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NATAS EMMY[®] RULES

THE NATAS GENERAL RULES
AND PROCEDURES

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ABOUT NATAS

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Inc., (NATAS) is a 501(c)(6) non-profit service organization founded by the “Committee of One Hundred,” led by Ed Sullivan, in 1955. NATAS is dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry. NATAS recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy® Award. NATAS membership consists of more than 18,000 broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the United States.

NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

The National Awards Committee is the governing body of all NATAS Emmy® Awards (the Children’s & Family Emmy® Awards, the Daytime Emmy® Awards, the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards, the Sports Emmy® Awards, the Technology & Engineering Emmy® Awards, and the individual Regional Emmy® Awards). The National Awards Committee is responsible for the formulation of NATAS policy on all awards matters.

In order to achieve the greatest objectivity, inclusion, and equity in administering awards policies, the National Awards Committee and competition subcommittees reflect the wide range of programming, professions, and diverse backgrounds that make up the television industry. All National Awards Committee decisions are final and binding.

NATAS AWARDS ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

NATAS administers four national programming contests: the Daytime Emmy® Awards, the Children’s & Family Emmy® Awards, the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards, and the Sports Emmy® Awards – each having their own dedicated administrative teams. To reach out to the respective administrative teams regarding questions about rules, eligibility, or judging for their individual contests:

Children’s & Family Emmy® Awards - childrens@theemmys.tv

Daytime Emmy® Awards - daytime@theemmys.tv

News & Documentary Emmy® Awards - news@theemmys.tv

Sports Emmy® Awards - sports@theemmys.tv

NATAS AWARDS ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUATION)

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

NATAS also administers the Technology & Engineering Emmy® Awards through peer review of scientific achievements. Questions regarding qualifications, eligibility, or process may be directed to techemmys@theemmys.tv

REGIONAL PROGRAMMING

Except for the Los Angeles area, Regional Emmy® Awards are individually administered by NATAS Regional Chapters, a full list of which is available at: <https://theemmys.tv/chapters>

NON-NATAS-ADMINISTERED AWARDS

NATAS does not administer the International Emmy® Awards, Primetime Emmy® Awards, nor the Los Angeles Area Emmy® Awards. Those contests are administered by our sister Academies. To contact these Academies directly:

International - <https://www.iemmys.tv/international-academy/contact-us/>

Primetime & LA Area - <https://www.emmys.com/contact>

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

Each year, NATAS publicly releases a Transparency Report outlining statistics as well as instances in which significant judgment calls are made by contest administration and/or the National Awards Committee regarding eligibility, ballot disqualification, or other matters which may have impacted the outcome of the competition. The report is anonymized as much as possible to protect privacy while providing insight into the complex, often difficult, discussions and decisions that form the bedrock of any fair competition.

FORMAT OF THESE RULES

This book of Rules & Procedures outlines policies that apply across the breadth of each of the four NATAS Emmy® competitions for national programming content.

Along with the release of this document, NATAS publishes a “Call for Entries” (CFE) for each individual contest. Each CFE outlines additional rules, exceptions, and clarifications specific to the respective individual contest. This document and a respective competition’s CFE collectively form the “Rule Book” of any one individual competition for the entry year.

POTENTIAL FOR CORRECTIONS

These rules and procedures are subject to change or correction by NATAS at any time, with or without prior written notice. The most current and all prior versions of the document are available at <https://theemmys.tv/rules>.

NATAS has adopted a semantic versioning method of identifying revisions, with such version numbers marked in the lower-right corner of each document page, represented in the format [CONTEST YEAR].[NOTABLE REVISION].[MINOR CORRECTION].

For example, the initial publication for the 2023 awards year is numbered v.2023.0.0. Corrections to typographical errors, formatting, or other changes of minor impact will increment this to v.2023.0.1. More notable clarifications, additions, deletions, or other substantial changes will instead increment to v.2023.1.0 and be identified in an appendix listing all such modifications.

WHO MAY ENTER?

Anyone may enter NATAS/Television Academy membership is not a condition for entry in any NATAS Emmy® competition. Producers, designated awards consultants, show contacts, or individual entrant team members may submit entries on behalf of their program, on-air talent, or craft.

If a show intends to enter multiple categories, NATAS recommends that the show designates a main contact or “Show Shepherd” to handle submissions and general communication with the contest administration during the contest period.



Anyone entering on behalf of an individual or entity must fully confirm that the parties represented in or by the submission have complete knowledge of all eligibility rules and have viewed and given consent to the content submitted on their behalf, and are required to provide contact information for the represented rightsholder. Any misrepresentation of consent or failure to provide accurate rightsholder information is grounds for disqualification.

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

Programs distributed within the calendar year of January 1 to December 31, 2022 are eligible for submission, with the following exceptions:

SPORTS EMMY® AWARDS: FOOTBALL PROGRAMMING

High school, college, or professional American football postseason programming that originally aired in 2022 but concluded within three days following the Super Bowl is eligible for entry in all categories other than Short Documentary, Long Documentary, and Serialized Documentary. **To be eligible, such football programming must have aired after 12:01 AM on February 17, 2022 and prior to 12:01 AM on February 16, 2023.**

CHILDREN’S & FAMILY EMMYS®

The eligibility period will mirror the Primetime Emmy® Awards (June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023).

CONTENT ELIGIBILITY

NATAS contests are open to telecast programming and online/digital programming originally produced for video platforms and transmitted to the public by a television network, cable company, satellite, the internet, or other digital delivery media. Eligibility is limited to digital and telecast programming that was originally made available during the eligibility period and, as determined by contest administration, intended for a national audience during the specific competition's eligibility year.

All shows must contain at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) original material as aired during the eligibility period, unless the previously-produced material has been given substantial, unique, and creative treatment that, in the opinion of NATAS, results in an original program. Content must be entered in the format of its first method of transmission.

NATAS categories are not distribution-platform-specific. All categories are open to all platforms.

DIGITAL DELIVERY PLATFORMS

All types of releases via digital delivery platforms – Transactional VOD (TVOD), Subscription VOD (SVOD), Advertising-Based VOD (AVOD), Free Ad-Supported Streaming Television, and similar technologies (collectively, “Digital” distribution throughout this document) – are eligible for submission. In general, the first distribution of the content on any platform is the governing air date and program form for determining eligibility.

