickets.
- 4.3 Award entries will be judged by an independent panel on their artistic or technical quality.
- 4.4 If the filmmaker wins an award but is not present to collect at the awards ceremony, we reserve the right to charge a small handling fee (should the filmmaker want us to post the award to them).
- 4.5 Festival attendees are responsible for travel and all other expenses.
- 4.6 Food and drink is strictly prohibited in the auditorium area.