



Regulations of the 4th Edition of the Al-Hoceïma International Youth Film Festival – May 5-10, 2025

1. Organization of the Festival

The Al-Hoceïma International Youth Film Festival is an annual event organized by the Association "Fund for Culture and Media," with the support of the Moroccan Cinematographic Center, the Ministry of Youth, Culture, and Communication, the Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma Region, the Al-Hoceïma Province, the Al-Hoceïma Municipality, the Agency for the Promotion and Development of the Northern Regions, and local and elected authorities. The festival also receives support from other public and private institutions.

The aim of the festival is to promote cinematographic culture, support young filmmakers, particularly films created by young people, which address issues faced by youth in Morocco and worldwide, and to showcase cinematic works from different countries around the world.

Article 1

The 4th edition of the Al-Hoceïma International Youth Film Festival will take place from May 5 to May 10, 2025.

Article 2

The official festival program includes the following sections:

- **Official Competition** and its subcategories:
 - o Feature Film Competition (over 60 minutes), produced in 2023 or 2024.
 - o Short Film Competition (under 30 minutes), produced in 2023 or 2024.
 - o Film Schools Competition from Morocco (under 30 minutes), produced in 2023 or 2024.
- **Out-of-Competition Sections:**
 - o Focus on the cinema of the invited guest country.
 - o Tribute to an international cinematic personality.
 - o Tribute to a Moroccan cinematic personality.
 - o Tribute to a local cinematic and artistic personality.
 - o Seminars, conferences, artistic and cinematographic workshops, as well as special events.
 - o Special and event screenings.

Article 3

Seminars will be organized around films in the competition, with discussions between directors, the public, journalists, and cinema professionals.

The festival will also offer training workshops on cinema careers for young people in the region, in collaboration with Moroccan and international experts.

Article 4

The festival aims to program high-quality films, both artistically and in terms of innovation, recognized nationally and internationally, or that have been awarded in major international festivals and appreciated by critics and the public.

Article 5

The festival's juries will consist of local, Moroccan, and international film personalities who will award prizes in each festival category.

The jury for the feature film competition will consist of five members, while the juries for the short film competition and the film school competition will consist of three members each. No jury member may be involved in the production, distribution, or exploitation of a film selected for the competition.

The juries will define their own operating rules.

Article 6

The prizes for the Al-Hoceima International Youth Film Festival will be awarded as follows:

- **Feature Film Competition Prizes:**
 - o Grand Prize for Best Feature Film (awarded to the director).
 - o Jury Prize.
 - o Best Actress Award.
 - o Best Actor Award.
 - **Short Film Competition Prizes:**
 - o Grand Prize for Best Short Film.
 - o Jury Prize.
 - **Film Schools Competition Prizes:**
 - o Grand Prize.
 - o Jury Prize.
- No prize may be shared or canceled.
Special mentions may be awarded by the juries of the different categories.

Article 7

To participate in the festival, you must:

- Fill out the registration form available on the festival website by April 10, 2025.
 - Submit a viewing link of the film by April 20, 2025.
- Films will be officially selected once the signed registration form is received. This form constitutes acceptance of the festival's rules and regulations.

Article 8

Selected films must be sent to the festival by April 30, 2025, to the following address:

Gumus Production, Boulevard 9 Avril, Immeuble Palmier, Casablanca, Morocco

The selected films must be accompanied by the following promotional material: film poster, three high-quality images, a film synopsis, the director's biography and photo, and a film teaser (maximum 4 minutes).

These documents will be used for promotional purposes and publication on the website www.fifah.com, the festival's official catalog, and brochures.

The festival will cover the shipping costs for films to Al-Hoceima and their return to their country of origin within two weeks after the festival ends. However, shipping costs for films sent to another festival will be the responsibility of that festival.

Article 9

Participation conditions for all festival sections:

Films will be screened in their original language, with subtitles in English, Arabic, or French. Arabic films must have French or English subtitles.

No film can be withdrawn from the competition after it has been scheduled or during the festival.

Each selected film will be screened only once, except if it wins the Grand Prize in the feature film competition, in which case it may be screened a second time.

The days, venues, and times of the screenings will be determined by the organizers.

Article 10

Any situation not covered by these regulations will be decided by the organizing committee.

Article 11

Participation in the 4th edition of the Al-Hoceima International Youth Film Festival implies acceptance of these regulations.

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