However, a national television broadcast that airs after a Digital debut may be considered to be the canonical airing if:

1. The Digital distribution was not previously submitted, and
2. The national television broadcast premiere occurred within one year of its Digital debut.

NATIONAL RELEVANCE

Content, whether online or distributed via telecast or cablecast, that is produced and intended for a specific local or regional audience, or for a particular geographic market, is eligible for a regional Emmy® Award and should be submitted to one of the [regional Emmy® competitions](#).

In determining whether content distributed online, without geographic restriction, is more appropriate for submission to a regional competition or a national one, entrants should consider the following characteristics of nationally-relevant content as guidelines:

NATIONAL RELEVANCE (CONTINUATION)

- Is the content produced and intended for a national or global audience?
- Has the material been entered in other national award competitions?
- Has the program been promoted to/ marketed to a national audience or produced in association with a national media brand, or was the content produced and intended for a regional or local audience?

In general, self-published online content in which a majority of these characteristics indicates it was produced and intended for a national or global audience is presumed to be more appropriate for submission to a national Emmy® competition. Those that suggest the content was produced and intended for a local or regional audience are presumed to be more appropriate for a regional competition.

Regional content that later receives national distribution may be submitted to either a Regional Awards competition or a relevant National Awards competition, subject to the following restrictions:

- Content may only be submitted to a single competition.
 - A program submitted to a regional competition may not then be submitted to a national competition or another regional competition.
 - Content along with all craft-category submissions associated with that content must be submitted to the same regional or national competition.
 - Splitting entries for the same content between regional and national competitions is not allowed.
 - In general, the first accepted submission to any Emmy competition shall determine the regional-vs-national standing of the content
- Eligibility for a regional competition is determined by the date the production was first telecast or made available via VOD in a region.
- Eligibility for a national competition is determined by the date the production was first telecast or made available via VOD nationally.
- For national eligibility, the national broadcast or VOD premiere must have occurred:
 - (a) during the national competition’s eligibility period, and
 - (b) within twenty-four (24) months of the first regional distribution of any kind.

Those considering national submission for content originally aired regionally are strongly encouraged to contact awards administrators during the earliest eligibility period of the two relevant competitions to evaluate eligibility and avoid the risk of later-occurring determinations which may result in missed opportunities for consideration at any level.

INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIONS

In general, productions that feature financial and/or creative involvement between both United States and international entities, distributed globally, must first premiere in the U.S. to be eligible for submission to NATAS-administered Emmy® Award competitions. Programs produced by internationally owned entities but distributed exclusively in the U.S. are also eligible in NATAS competitions. All other internationally produced and distributed productions must submit to the International Emmy® Awards.

To accommodate the scheduling of “global premieres,” however, such globally-distributed US-International productions that debut in the United states within one (1) week of their first broadcast or Digital distribution in any global territory are also eligible for NATAS awards consideration. Productions with such simultaneous global premieres may, pending other category eligibility criteria, be eligible in either a NATAS-administered competition and the International Emmy® Awards – but not both. A production may only enter a single Emmy® Award competition.

If a submission that originally premiered outside the U.S. but was later distributed in the U.S. is deemed ineligible for the International Emmys® competition, at the sole determination of the International Academy, and the International Academy subsequently determines the material more appropriate for a U.S. competition, the entrant may petition for consideration in the relevant NATAS competition. Petitions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis under NATAS rules and a review of the extent to which the content was intended for the U.S. market.

CATEGORY AND/OR CONTEST SHOPPING

Once a program enters a specific genre category, it is prohibited from switching for the remainder of its run unless the program petitions contest administration to change categories, and the petition is thereafter accepted. Once a program enters a specific Emmy® Award contest (inclusive of the Primetime Emmy® Awards, International Emmy® Awards, and Regional Emmy® Awards administered by our sister academies and chapters), the program is bound to remain in that contest unless a petition is filed via email and thereafter accepted by contest administration. If a program switches contests, it may not switch back without further approval from contest administration.

THEATRICAL RELEASES

Television programs that are offered for “general theatrical release” occurring prior to their airing or Internet exhibition are not eligible. Productions that have had a limited theatrical release before being telecast or made available via Digital distribution are eligible to enter NATAS Emmy® Award contests, provided:

1. The production was first telecast or made available via Digital distribution nationally during the eligibility period.
2. The broadcast or Digital premieres occurred within twelve (12) months of the first commercial theatrical screening, defined as a commercial screening of seven (7) consecutive days at a single theater, and
3. The aggregate number of commercial theatrical screenings did not exceed six hundred (600) theaters.

A program loses Emmy® eligibility twenty-four (24) months after its first theatrical screening of any kind, in any form of completion, whether such screening occurs commercially or at a film festival.

INELIGIBILITY OF OSCAR® NOMINEES

The Emmy® Awards recognize excellence in programming created first and foremost for television platforms. Our rules reiterate this expectation through policies surrounding limited theatrical releases and a submission’s eligible broadcast or Digital premiere.

Programs that have received an Oscar® nomination from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) are ineligible for submission to any Emmy® award contest administered by NATAS.

While appearance on the AMPAS viewing platform will not, on its own, be cause for disqualification from NATAS competitions in 2023, NATAS shares broader community concerns regarding theatrically-focused filmmakers seeking Emmy® recognition. Working in coordination with its sister organization the Television Academy, NATAS intends to publish in 2023 revised rules and policies impacting the 2024 competitions.



VIRTUAL FILM FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, many documentary films screened online at virtual film festivals in 2022. Such screenings are nonetheless considered to be theatrical screenings, rather than Digital distributions, for the purpose of determining Emmy® eligibility in the 2022 competition year.

- a. A virtual film festival screening is not considered a Digital release, and a documentary film may not submit to an Emmy® competition solely on the basis of such a virtual film festival screening.
- b. A virtual film festival screening is not considered a Digital release, and is not used to determine whether a national telecast is within the one-year Digital-to-broadcast window within which it can be considered the “canonical airing.”
- c. A virtual film festival screening is considered a film festival screening, and counts toward the twenty-four-month (24-month) window after which a program with any kind of theatrical release becomes ineligible.

NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENTRIES

Entries in a language other than English are eligible, but must include either an English-language voiceover or English subtitles. Entries for the Spanish-language categories may be submitted without subtitles or voiceover and will be judged by a panel of Spanish-language media professionals who are bilingual or Spanish language-proficient.

