

Rules of the XIV International Documentary Film Festival HumanDOC
Edition: 2025

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The International Documentary Film Festival HumanDOC takes place in Warsaw and online via a dedicated, geo-blocked platform – vod.humandoc.pl.
2. The Festival aims to showcase documentary films and reportage focused on global issues.
3. Films are presented in two sections: competition and non-competition.
4. The Selection Committee appointed by the Organizer decides on the admission of films submitted for competition screenings.
5. The Festival Organizer, the HumanDoc Foundation based in Opole, does not pay fees to the authors of the films presented.

II. SELECTION OF FILMS

1. The Organizer does not charge a fee for film submission.
2. Films for selection must be submitted as password-protected internet links.
3. Final deadline for film submissions: September 10, 2025.
4. To be considered for selection, film submissions must be sent to festival@humandoc.pl.
5. Consent from the submitter for online screening and additional screenings in Poland is required.

III. COMPETITION

1. Notification of a film's acceptance into the competition will be sent via email.
2. The list of films selected for competition will be published on vod.humandoc.pl upon completion of the selection process.

IV. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SUBMITTER

1. By submitting a film, the submitter grants a non-exclusive license for public screening.
2. The submitter confirms they have obtained all necessary permissions from authorized entities and assumes full legal responsibility. Any disputes will be settled in court.

V. ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS

1. Additional screenings include free online presentations and satellite screenings throughout Poland until December 31, 2025.

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- a) Free online screenings on vod.humandoc.pl and a widely accessible Polish VOD platform from the Festival's start date (April 1, 2025) until December 31, 2025. Online films will only be accessible to viewers in Poland. The HumanDOC Festival online is an educational media project promoting socially engaged cinema. The online platform is among Poland's largest, most popular, and secure VOD platforms, utilizing geo-blocking and DRM systems compliant with international security standards used across Europe and the USA, accepted by networks of producers and distributors.

b) Free public satellite screenings accompanying the Festival throughout Poland during the XIV edition of the International Documentary Film Festival HumanDOC, from April 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

VI. AWARDS

1. Awards, including the Best Film award, will be presented at the Festival.
2. Information about awarded films and filmmakers will be announced during the closing events in Warsaw, scheduled for November 21-23, 2025.
3. Detailed information regarding awards will be available on vod.humandoc.pl.

VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Submitting a film implies acceptance of these Regulations.
2. Any disputes shall be settled according to Polish law by the court of jurisdiction appropriate to the Foundation's headquarters.
3. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Regulations, which will be published on the Festival's website: <https://festival.humandoc.pl/>.
4. Organizer contact: festival@humandoc.pl.