



RULES AND REGULATIONS
of the International Short Film Competition KOKOFY 2026
organized as part of the 13th Folk Film Festival Sianów, 2026

§1. Organizer of the Competition

1. The organizer of the International Short Film Competition KOKOFY (hereinafter: “Competition”) is **Sianowskie Centrum Wiedzy**, located at Plac pod Lipami 9, 76-004 Sianów, Poland (hereinafter: “Organizer”).
2. Sianowskie Centrum Wiedzy is a local government cultural institution of the Sianów Municipality.
3. The Competition is an accompanying event and takes place concurrently with the Folk Film Festival.

§2. Form and Theme of the Competition

1. Films submitted to the Competition may be created using any film technique and can belong to any genre, in particular: fiction, animation, or documentary.
2. The theme of this year’s edition of the Competition is “**You and Me**”, chosen by the Chairperson of the Jury of the 2025 edition – Dorota Kędziersawska.

§3. Participants

1. The Competition is open to all film creators – both professionals and amateurs – without any technical, equipment, age, or other restrictions.
2. Minors may participate in the Competition only with the written consent of a parent or legal guardian.

§4. Film Requirements

1. The Organizer defines a “one-minute film” as a film lasting exactly 60 seconds.
2. Films of any other length – even if exceeding or falling short of the limit by a few seconds – will be rejected during the formal selection process.
3. Each participant may submit a maximum of 3 films.

§5. Film Submission

1. Films must be submitted:
 - a) via the website: <https://folkfilm.pl/kokofy/przeslij-film/>
 - b) in mp4 or mov video format.

2. Each film must be accompanied by a submission form available on the page:
<https://folkfilm.pl/kokofy>
3. The file name should match the film title entered in the submission form.
4. If submitting multiple films, each film must be sent as a separate file with a separate submission form.
5. The submission deadline is **13 July 2026** (the date of receipt determines compliance).

§6. Verification of Submissions

1. Films that do not meet the technical requirements, are submitted without a submission form, or lack a title will be rejected for formal reasons.
2. Information about the authors will not be disclosed to Jury members.
3. The Jury will receive the films identified only by their titles.
4. Films that include the author's name in any form within the content will be disqualified.

§7. Copyright

1. By submitting a film, the author declares that they hold full copyright to the submitted work.
2. The author is fully responsible for any third-party claims arising from copyright infringement or other rights related to the film.
3. The author releases the Organizer from any legal liability arising from such disputes.

§8. Use of Films

1. Submission of a film to the Competition constitutes consent for its free use by the Organizer for promotional and informational purposes related to the Competition and the Folk Film Festival.
2. This includes, in particular:
 - public screenings of the films,
 - presentations during promotional events,
 - publication of excerpts or entire films on the Organizer's websites and social media channels.
3. Use of the films for the above purposes does not entail payment of a fee.

§9. Image Rights

The author submitting a film declares that they have obtained consent from all individuals appearing in the film for the use of their likeness in accordance with applicable law.

§10. Prohibited Content

The Organizer reserves the right to reject films containing:

- vulgar language,
- obscene content,
- content violating social or legal norms,
- discriminatory content,
- content inciting hatred,
- political messaging.

§11. Prizes

1. The Jury will award the following cash prizes:
 - Grand Prize – PLN 5,000
 - 3 Honorable Mentions – PLN 1,000 each

2. The Organizer reserves the right to allocate prizes differently at the Jury's discretion.
3. Prizes will be paid via bank transfer within 14 days of the announcement of results.
4. Taxes on prizes will be paid by the Organizer.
5. Winners are required to submit a tax declaration form to the Organizer within 14 days of the announcement; a template is available at www.folkfilm.pl.

§12. Final Selection

1. During the deliberations held as part of the Folk Film Festival, the Jury will also select a **final selection of films**.
2. Films qualified for the final selection may be presented during events promoting future editions of the Competition in Poland and abroad.
3. Qualification to the final selection constitutes an honorary distinction.

§13. Jury Decisions

The Jury's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

§14. Announcement of Results

The results of the Competition will be announced during the awards ceremony and final screening, taking place on **25 July 2026** in Sianów.

§15. Non-Commercial Character

All activities carried out within the Competition are non-commercial and do not generate financial profit for the Organizer.

§16. Personal Data

1. By submitting a film, the author consents to the processing of personal data provided in the submission for the purpose of conducting the Competition.
2. Personal data are processed in accordance with:
 - Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 (GDPR),
 - the Act of 10 May 2018 on the protection of personal data (Poland).

§17. Contact

For inquiries regarding the Competition, please contact: kokofy@folkfilm.pl