INELIGIBLE PROGRAMMING

The following programming is not eligible:

1. Pornographic, violent, defamatory, or offensive material, except in the context of news coverage or the documentary treatment of a nonfiction subject.
2. Previously-aired programs, series, or related crafts which aired and met eligibility requirements during a previous award year or qualified for and submitted to another Emmy® Award competition, unless it qualifies via the Digital-delivery exception listed above.
3. Program-length commercials (infomercials or closed-circuit programs such as those from hotels, hospitals, movie theaters, arenas, stadiums, and other venue- specific locations) with targeted audiences.
4. Content from telethons, pledge breaks, and/or programs with a unique call to action aired for the specific purposes of raising money for political parties, charities, or other related causes. (Calls to action responding to current events within an otherwise regularly-scheduled program are permitted, however.)
5. Compilation reels, “clip shows,” or “best of...” programs that were edited from original content, except for programming eligible for the Sports Emmy® Awards.
6. No content produced or created for a regional or national Emmy® Awards show may be submitted to an Emmy® Awards contest. Related craft material is also ineligible.

ENTRY SYSTEM

All media associated with an entry must be submitted via the respective competition's submission platform. All NATAS contests require videos to be uploaded in order to be vetted by contest administration for eligibility and then viewed by judges. Media submitted via email or other means will not be accepted.

Submission sites for the individual contests are as follows:

1. Children's & Family Emmy® Awards - <http://enter.theemmys.tv/>
2. Daytime Emmy® Awards - <https://daytime.theemmys.tv>
3. News & Documentary Emmy® Awards - <https://news.theemmys.tv>
4. Sports Emmy® Awards - <https://sports.theemmys.tv>

CATEGORY VIABILITY

In the event that contest administration and the National Awards Committee deem a category non-viable due to the number of entries, NATAS may eliminate the category, merge the category with another similar category or split a category into two. If a category is canceled, affected entrants will receive a full refund. If a category is merged with another category, or split into two categories, entrants in each affected category shall be given the option to remain in the competition in the new category framework, or to withdraw from the competition and receive a full refund of associated entry fees.

CATEGORY PLACEMENT

NATAS reserves the right to disqualify outright or move any entry to a different category or different competition if, in the judgment of NATAS Administration, such action is warranted. Entries will be rejected if no applicable category is found. Entrants will be notified when a rejection or category reassignment is made.

PROFESSIONAL THIRD-PARTY SUBMITTERS

As the phrase is used in these Official Rules, “Third-Party Submitters” are entry-submitting individuals or entities who are not themselves engaged in the production or distribution of visual or audio-visual competition content, but rather, whose principal business purpose is instead the management, administration, facilitation, manipulation, or other processing of entry-submissions, typically for compensation, rendered on behalf of more than one (1) client network, producer, or other entrant.

As “Third-Party Submitters” are defined as having more than one client for whom they submit entries to this or other entertainment-industry competitions, individual seasonal employees and contractors working for a single submitting entrant in a single competition are therefore excluded from the definition of “Third-Party Submitter”. If there is any disagreement as to whether a particular person or entity is a “Third-Party Submitter” for NATAS purposes or purposes of any competition, the decision rendered by NATAS thereupon shall be final, determinative, and binding.

Third-Party Submitters essentially seek to act as “resellers” of access to the NATAS competition entry-system. Therefore, Third-Party Submitters are subject to additional requirements and restrictions determined by NATAS to be necessary in the best interests of the orderly administration of the competition. Additionally, NATAS reserves the right to supplement, alter, or otherwise amend these additional provisions at any time upon further posting to the NATAS website or other form of notification:

Secondary Contact / Entrant Representative Required: Regardless of the use of a Third-Party Submitter, the network, producer, or other entrant entering the competition must be clearly and accurately identified as the entrant and the rights-holder, and any failure to do so will automatically and summarily disqualify the corresponding entry. Third-Party Submitters must provide to NATAS, with any entry, via completion of the “Secondary Contact” field accompanying the submission of the entry-materials, the accurate full legal name and direct contact-information for the one (1) individual serving as the authorized representative (“Entrant Representative”) so designated by the entrant and rights-holder for purposes of the entry. The Entrant Representative must not be the Third-Party Submitter, or any of its employees, contractors, or agents. The Entrant Representative must then timely execute a modified Entry License supplied by NATAS which specifically authorizes the Third-Party Submitter to act on behalf of the entrant, and any Entrant Representative failure to timely do so will automatically and summarily disqualify the corresponding entry or entries. Please contact the Emmy competition administration to receive the modified Entry License.

PROFESSIONAL THIRD-PARTY SUBMITTERS (CONTINUATION)

Suspension or Disqualification: Third-Party Submitters are expected to carry out their work on behalf of their clients in a professional manner. NATAS bears no responsibility to any entrant or any other party, for the failures of any Third-Party Submitter acting or purporting to act on an entrant's behalf. If a Third-Party Submitter commits a significant number of errors in the context of a single competition, or commits a significant number of errors in the context of multiple competitions over time, in each case as determined by NATAS contest administration, the accumulation of those errors may result in a temporary or even permanent suspension of that Third-Party Submitter's access to the competition entry-system - pending an internal, non-public, and non-appealable NATAS administrative review, conducted and exercised in the sole and subjective discretion of NATAS. If a Third-Party Submitter's acts or omissions result in the disqualification of any entry, or if a Third-Party Submitter is suspended from entry-system access altogether, the entrant or entrants so affected may thereupon contact NATAS to seek an opportunity to resubmit the entry-material so affected, provided that all competition deadlines are nevertheless timely met regardless. NATAS bears no responsibility to any entrant or any other party, if any failure of a Third-Party Submitter leads to any failure of any entry to meet a competition deadline or otherwise be accepted for competition purposes.

Fees and Penalties: NATAS reserves the right, upon five (5) calendar days written notice to any Third- Party Submitter, and, if NATAS so elects, upon five (5) calendar days written notice to any entrant bearing any connection to the Third-Party Submitter, to assess further administrative fees as well as penalties as against the Third-Party Submitter and, in the sole discretion of NATAS, as against the entrant or entrants for whom the Third-Party Submitter purports to act, for corrections of Third-Party Submitter entries or other activities which have been mishandled by the Third-Party Submitter. Failure to timely pay those administrative fees and penalties may result, in the sole election of NATAS, in disqualification of the entry or entries to which those subject assessments may relate.

