

SciFiBCN – Rules & Terms

Genre

All submitted short films must clearly belong to the science fiction genre or explore speculative elements connected to science fiction. Works from adjacent genres (fantasy, horror, experimental) will only be considered if they have a strong science-fiction component.

Completion Date

Films must have been completed after December 31, 2024.

Duration

The maximum runtime is 20 minutes, including credits.

Format & Screening

Films must be submitted via FilmFreeWay with an online screener (Vimeo, FilmFreeWay player, etc.). If selected, the festival may request a high-quality screening copy (digital file, .mov or .mp4, minimum resolution Full HD 1080p).

Language

Films not in English, Catalan, or Spanish must include English subtitles at the time of submission. If selected, the festival may request additional subtitles (Catalan/Spanish) for screening purposes.

Premiere Status

There is no premiere requirement. Films that have screened at other festivals or online are still eligible, provided they meet the other rules.

Submission Rights

The person submitting the film must own the rights or have full authorization to submit the work to the festival.

Screenings & Promotion

By submitting, filmmakers grant SciFiBCN the right to screen the film during the festival and to use stills, posters, and short clips (up to 30 seconds) for promotional purposes.

Awards

Films in the Official Competition are eligible for the following awards: Best Short Film – Official Competition, and Audience Award. The Jury's decision is final.

Acceptance of Rules

Submission of a film to SciFiBCN implies full acceptance of these rules and terms. The festival reserves the right to resolve any cases not covered here.