

Short Movie Rules

Short movie, also known as film, is a type of visual communication which uses moving pictures and sound to tell a story to people. Participants are expected to shoot and edit a short movie. The aim of the category is to test participant's ability to shoot, direct and edit movies. A movie done for the competition should be complete in terms of technical editing of both audio and video and have proper beginning, ending and script.

Submitting music video clips, social video and/or Social experiment is *prohibited*.

Short movie section is divided into 2 *age categories* (grade 5-9 and grade 10-11) and 1 stage for grade 5-9, 2 stages for grade 10-11 including preliminary stage.

Categories of the section

Grade 5-9

Registration criteria:

In this stage participants (individual or in the group of maximum of 3 people) are asked to send:

- *full registration information* about them (names of participants, country, team name, etc.);
- upload a *3-5 minute short film* to Youtube done by the team with short description. The movie can be related to any topic.
- Sending movies of last year or videos that are not done by the team is prohibited. Those teams are automatically disqualified from the competition and no member will be allowed to participate with other team.
- The movie should not be complete copy of another video, you can search for ideas and inspiration, but final script and movie should be a subject of your own.

Common criteria

- Ability to write a complete script;
- Ability to shoot video;
- Video and audio editing skills;
- Originality and creativity;
- Relevant and interesting topic;

This stage is preliminary, so no points, but a Pass and Fail would be awarded for the stage.

Stage-1.

Participants, who passed the preliminary stage are allowed to participate in Infomatrix itself. Teams are asked to create a *short movie* with complete editing and script in *24 hours* during competition.

General requirements for the movie:

- Short movies have to fall into one of the following genres: Action, Adventure, Comedy, Drama, Family movie, Horror or Fantasy.
- Teams can prepare script beforehand, but all scenes used in the movie have to be shot during Infomatrix and at least 1 scene have to have *logo of Infomatrix* somewhere.
- Topic of the movie will be announced *1 month in advance before competition*.
- The length of the movie is 5-7 minutes, excluding beginning and ending titles.
- The movie can be shot using any device including smartphones and edited using any video editing software.
- It should be uploaded to Youtube and link should be sent to jury before the deadline. If participant(s) is late to 15 minutes, their points are reduced by 30%, being late for 30 minutes reduces points by half and no movies are accepted after half of an hour after deadline.

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Teams are responsible for bringing all necessary equipment (laptop, camera, microphones etc.), as long as no equipment would be provided by Infomatrix organizing staff.

Participants are awarded *Gold, Silver and Bronze* medals after the stage among 5-9 grade participants only. A group cannot consist of grade 10 and 11 students.

Grade 10-11

Registration criteria:

In this stage participants (individual or in the group of maximum of 3 people) are asked to send:

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Participants are awarded *Gold, Silver* and *Bronze* medals after the stage among 10 and 11 grades.

Stage-2.

This stage is done individually and for 10 and 11 grade students ONLY. Here participants are asked to edit 1-2 minute video using given music, sound and video materials. Complete video should fall into one of following categories:

Advertisement or Trailer of a film. Both editing skills and ability to create a good flow for video is evaluated.

Allowed video editing softwares include Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects and Sony Vegas. All other programs should be accepted by jury of the section before competition.

Participants are awarded *University grants* after the section individually by average points of stage-1 and 2 (30% of 1st stage and 70% of 2nd stage).

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Important notes:

- *Rules are subject to change*