“WYSIWYT” – WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU TYPED!

Entry information appears exactly as entered by the entrant who has typed it. The text is “picked-up” automatically by computer software protocols, and is not edited by NATAS before entry. Therefore, the entrant is solely and exclusively responsible for whatever text and other characters are typed and entered. There are no exceptions.

For example - odd capitalizations, misspellings, missing credits, typing all text in lowercase, or other formatting or spelling quirks will appear exactly as submitted in all official nomination and recipient documentation, all press releases, all invitations, all print programs, all ceremony graphics including those that may be telecast on-air, all statuette engravings, and everywhere else. Specifically, any entries typed in all-CAPS are not accepted - and in such cases, if still within deadline, the entrant will be asked to resubmit subject to all continuing entry deadlines.

NATAS contest administration is NOT liable for errors in listings that are the result of incorrect information submitted on an entry form or otherwise.

Be advised that there is only a very limited time-window of opportunity to make corrections following the nomination announcements, if such corrections are available at all in such cases. Once entries are submitted, and “closed for editing” as determined by NATAS, any further requested corrections should be e-mailed to NATAS contest administration.

It is understood that NATAS offers no assurances that any such corrections can or will be made in time relative to competition awards and announcements. Any requests for corrections conveyed by any method other than e-mail to the above-designated NATAS e-mail address, including without limitation via social media, will not be accepted under any circumstances.

DEADLINES

Deadlines are firm and essential to the timely adjudication of NATAS competitions. In the case of an extenuating circumstance necessitating late entry, the entrant must make their request in writing to contest administration prior to the deadline.

CEREMONY CLIP CLEARANCE

Each entrant will be required to identify a thirty-second (0:30) portion of the submitted visual or audio-visual material for potential inclusion in the Emmy® Award ceremony and related Internet distribution, should the entry result in a nomination. The identified clip must be free and clear of any and all encumbrances or other restrictions which could limit the ability of NATAS to include the clip in the program and its distribution, publicity, and promotion, including without limitation its use in NATAS digital program archives and related digital transmissions in perpetuity.

[Sports Emmy Call for Entries](#)

CEREMONY CLIP CLEARANCE (CONTINUATION)

Each entrant must unqualifiedly affirm via the Entrant Clip License that all rights and clearances have been obtained and are thereby licensed to NATAS for these purposes, and that the entrant is in fact authorized to convey such rights. Organizations frequently submitting competition content may alternatively request to enter into a “master agreement” with NATAS that, when executed, may obviate the need for administering certain further individual entry licenses. Interested organizations should contact NATAS contest administration for referral to the NATAS General Counsel for this purpose.



Any entrant failure to timely convey necessary rights and clearances prior to the date and time of the commencement of judging, may result in the disqualification of the corresponding entry, with or without additional written notice by NATAS.

SUBMISSION AFFIRMATION

Entrants will be required to confirm that submissions have not been entered in any other Emmy® Awards contests, whether entries are produced in whole or part with by a non-US based production company, and that all parties included in an entry submitted on their behalf have full knowledge of the entry, submission rules, and complete detail contained in the submission.

ENTRANT TEAM MEMBERS (CREDITS)



DO NOT list the entire production cast and crew. List only those who are considered statue-eligible according to the eligible title-listing.

Entrants of Record are also responsible for ensuring each entrant is aware of and approves their respective entry submissions.

ELIGIBILITY OF CREDITED TITLES

Individuals who pass away during the production process ARE statue eligible, as long as they are included on the submitted credit list. Deceased legacy individuals for source materials are not eligible.

Example: William Shakespeare is not eligible for programming based on his text.

POST-NOMINATION PROCEDURES

If an entry is nominated, contest administration will reach out to the Entrant of Record to coordinate assets necessary for production and ticketing. It is the Entrant of Record's responsibility to communicate with their clients even after the entry process is complete. All follow-up, including any information on ceremonies, is done through the Entrant of Record.

ACCEPTORS

Nominees will submit, via the Entrant of Record, the name of one (1) person per category who will serve as the acceptor.

LATE CREDIT ADDITIONS

After the nomination announcements, changes may be made and submitted free of charge for a limited time period determined by each individual competition. After this deadline, a fee of US\$150 will be charged for each name added to the credits. This fee also applies to any changes made following the ceremonies.

Changes may only be reflected in certificates, statuettes, and other materials produced or published after full payment of relevant fees has been made. NATAS has no obligation to change or correct materials published prior to fee payment.

Change requests received more than thirty (30) days after the corresponding ceremony will not be accepted under any circumstances.

[Sports Emmy Call for Entries](#)

PAYMENT

Payment by Credit Card or ACH Transfer is strongly preferred. Please contact the NATAS Finance Department at finance-team@theemmys.tv to set up ACH Transfer.

If you must pay by check, an invoice can be generated for the entry. Please make the check payable to “The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences” and include a printed hard copy of the invoice found on the entry dashboard. **Payment is due according to invoice terms.**



Late payments not received by NATAS by the end of the judging period may result in disqualification, with or without additional written notice by NATAS.

DISCOUNT

For national contests, there is NO discount granted to members of NATAS or to members of the Television Academy.

REFUNDS

Since entry fees offset administrative costs, no refunds are required to be granted, except in the case of elimination of a category.

ENTRANT RESPONSIBILITY

In order to avoid disqualification, it is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that all rules are fully understood and followed, and that submissions are completed by each deadline date.

The entrant is also responsible for checking the source file audio/video quality before uploading and again once the submission is officially uploaded.

Refunds will not be issued for submissions resulting in disqualification.

If an entry is being submitted on behalf of another individual or entity, that party must have full knowledge of the entry, submission rules, and complete detail contained in the submissions.

Entrants are required to provide contact information for the submission's relevant rightsholder. Any misrepresentation of consent or failure to provide accurate rightsholder information is grounds for disqualification.

Any measures taken to circumvent the rules outlined herein, such as submitting placeholder documents or videos for required materials with the intention of replacing them with complete materials at a later date, or submitting false information to bolster eligibility, may result in disqualification of the entry with or without notice.



The Entrant of Record becomes the point of contact for correspondence regarding required further materials, ticketing, and statuette orders in the event of a nomination and/or win. If you are a Show Shepherd, you are the point of contact for correspondence regarding further materials, ticketing, and statuette orders. It is your responsibility to forward all follow-up information to your clients.

