

# Rules for Cochin University Film Festival '23

**Entry fee:** An entry fee of Rs. 500 is charged. Students of Cochin University can register with an entry fee of Rs. 300.

**Duration:** No minimum duration is prescribed for the short film but the maximum duration of the short film should be 30 minutes.

**Theme:** Short films of any theme can be sent for the competition.

**Language of the film:** Any Indian language or foreign language with subtitles in English. Short films in Malayalam or English will be allowed even without subtitles.

**Film format:** Short films may be shot with any device or camera set-up (in MP4, MKV formats).

**Resolution:** Minimum Full HD (1080p or 1920X1080p) up to 4K (2160p or 3840X2160)).

Animations and documentaries will not be considered for the competition. The preferable size of the short film being uploaded is not more than 5 GB.

**Mode of uploading:** Entries can be sent online (as digital copies) in this google form. Multiple entries from the same applicant will not be considered.

**Jury:** The Jury will select the winners and the decision of the Jury shall be final.

Shortlisting: The entries selected by the Jury for screening will be informed to the applicants.

Distribution of Award: Awards and a cash prize of Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,000 will be given for Best Short film and Best Director respectively. Special mentions in any other category will be announced according to the discretion of the Jury.

The submitted short films must be the applicants' original work and shall not infringe on any copyrights or any other rights of any third parties. Applicants must ensure that they have obtained all required permissions regarding music, sound and/or images presented in the short film. The liability of prosecutions under The Indian Criminal Procedure Code, Indian Media Law, or any other legislation for any offenses will be upon the applicant. The organizing committee will not be liable for copyright infringements perpetrated by the applicant or the short film. Cochin University Film Festival organizing, selection committee members and juries are not allowed to participate in the festival. The organizing committee reserves the right to not screen any film(s) for any reason it deems valid. It also has the right to use the film for any purpose it deems fit including uploading it on its website/social media. Any filmmaker, institution, or organization is strictly not allowed to use the name 'Cochin University Film Festival' and festival logo for any commercial, non-commercial, cultural, or personal use without the permission of the organizing committee.

Any grievances will be handled by the organizing committee and the jury and their decision will be final. The rules of the festival are subject to change.