

**SILVER STATE STORYTELLERS PRESENTS:
CARSON CITY SHORT FILM COMPETITIONS
OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES**

A. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. Register your team. A team may be as few as one person and as many people as the filmmaker requires. Registration links are posted on our Facebook page, or visit: [NVSTORYTELLERS.ORG](https://www.nvstorytellers.org)
2. Online registration closes 15-minutes before the competition begins.
3. If a team withdraws from the competition, no refunds of registration fees will be given.
4. Only one film per registration fee.
5. If a team wants to submit a second film, they must pay an additional registration fee.
6. Each team must have a designated contact person, or team leader, in case Silver State Storytellers needs to contact the team during the competition.
7. Prompts will be emailed to the registered teams at 12:00 Noon on the day the competition begins. Prompts will include a prop, a sound effect, and a line of dialogue.
8. Prompts must be included in all submitted films.
9. Prompts are an important part of the challenge. The judges will look for effective and creative inclusion of the prompts and score accordingly. Additional points will be granted for the impactful use of prompts. If any prompts are missing from a submitted film, that film may still be shown at the screenings but will not be eligible for awards.
10. Teams have exactly 2-weeks to make a short film. Films are due at 12:00 PM two weeks from the date the competition begins.
11. No extensions will be given under any circumstances.

By submitting your film to the Carson City Short Film Competition, you grant Silver State Storytellers and its subsidiaries the non-exclusive right to:

- Post your film on our website and social media channels for promotional purposes;
- Screen your film at future events hosted by Silver State Storytellers, including but not limited to film festivals, public screenings, and other related events.

You acknowledge that Silver State Storytellers will not use your film for any commercial purposes without your explicit consent. You also confirm that you have obtained all necessary clearances, licenses, and releases to submit your film to the Carson City Short Film Competition, including but not limited to music rights, talent releases, and location agreements. By submitting your film, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless Silver State Storytellers and its subsidiaries from any and all claims, damages, expenses, and liabilities arising from the use of your film as described above.

B. COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL.

1. Original music is encouraged. If utilizing an artist's song besides your own, you must secure the rights and permissions from that artist and, if applicable, their publishing company. Check out our Resources page for links to open source music libraries. You must credit those sources accordingly in your film credits.
2. Submitted films may not include copyrighted material unless the team has express permission from the copyright holder to use said material. Teams must provide proof of any such permission. The term "copyrighted material" includes, but is not limited to, music, video clips, literary works and any other material created by anyone other than the team.
3. By submitting a film, the team agrees to these Official Rules, and further agrees to indemnify and hold Silver State Storytellers harmless from any claims, damages, expenses, costs (including reasonable legal fees) and liabilities (including settlements), brought or asserted by any third party against any of Silver State Storytellers due to or arising out of the team's film, including but not limited to trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property rights, right of publicity, right of privacy or defamation.
4. If you're considering using material that originated from outside your team and aren't sure about the copyright concerns, please contact Silver State Storytellers for clarification. Simply checking websites like creativecommons.org, archive.org and other public domain information sites does not mean that a work is free from copyright claims.

C. CONTENT WARNING.

1. Silver State Storytellers reserves the right to disqualify any submitted films that include **excessive foul language, excessive sexual content and excessive depictions of drug and alcohol consumption**. Our screening events are "family-friendly." Films will be held to a PG-13 rating standard.
2. Films will be reviewed by a Review Committee upon submission. Any content deemed inappropriate may be grounds for disqualification. The Review Committee will also look for copyright concerns.
3. The expectation is that all screenplays will be well-written and adhere to these rules. Screenplays may contain occasional swearing to further the story and maintain character behavior. However, the judges in their sole discretion may disqualify a submitted film that contains excessive swearing.

D. TECHNICAL DETAILS.

1. Submitted films must be submitted via our website at no less than a 1920x1080 resolution. If your film does not meet these specs, it cannot be screened. If you're having trouble exporting your film in the correct format, please let us know so we can help.
2. Submitted films must be between 5 and 9 minutes long, including all credits. Films that fail to meet or exceed the time requirements are subject to point deductions or disqualification by the judges.
3. All costs associated with making a film for the competition are solely the responsibility of the filmmakers.

4. Incomplete films, or films considered work-in-progress, will not be judged. Silver State Storytellers reserves the right to determine if an incomplete film will or will not be shown at the screenings.
5. Teams will be provided with talent and crew releases, music releases, location releases, and other important paperwork. All paperwork must be completed and submitted with your film. Forms will be attached to the prompts email at the start of the competition. If we do not receive your paperwork, your film cannot compete for awards and will not be shown at the screenings.
6. If a team fails to submit required paperwork with their film, that film may still be screened, but it will not be eligible for awards. Silver State Storytellers will make an effort to contact any team that has not submitted their paperwork, but ultimately this is the responsibility of the filmmakers.
7. All films and paperwork must be delivered online using WeTransfer. If you are unable to use these services, please contact Silver State Storytellers to work out an alternate delivery method.
8. Silver State Storytellers assume no responsibility or liability for issues or malfunctions arising in connection with any of the following events which may impact the operation of the competition: a) hardware or software errors; b) faulty computer, telephone, cable, satellite, network, electronic, wireless or Internet connectivity or other online communication problems; c) errors or limitations of any Internet service providers, servers, hosts or providers; garbled, jumbled or faulty data transmissions; d) failure of any email transmissions to be sent or received; e) lost, late, delayed or intercepted email transmissions; f) inaccessibility of the competition Facebook page in whole or in part for any reason; g) traffic congestion on the Internet; h) unauthorized human or non-human intervention of the operation of the competition, including without limitation, unauthorized tampering, hacking, theft, virus, bugs, and worms; I) or destruction of any aspect of the competition, including loss, miscount, misdirection, inaccessibility or unavailability of email accounts used by the competition.

F. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. These Official Instructions and Rules may be changed at any time and without notice, by Silver State Storytellers. Reasonable efforts will be made to inform the teams of any changes in these Official Instructions and Rules that occur during the competition.