CREDIT FALSIFICATION

Intentional falsification of credits may result in disqualification of the entire entry by contest administration. On-air credit packages created for the sole purpose of statue-eligibility will not be accepted.

NO INTERNAL EDITING

A submitted excerpt must be a continuous, commercial-free segment. Editing out commercials between otherwise continuous programming segments does not constitute "internal editing."

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

NATAS only accepts timely competition submissions which are not in conflict with any of its rules and regulations. Ineligible entries may be disqualified by NATAS at any stage of a competition, with or without prior written notice to the submitters. NATAS assumes no responsibility for the acts or omissions of individuals or entities submitting entries.

CREDITS

NATAS assumes no responsibility to arbitrate, mediate, adjudicate, resolve, or otherwise respond to any disputes or potential disputes between program producers, or between other persons or entities bearing or claiming to bear a connection to entered material. All individuals and entities electing to submit material, are solely responsible for their entries. Specifically, all individuals and entities electing to submit material, are well-advised to very carefully review submissions to assure themselves of the correctness and completeness of all names and credits, as well as the viability and full and proper documentation of all intellectual property rights and permissions. Failure to do so may render an entry ineligible.

Only those individuals listed on the final credit list will be eligible to obtain a statuette or other NATAS recognition upon determination of a winning entry, and not otherwise. NATAS will only accord a statuette or other NATAS recognition in the manner as may be identified in advance via the corresponding competition procedures. Specifically, any entrant's credited job title must exactly correspond to the as-written and as-aired/as-transmitted/as-telecast credits included in the entry material, per the following:

1. Existing Credit Package. If an on-air/as-transmitted/as-telecast credit-block or "credit package" exists, then, as confirmed by NATAS, that on-air credit-block or "credit package" is and shall remain the document of record regarding the determination of any credited job title.
2. Non-Existent Credit Package; Production Memo. If, in the determination of NATAS, no on-air/as-transmitted/as-telecast credit-block, "credit package", or other reliable credit list is made available with the entry or NATAS determines the supplied credit list is insufficient, then the entrant must submit the dispositive production memo for the submission as verification of credit and job title eligibility. If NATAS rejects a production memo as non-dispositive or no such memo exists, it is the entrant's sole responsibility to supply alternative acceptable proof of credits and job titles.

CREDITS

3. Discrepancies. In those rare cases where there is a discrepancy between the as-aired/as-transmitted/as-telecast credits and the credited job title indicated on or within the entry materials, then it is the entrant's sole responsibility to contact NATAS contest administration requesting an adjudication and determination. NATAS has sole discretion whether to render any determination. NATAS accords no assurance to any entrant that any credit or job title discrepancy will be timely adjudicated or adjudicated at all. The entrant, and not NATAS, bears the sole responsibility of any unreconciled credits and job titles, and any loss of any competition opportunity resulting therefrom.

MISREPRESENTATIONS

Any misrepresentation of entries will be cause for disqualification. Misrepresentations may include, but are not limited to misrepresenting programming as original work or the intentional falsification of credits, including intentional falsification of job titles or intentionally listing improper job titles. Should evidence of misrepresentation materialize at a later date, the entry may be disqualified retroactively. Such a retroactively-disqualified entry will be so-listed in NATAS records, and the return of any awarded statuettes or award certificates will be required.



Violations of any other published rules and procedures herein may result in disqualification. Payment submitted with disqualified entries will not be returned.

DOUBLE-DIPPING

ENTRY INTO SINGLE COMPETITION



Entry into any singular NATAS contest precludes the entry of the same programming in any other Emmy® contest administered by the Television Academy, IATAS, or NATAS, including the Regional Emmy® Awards.

For example, if an entrant enters a documentary in the Sports Emmy® Awards Long Documentary category, it may not be entered subsequently in the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards.

All submissions, whether to a craft or a program category, must be submitted to the same regional or national competition. Splitting entries for the same content between regional and national competitions is not allowed. Exceptions may be made in rare circumstances — for example, if a specific, unique craft category is only offered in one of two Emmy® Award contests, but the program or report meets eligibility requirements in both competitions. The entrant must contact NATAS Administration for prior approval of any such cross-contest entry.

The same material, identical start-to-finish, is not permitted to represent an entire submission in both a series and a feature/segment category.

If an entrant submits to a series or recurring programming category that allows the option of submitting a single episode to represent the entire series, that submitted episode may not then be submitted as- is to a feature or segment category. Likewise, an episode-length feature submitted in an individual segment category may not be submitted as the representative episode in a program category.

A feature or segment may be submitted to a feature or segment category and remain a component part of a broader program entry only if the segment represents less than fifty percent (50%) of the submitted episode's total runtime.

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR A SINGLE AWARD

An individual may only be recognized with an Emmy® Award for each specific role in a production once.

An individual that is eligible for an Emmy® Award for a specific role in more than one category shall be recognized in the category most specific to their craft or role.

For example, within the News & Documentary Emmy® competition, if a team member acts as a director on an Outstanding Breaking News entry, and submits the same content to the Outstanding Direction: News craft category, the individual may receive an Emmy® Award as a director in either category, but not both. If the programming is recognized with an Emmy® Award in both the Program and Directing categories, the director will be awarded a statuette in the Directing category only.

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAM AWARDS

For program categories that allow submissions of excerpts from different episodes to be entered, such as The Sports Emmy® categories of Outstanding Studio Show Daily, Outstanding Documentary Series or Outstanding Hosted Edited Series, an individual, in order to be statue-eligible, must have worked and received credit on a minimum number of the total episodes of the show broadcast in the eligibility year. The minimum episode count required varies by competition and category and is specified in each competition's Call for Entries.

EMERGENCY DISCLAIMER



NATAS reserves the right to modify competition or event rules, procedures, policies, and calendars in response to any public emergency, natural disaster, civil unrest, or act of war, or for any other reason, including, without limitation, the COVID-19 pandemic. Please read individual competition Calls for Entries and category descriptions for any temporary rule changes. Additional updates may be published during the contest year on the NATAS website and social media channels, or announced by email to registered entrants and "Show Shepherds."

WHAT IS PEER JUDGING?

