



## **REGULATORY BASES OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ALMERIA WESTERN FILM FESTIVAL EDITION**

Registration period: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – June 15<sup>st</sup>, 2022

### **1. FESTIVAL OBJECTIVES**

**The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Almeria Western Film Festival (AWFF)**, organized by the Town Council of Tabernas, has as main objective the dissemination and promotion of western films that contribute to the knowledge of world cinematography.

In addition, the festival adds value to the place where it is celebrated: the Desert of Tabernas, which has been inspirational and the protagonist in a significant number of international films of different genres over the years, and has turned out in a valuable cinematographic heritage.

### **2. DATE**

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Almeria Western Film Festival will take place between September **28<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>th</sup> 2022**, in Tabernas and the Western villages Oasys Mini Hollywood and Fort Bravo Texas Hollywood.

### **3. COMPETITION SECTIONS**

- **FULL-LENGTH WESTERN FILMS OFFICIAL SECTION:**  
**INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER**

National and international fiction, real image or animation full-length films (from 60 minutes) produced after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. The works must be of the western or neowestern genre, understanding the latter as an adaptation of the codes and conventions of the genre to a contemporary setting.

The films can have premiered in other national and international festivals prior to the AWFF; however, the selection committee appreciates films that premiere for the first time at the AWFF festival (global, European, national

or regional). This section can count on films that will not be eligible for the judges' prizes (although they may be considered for the Audience Award).

The submission of works in progress will be accepted. This production status must be pointed out when submitted to the platform, checking the appropriate box or indicating it in parenthesis following the title.

- **PANORAMA SECTION OF WESTER GENRE**

This section will program out of competition long or short documentaries on a western theme. Although they do not participate in the jury awards, they will opt for the Audience Award together with the rest of the works in the Official Section.

- **SHORT WESTERN FILMS OFFICIAL SECTIONS:**

Films of Spanish origin and foreign films with a maximum duration of 20 minutes (including film credits) and a premiere date after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The films can have premiered in other national and international festivals prior to the AWFF; however, the selection committee appreciates films debuted for the first time at the AWFF. Likewise, works from film schools, universities and educational centers will be accepted.

- **OUTLAW SPECIAL SECTION**

Parallel section that collects those national and international works of a more independent nature that navigate in the margins of the western. It does not participate in the jury awards but it does participate in the audience award and the RTVA award for Andalusian creation, if applicable.

**AWFF 2022, like in the previous editions, will take special care to select films in both the full-length and in the short film sections and ensure the inclusion of Spanish films, European films and Ibero-American films, as well as national and international premieres.**

A Committee will evaluate all of the works registered and will select the finalists between June 15<sup>st</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> 2022. Decisions made by the selection committee will not be subject to appeal.

The festival's organizing team will communicate the selection of the finalists to the producers of the works and/or their representatives as soon as possible.

**The representatives are committed to keeping the selection of finalists confidential until the festival publishes the official sections on its website and other media.**

In case the work is selected, the festival program will decide the section in which the work will be included (Official, Panorama, Outlaw).

#### **4. OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKS PARTICIPATION**

The films registered to participate in the AWFF 2022 must fulfill, in addition to all the above, the following conditions:

- The formats of the copies must be adapted to the technical requirements for each section of the festival, preferably to the .mov or .mp4 file format. Those works that do not take into account the technical specifications required to be publicly screened may be rejected.
- The participants pledge not to remove the works from the official section once they have been selected and the producers and/or representatives have been notified.
- Once the selection of works for the competition sections have been notified, the participants will have 20 calendar days –between 11<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>th</sup> 2022- to send the screening copies through a download link to the following email addresses:

**[coordinacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es](mailto:coordinacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es)**

**[comunicacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es](mailto:comunicacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es)**

The festival reserves the right to remove from competition any works not received within the established period.

- The copies can be screened in original version with subtitles in Spanish or English –for Spanish-language films- or films dubbed in Spanish. The participants must provide the subtitles of the works, including them in an image file when they send the screening copies.
- Likewise, the participants must send the advertising material for the selected work as soon as possible since they moment they get the confirmation of have been selected: film poster, three advertising pictures in high resolution, list of credits, synopsis in Spanish and English (maximum 3 lines), age category, a photograph and the biography of the director (maximum 5 lines). This file folder (ZIP, Wettransfer, etc.) must be sent to the following email addresses:

**coordinacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es**  
**comunicacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es**

- The communication for each film selected by the festival is strictly confidential between the organization (Town Council of Tabernas), the team in charge of the management of the festival and the producers or representatives of the film invited until the festival decides to announce it officially.

