

REGLEMENT 2026

1. ORGANIZER

The International Film Festival for Children and Young Audience JUNIORFEST (hereinafter referred to as IFF JUNIORFEST) is organized by the registered association:

JUNIORFEST, z. s.
Registered office:
Hlávkova 1379,
334 01 Přeštice
Czech Republic

The President of IFF JUNIORFEST is Markéta Mlnářík, M.A..

2. DATE AND VENUE

The 19th IFF JUNIORFEST will take place in Pilsen, Domažlice, Klatovy, Horšovský Týn, Dobruška, and Přeštice from November 4 to 9, 2026.

3. FESTIVAL PROGRAM

- a) International competition of feature-length live-action and animated films for audiences aged 6–9
- b) International competition of feature-length live-action and animated films for audiences aged 10–13
- c) International competition of feature-length live-action and animated films for audiences aged 14–16
- d) International competition of short films for audiences aged 6–9
- e) International competition of short films for audiences aged 10–13
- f) International competition of short films for audiences aged 14–16
- g) Informative non-competitive section:
 - a. Live-action and animated films for audiences aged 3–6
 - b. New Czech Film and Television Production – section dedicated to Czech film and TV output
 - c. Special Screenings
- h) Accompanying events for the whole family, workshops, professional seminars, and film and media education programs

4. CONDITIONS FOR FILM ENTRY INTO THE FESTIVAL COMPETITION

- a) Only films with a premiere date after June 1, 2025, are eligible for the festival competition sections.
- b) Participation in IFF JUNIORFEST is decided by a five-member program committee.
- c) Accepted formats: DCP, H264, mov. In special cases, the festival may grant an exception to screen a film on 35 mm format.
- d) All selected competition films are screened in their original version with English subtitles. The applicant is required to cover the subtitling costs. All competition films are accompanied during screening by simultaneous Czech translation or Czech subtitles.
- e) The applicant must submit the film via the online form on <https://filmfreeway.com/festival/Juniorfest> or <https://vp.eventival.com/juniorfest/2026>.
- f) Submission requirements also include providing a synopsis, director's biography and photo, five high-resolution (300 dpi) stills from the film, timed English dialogue list in SRT format, trailer, digital poster, and an online screener with English subtitles.
- g) The deadline for submissions, including compliance with all conditions, is July 31, 2026.
- h) The organizer will inform the applicant in writing regarding selection for IFF JUNIORFEST no later than September 30, 2026. In exceptional cases, the organizer reserves the right to inform the applicant of participation at a later date.

5. DELEGATIONS FOR COMPETITION FILMS

A delegation of up to three members per competition film is generally invited for 2 nights. The organizer covers accommodation for delegation members. The organizer does not cover travel expenses. In special cases, the festival president may grant an exception, in which case the organizer selects the travel carrier.

6. JURY AND FESTIVAL AWARDS

The International Professional Jury grants the following awards:

- Festival Film Flap – for Best Feature-Length Live-Action or Animated Film for Audiences Aged 6–9
- Festival Film Flap – for Best Feature-Length Live-Action or Animated Film for Audiences Aged 10–13
- Festival Film Flap – for Best Feature-Length Live-Action or Animated Film for Audiences Aged 14–16
- Festival Film Flap – for Best Short Film for Audiences Aged 6–9
- Festival Film Flap – for Best Short Film for Audiences Aged 10–13
- Festival Film Flap – for Best Short Film for Audiences Aged 14–16

Award granted by the JUNIORFEST, registered association:

- Golden Clock Hand – Lifetime achievement award for creative contribution to film production for children and young audience

Special Award for 2026:

- Tribute to Marcela Pittermannová in memoriam

7. CONCLUSION

The organizer of IFF JUNIORFEST commits to screening films solely within the framework of the festival. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees that film excerpts and promotional materials may be used for festival presentation on radio, television, or the internet. Please provide high-quality materials, which will be used exclusively for promotional, translation, and educational purposes.



Mgr. Markéta Mlnářik
Festival President
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