NATAS contests are judged category-by-category by a panel of experts in that particular field – for example, editors judge editing. Specific qualifications for judges per each individual contest are outlined in each contest’s rules. The success of the Emmy® Awards process depends on the willingness of qualified professionals to serve as judges.

JUDGES ARE VOLUNTEERS

Judges for all NATAS Emmy® Award contests are volunteers. Judges do not receive any compensation for participation.

JUDGING RESPONSIBILITIES

With a few exceptions, noted in each individual contest’s Call for Entries, judging is done entirely online. Judges must sign up to judge. Contest administration will verify credentials and eligibility of potential judges and assign approved judges to category panels based on their backgrounds and expertise. Judging requires watching embedded videos and then scoring all entries in their designated categories.

NATAS contests do NOT use a “check one” or ranked system of judging. The window for judging is several weeks. Judges evaluate each entry on its individual merits and judges are permitted to give the same score to multiple entries. Each category has a minimum percentage per entry that judges are required to view prior to being permitted to submit a score. After an entry in the category is viewed by at least the minimum amount, the judge’s ballot will open up and become available for scoring. Each entry is judged individually on its own merits based on each judge’s individual perception of excellence.

All judging criteria and procedures, including scoring scale, minimum scores required for nomination, and tie-breaking procedures, are determined by the National Awards Committee.

In order to maintain fair, consistent peer judging without influence, judges must not disclose how they voted. If they ignore or abuse this privilege, their ballot will be disqualified and/or their judging status revoked.

JUDGING RESPONSIBILITIES

Judges are asked to respond to an optional series of demographic survey questions. If a judge declines to participate, that fact is kept confidential and has no impact on the judge’s potential role as an Emmy® judge or otherwise, in any manner whatsoever. Demographic information is not associated with ballot results in any way. Accordingly, survey data is representative of the full population of registered judges, and not of the subset of judges from whom completed ballots are received. All information is gathered consistent with [NATAS’s Key Principles For Collecting Personal Data](#).

If a judge chose to participate, that judge may further choose to make their responses available to NATAS to facilitate equitable representation on specific judging panels, or the judge may elect for their responses to be kept anonymous and used only for aggregate analysis. On average, in 2021, 14% of participating judges requested to limit their responses to such anonymous, aggregate use.

NATAS encourages all networks, platforms, production companies and other content creators, whose employees make up the majority of the judging pool, to focus on increased diversity in their companies and on their sets and to encourage participation in the Emmy judging process. To this end, NATAS will share anonymized survey data with organizations represented by significant numbers of judges so that such companies may better understand the current diversity of their submitted judges and work with NATAS toward increased representation in future cycles.

More broadly, NATAS proactively pursues dialogue and solutions with individual company Diversity Officers and Employee Resource Groups (ERGs), industry executives, and allied trade associations and community organizations to further promote diversity within our television industry as a whole.

JUDGING METHODOLOGY

1. SCORING SCALE

Submissions in NATAS contests are scored on a scale of 1 to 7, with 7 being the highest possible score and 1 being the lowest possible score.

2. NOMINEE COUNT

In each category, there is a default target of one (1) winner and five (5) nominees. In any category where the tabulated scores result in such a clearly-defined winner and collection of nominees, one (1) winner and five (5) nominees will be so-certified. The target nominee count for a category may be reduced or increased, at the direction of the National Awards Committee, in proportion to the number of entries in the category as it relates to the competition average.

3. MINIMUM VIABILITY FOR NOMINATION

In general, submissions must have an average judge-assigned score of 4.0 (“Good – Worthy of a Nomination”) or greater to qualify for nomination. No submission shall be eligible for nomination if the average judges’ score is less than 3.0 (“Average – Potentially Worthy of a Nomination”). Submissions with average scores between 3.0 and 4.0 may be nominated at the discretion of the National Awards Committee.

4. TIEBREAKING

Ties for the win will be broken, if possible, by comparing the high scores for each tied entry (the number of 7’s and 6’s received by each tied entry). In cases where ties cannot be broken by this method, there may be multiple winning entries in a given category.

Ties for nomination, not affecting the win, will not be broken and all tied entries will instead be nominated if the resulting number of nominations will remain within the maximum number of allowable nominations. The maximum number of nominations is seven (7) by default, but may be reduced or increased, at the direction of the National Awards Committee, in proportion to the number of entries in the category as it relates to the competition average.

Ties for nomination that would result in a number of nominees in excess of the maximum nomination number will be broken using the methodology applied to ties for the win.

5. NATURAL CUTOFFS

When a statistically significant distinction appears in the distribution of tabulated scores such that, in the consideration of the National Awards Committee, that distinction presents a more appropriate method for nominee selection, the Committee may, at its option, employ that method.

6. JUDGING IMPROPRIETY

Judging scores and behavioral patterns are monitored via algorithms for potential outliers that may indicate improper behavior such as coordination, bias, or manipulation. Ballots identified by the algorithms are investigated by the competition auditor, who then determines whether to refer the matter to the National Awards Committee for further investigation and/or adjudication. All matters determined to be instances of judging impropriety requiring Committee action are subsequently disclosed in the Transparency report.

7. ANONYMITY

All determinations by the National Awards Committee regarding target and maximum nominee counts, nomination viability, natural cutoffs, and judging impropriety are conducted entirely on the basis of anonymized scores provided by the auditor. At no time are Committee members provided names of submissions, judges, or any other identifying information which could impact their decision. Except where necessary, the affected category is not even disclosed. Some identifying information may be disclosed to the Committee and Administrative staff for further investigation and corrective purposes after the conclusion of the competition and associated ceremony only.

JUDGING RECRUITMENT

Competition judges must receive no remuneration, compensation, or other consideration for their efforts as judges.

Neither any entity nor any individual may offer any compensation of any kind to anyone for signing-up to be a competition judge – be it via payment, or by way of offering to provide access to parties, other events, or other benefits.

Organizations submitting competition entries may elect, and are indeed encouraged, to recruit people from inside their respective organizations to serve as judges (“internal recruiting”).

However, any use of “coordinated recruitment” or “recruiting programs” of the nature below-described, shall be deemed strictly prohibited unless approved in advance by NATAS on a case-by-case basis in the manner as follows:

- (A). Any proposed hosting of an event with invitees from outside the submitting organization for the express purpose of recruiting judges; or
- (B). Any proposed distribution of any materials to more than fifty (50) persons outside the submitting organization with the express purpose of recruiting judges; must in either case first be reported to NATAS contest administration in writing and in advance of the proposed initiative. The proposed initiative must not be taken unless approved in writing and in advance by NATAS in each case, which NATAS may elect to render, or not, in its sole discretion.

