

# SHORT WAVES FESTIVAL

## FAQ - Submissions

### 1. How do I submit to the Short Waves Festival?

The only platform where you can submit your film for the Short Waves Festival is [FilmFreeway](#). Creating an account is free, however the Festival charges the entry fees for submissions to the competition programs that can be exclusively paid by PayPal. Short Waves Festival does not accept any other forms of submission.

### 2. Do I need to create an account on Filmfreeway to submit?

Yes. Creating an account takes only a couple of minutes and it's free of charge.

### 3. Are there any formal limitations for submissions?

The only limitation for submissions is length - the Festival does not accept films longer than 30 minutes. However, the projects are not limited in any other way - freedom of the film language is a priority for us and we accept all of the film genres: documentary, fiction, music video, animation, dance film, experimental and hybrid films.

### 4. Can I submit more than one film?

Yes, if the film meets all the other requirements it's possible to submit more than one film.

### 5. Are there any fees regarding submissions?

Yes, each competition section requires submission fees. Its size depends on the specific competition program and date of the submission. You can find more information on [FilmFreeway](#).

### 6. Can my film be produced outside Europe?

Yes, all films regardless of country of production are eligible for the International Competition, Urban View Competition and Dances with Camera Competition. Only Polish Competition and Polish Experimental Film Competition are reserved only for Polish production or co-productions.

7. My film does not have English subtitles. Can I still submit it?

No, the competition committees consist mostly of Poles. In order to fully understand films we need to receive a screening copy with English subtitles.

8. I'm a student - can I submit?

Yes, if the film meets other requirements it's possible to submit a film.

9. I'm an amateur - can I submit?

Yes, if the film meets other requirements it's possible to submit a film.

10. I don't have the funds to submit my film. Is there any chance I can receive a discount or a waiver code?

In case of difficult financial or political situations we offer a waiver code that allows you to submit free of charge or with a discount. However, each case will be treated individually.

For such inquiries please reach out to [competitions@shortwaves.pl](mailto:competitions@shortwaves.pl).

11. My film is not entirely finished - can I still submit?

Yes. If the film lacks post-production elements like color-grading or sound mix, it will still be eligible; please note what parts are missing in the comment section. Bear in mind that the final copy of the film must be delivered before the deadline.

12. I submitted my film last year. Can I do it once again?

Films that were submitted last year are not eligible for a submission.

13. Is there a world premiere required?

No, Short Waves Festival does not have a premiere policy - we accept films that have already been screened at other festivals or on online platforms.

14. I didn't receive a notification although the notification deadline has passed. Where can I find information?

If the notification hasn't reached you please check your SPAM folder as well as our website and Facebook page. In case you still cannot find the information, please contact us on [competitions@shortwaves.pl](mailto:competitions@shortwaves.pl).

Please check out our competition regulations [here](#).

If you'd like to know more of the submission process take a look [at this document](#).

In case of any other questions please contact us on [competitions@shortwaves.pl](mailto:competitions@shortwaves.pl).