## **5. AWARDS AND JURY**

The awards for each official section taking part in the competition -full-length films, short films and film school training- will be:

### **FULL-LENGTH FILMS COMPETITION OFFICIAL SECTION**

- **AWARD FOR THE BEST FULL-LENGTH WESTERN FILM**

**It will be awarded by the Jury of the Official Section of full-length films to the best full-length fiction work.**

*Note: if the number of films presented makes it possible to choose among different types of western genres, we reserve the right to give two different awards: "Award for the Best Western" and "Award for the Best Neowestern".*

- **AWARD 'CARLO SIMI' FOR TECHNICAL-ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE WESTERN GENRE**

It will be awarded by the Jury of the Official Section of Full-lengths Films to a professional, of both the technical and artistic team, who has contributed to the spread and renovation of the international western genre.

- **AWARD FOR THE BEST PERFORMANCE**

It will be awarded by the Jury of the Official Section of Full-length Films to an actor or actress who has played the principal role or a minor role in one of the films taking part in competition.

*Note: We reserve the right to give two different awards: "Award for the Best Female Performance" and "Award for the Best Masculine Performance".*

- **AUDIENCE AWARD FOR THE BEST FULL-LENGTH WESTERN FILM**

It will be awarded by the audience members who have attended all of the film screenings of the Official Section and the Special Section.

### **SHORT FILMS COMPETITION OFFICIAL SECTION**

- **AWARD FOR THE BEST WESTERN SHORT FILM**

**It will be awarded by the Jury of the Official Section of Short Films to the best fictional short film.**

*Note: if the number of films presented makes it possible to choose among different types of western genres, we reserve the right to give two different awards: "Award for the Best Western" and "Award for the Best Neowestern".*

## **SPECIAL COMPETITION SECTIONS**

- **CANAL SUR RADIO AWARD FOR THE AUDIOVISUAL CREATION IN ANDALUCIA**

It will be given to a producer, director or scriptwriter from Andalucia, or to the best audiovisual work, in any of its modalities, specially short films and documentaries, presented at any of the Andalusian audiovisual competitions.

- **AUDIENCE AWARD FOR THE BEST SHORT FILM**

Awarded by the public of all the screenings of the short films programmed in the Official Section and the Outlaw Section.

- **RCSERVICE AWARD FOR THE BEST PHOTOGRAPHY DIRECTION OF A SPANISH WORK**

The RCService Award will be given to a director of photography of a Spanish work (full-length films or short films)

The awards for each section of the competition will include:

- A trophy designed with the logo of the festival that includes an engraved text at the base referencing the award.
- A prize valued economically, in collaboration with entities and partner agencies collaborating with the festival.
- Cash prizes are not included.

The decision of the Jury will not be subject to appeal.

Taking part into the competition means the full acceptance of these regulatory bases. In case of misunderstanding any of the bases exposed in this document or any other aspect not included here, the interpretation and the opinion of the festival's direction will be crucial. The original document you can find it available and updated in the following link <http://www.almeriawesternfilmfestival.es/en/regulations/>

Personal data will be treated in accordance with the current legislation (Ley orgánica 15/1999).

## **6. HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

### **1) FILMS SUBJECT TO ANALYSIS AND SELECTION**

The producer, the director or the exhibitor of the full-length or short films will register their works. The registration period will be open from April 19<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

The official way to register is through the following platforms: FestHome and FilmFreeWay.

**<https://filmmakers.festhome.com/festival/awff>**

**<https://filmfreeway.com/ALMERIAWESTERNFILMFESTIVAL>**

In any case, all participants must complete the registration form with all the necessary data.

### **2) FILMS SELECTED FOR COMPETITION**

The films selected by the evaluation committee should be sent to the festival before 23:59 on July 31<sup>th</sup>, 2022, along with the corresponding promotional materials. All materials must include a press-book, and must be sent in digital format to these email addresses:

**[coordinacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es](mailto:coordinacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es)**  
**[comunicacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es](mailto:comunicacion@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es)**

The online distribution of the materials will be done through the area reserved for the media on the official web site of the festival:

**[www.almeriawesternfilmfestival.es](http://www.almeriawesternfilmfestival.es)**



The Organization of the Almeria Western Film Festival will establish the order and the date of screening for each film. Once the participation of the film has been confirmed, it cannot be withdrawn from the festival.

**By registering, you accept these terms, as well as the resolution by the Organization of any event not included here.**

The Festival Organization may cancel or postpone the event in case of force majeure, the participants assuming this risk. The face-to-face celebration will depend in any case on the authorization by the health authorities and subject to the security protocols that are recommended and / or established.

#### **FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS AND CONTACT**

The festival headquarters are located in Tabernas:

**Excmo. Ayuntamiento de Tabernas**

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04200 Tabernas (Almería) España

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Email: [info@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es](mailto:info@almeriawesternfilmfestival.es)

Office hours: Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 15:00 p.m.  
approx.