Additionally, on their judging applications, all proposed judges must fully disclose as a potential conflict-of-interest any and all relationships that they may have to any “recruiting program” or “coordinated recruitment”, other than the aforementioned permitted internal recruiting conducted by the corresponding entrant organization itself. Any failure by either the entrant or the judge to fully disclose to NATAS all activities of coordinated recruitment and all recruiting programs, is grounds for disqualification of the judge’s ballot, and disqualification of the competition entry or entries corresponding to the coordinated recruitment or recruiting program and the entrant, each in the sole discretion of NATAS.

“FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION”

As the nominees and recipients are decided in the same round of judging via scores, all so-called “For Your Consideration” campaigns are of limited, if any, usefulness surrounding NATAS competitions and are discouraged.

PRELIMINARY VERSUS BLUE RIBBON

The result in most categories is determined by a single “Blue Ribbon” round of judging that decides both the nominees and the recipient (or recipients) in the category. There is no additional round of judging after nominations are announced in which winners are chosen.

Where a category receives a large number of entries, resulting in screening sessions that would exceed what is deemed a reasonable viewing length for a single judging round, it will undergo a Preliminary Judging Round. Depending each year upon the number of entries per category, various categories in various contests will be routed through such a Preliminary Judging Round, whereby the number of entries are narrowed down prior to commencement of the “Blue Ribbon” round.

Categories with a high proportion of self-published entries, such as those distributed on user-generated video-sharing platforms, may also be routed to a Preliminary Judging Round at the discretion of contest administrators.

The results of a Preliminary Judging Round are merely procedural; they are not publicly announced, and are not considered “nominations,” “prenominations,” or any other formal recognition.

BALLOT CONFIDENTIALITY

All judges for NATAS contests are expressly forbidden from disclosing, to anyone, what entries they judged, their opinion of materials viewed, or the scores they assigned. This prohibition applies, without limitation, to any communications with colleagues, friends, family members, other judges, other submitters, the press, on Social Media, or elsewhere. Violations of this policy may result in disqualification of the ballot and/or judge, and potential disqualification of associated submissions.

CHALLENGES AND/OR INAPPROPRIATE SITUATIONS

The fair adjudication of all NATAS competitions is of foremost importance. Any individual or organization that has observed potential impropriety or inappropriate behavior by any entrant, judge, administration staff, or others in the course of the competition, or that has any concerns about a submission, judging, or other awards procedures or processes, is encouraged to report the matter immediately to NATAS by sending an email to reports@theemmys.tv.

All substantive reports will be thoroughly and quickly investigated. The identity of the reporting party shall be kept confidential.

RESULTS CONFIDENTIALITY

From the time of the nomination announcement until the winners are announced at the respective live ceremonies, the identities of award recipients in judged categories are known only by an independent accounting firm, unless exceptional production accommodations are made for prerecorded presentations or emergency situations. Any such exceptions must be pre-approved in writing by the chairs of NATAS and the National Awards Committee and shall be disclosed during the ceremony itself.

Lifetime Achievement Emmy® Award honorees, scholarship recipients, and juried category awardees are known to contest administration and announced prior to the ceremony.

POST-NOMINATION PROCEDURES

If an entry is nominated, contest administration will reach out to the Entrant of Record to coordinate assets necessary for production and ticketing. **It is the Entrant of Record's responsibility to communicate with clients even after the entry process is complete. All follow-up, including any information on ceremonies, is done through the Entrant of Record.**

WHO RECEIVES A STATUETTE?

Each winning entry receives **one (1)** gratis statuette. All individuals with an Emmy® statue-eligible credit that is vetted by NATAS Administration will be able to order a Recipient statuette. One name may be engraved per statuette. **The name approved in credits is the name that will be engraved on the statuette.**



The Entrant of Record will receive an email from awards@theemmys.tv with information about logging into the online ordering system.

Statuette eligibility is limited to individuals – networks or other corporate entities are not eligible for Recipient statuettes. Statuette orders take, on average, three (3) to four (4) weeks to process once the order is received.

BAND ENGRAVING

Standard format for all statuettes is as follows:

COMPETITION NAME
CATEGORY NAME
PROGRAM TITLE
SEGMENT (IF APPLICABLE)
NETWORK
FIRST NAME LAST NAME, POSITION

COMMEMORATIVE EMMY® STATUETTES

Commemorative statuettes are available for a network, studio, or production company that was principally involved with the winning program or achievement, as determined by NATAS.

The studio or production company name may be included on the engraving.

The word “commemorative” is engraved at the rear of the statuette. Commemorative statuettes cannot be issued to individuals.

CEREMONY STATUETTE BAND ENGRAVINGS

Following each award ceremony, NATAS will reach out to the designated entry contacts and individuals who signed for presented statuettes to collect the band engraving information for the gratis ceremony statuette. The statuette may either be engraved with a Recipient's name and position, for no fee, or as a Commemorative engraving (for Network, Studio or Production Company lobby display) for a \$455 fee. If no instructions are provided by the end of the thirty (30) day "late credit addition" grace period following the award ceremony, then, by default, the first name that appears alphabetically in the Winner's Press Release (whether it be an Executive Producer or an Associate Producer, etc.) will be selected for the engraving and shipped to the designated entry contact. Any requested changes after receipt of that engraving will incur a replacement fee of \$25 plus sales tax and shipping & handling charges.



Emmy® Awards are presented to individuals, not their employers, even if an employer pays entry or statuette fees. Ownership of each Emmy® Award statuette is retained by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Inc.

RULES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE EMMY® STATUETTE

1. The Emmy® statuette is the property of and all rights are reserved by the Television Academy and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences ("Academies").
2. The Emmy® statuette may not be reproduced or used in any commercial manner unless otherwise permitted by the Academies, it being understood that possession of the statuette is solely for the benefit of the recipient and the recipient's heirs or other successors-in-interest.
3. If a recipient or the recipient's heir or successor in interest proposes to sell, auction, or otherwise dispose of an Emmy® statuette, such persons shall be obligated to return the statuette to the Academy from which received, which will retain the same in storage in memory of the recipient.

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NOMINATION CERTIFICATES

Nomination certificates are available only to individuals designated as Emmy nominees. Certificates are available for ordering, along with upgraded product offerings, on the same ordering website where recipients order statuettes.

CONTRIBUTOR CERTIFICATES OR PLAQUES

Contributor certificates or plaques are available for all individuals who contributed to nominated or winning projects who are otherwise ineligible for the Emmy® Award statuette. NATAS will review titles and verify eligibility with the entry contacts for each request received. This is not an Emmy® Award. Only production personnel are eligible. Subjects of documentary films or news reports are not eligible. Production/Contributor plaques and certificates can not be upgraded toward statuettes.

PROMOTION

1. **Honorees.** Emmy honorees or those congratulating them may at any time refer in advertising and publicity to the fact that the honoree has received an Emmy award and may for one (1) year after an award is made, use a replica of the statuette in advertising and publicity subject to the requirements set forth at <https://theemmys.tv/trademarks>.
2. **Nominees.** Emmy nominees or those congratulating them may refer in advertising and publicity to the fact that the nominee has been nominated and, provided that such nominees are clearly identified as such, may during the period from the announcement of nominations until the awards presentation use a replica of the statuette in advertising and publicity subject to the requirements set forth at <https://theemmys.tv/trademarks>.
3. Whenever the statuette is used it should appear facing left and must be accompanied by ® at its base (denoting trademark protection). The word “Emmy” is also trademarked and whenever possible its use should appear as follows: “Emmy®”.
4. After the one (1) year period, recipients may use language promoting their status as an Emmy® Award recipient in perpetuity, so long as such references do not include use of the statuette image.
5. For more information and more detailed policies, visit our website: <https://theemmys.tv/trademarks>.



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CALL FOR ENTRIES

44th ANNUAL SPORTS
EMMY AWARDS®

Highlighted on this page are changes to this year's rulebook. Please familiarize yourself with these rule changes.

- **DEADLINE FOR DOCUMENTARY and 'EDITED' CATEGORIES:** The final deadline for entries in Outstanding Short Documentary, Outstanding Long Documentary, Outstanding Documentary Series and Outstanding Documentary Series-Serialized is January 30th 6PM ET. Like last year, entries for Outstanding Edited Event Coverage, Outstanding Edited Special and Outstanding Hosted Edited Series must be completed by this date except for credits and payment.
- **FINAL DEADLINE:** Entries in all other categories are due by February 16th 6PM ET.
- The category Outstanding Public Service Announcement/Campaign has been renamed Outstanding Public Service Content. Non-commercial time programming is eligible in this category as long as no individual spot is longer than 2 minutes.
- On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in Outstanding Studio Show - Weekly, Outstanding Studio Show - Daily, and Outstanding Studio Show - Limited Run, Outstanding Interactive Experience - Original Programming, Outstanding Hosted Edited Series and Outstanding Studio Show in Spanish if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. If a personality wins in both a program category and personality category for the same show and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from the winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.
- All 3 of the Interactive categories (Interactive Experience - Event Coverage, Interactive Experience - Original Programming, and Digital Innovation) now require that the video submitted for consideration must be an explanatory video. Total submission time is no longer than ten minutes.
- The explanatory video submitted in the Digital Innovation category must include clips of the project or innovation in its original form. Stand-alone clips will no longer be accepted.
- Personality categories honor live and live-to-tape skills and each submission must showcase the skills as specified in the category definition and on [page 84](#).

- Productions that have had a limited theatrical release before being telecast or made available via digital distribution are eligible provided the broadcast or digital premieres occurred within 12 months of the first commercial screening. The threshold for eligibility had previously been 18 months.
- For judging, it is the expectation of Sports Emmy Staff that all independent entities that submit will supply at least one qualified representative to participate in judging.
- There is now an opportunity to upload any relevant credit documents on the submission site. This will facilitate the credit vetting process.
- Story Producer and Series Producer are now statue-eligible job titles in the Outstanding Hosted Edited Series, Outstanding Documentary Series and Outstanding Documentary Series - Serialized.
- Editor is now a statue-eligible title in Outstanding Studio Show-Daily, Outstanding Studio Show-Weekly and Outstanding Studio Show-Limited Run.
- Sound Recordist, Sound Mixer, Sound Editor and Sound Designer are now statue-eligible job titles in the Outstanding Audio/Sound - Post-Produced category.
- Senior Creative Director, Creative Director, Art Director and Associate Art Director are now statue-eligible job titles in the Outstanding Graphic Design - Event/Show and Outstanding Graphic Design - Specialty categories.
- Senior Creative Director, Art Director, Associate Art Director, Sound Recordist, Sound Mixer, Sound Editor, and Sound Designer are now statue-eligible job titles in the Outstanding Promotional Announcement and Outstanding Public Service Content categories.
- Software Engineer, Software Developer, Software Designer, UX Designer, Editor, Product Manager, Product Developer, Graphics Producer are now statue-eligible titles in the 3 Interactive categories.

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is a 501(c)6 non-profit service organization dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry. It recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy® Award.

The Sports Emmy® Awards honors outstanding achievement in sports programming by conferring annual awards of merit in various categories. The presentation of these awards is intended to be an incentive for the continued pursuit of excellence.

In December 2022, the call for entries is published. Entries are solicited from broadcast and cable networks, platforms, syndicators and independent producers. Entry limits per network, platforms or syndicators have been waived for all categories. Individual crafts persons may submit in the craft categories.

The final deadline for entries in the Outstanding Short Documentary, Outstanding Long Documentary, Outstanding Documentary Series and Outstanding Documentary Series - Serialized is Monday, January 30th, 2023 6:00 PM ET. Entries in the Outstanding Edited Event Coverage, Outstanding Edited Special and Outstanding Hosted Edited Series categories must be completed according to this earlier deadline as well, but entrants are permitted to finalize the submission by adding credits and completing payment at the final deadline. The final entry deadline for all other categories is Thursday, February 16, 2023 6:00 PM ET.

Entries are screened in February and March in a single round of at-home 'blue ribbon' judging. Blue ribbon panels are comprised of peer professionals who have a credited body of work at the national level.

Each judge casts a secret ballot. Judges' votes are not shared with other judges or with members of NATAS staff. They are sent to an accounting firm for tabulation.

The nominees are announced in April, and posted on the NATAS website at www.TheEmmys.tv. This year's honorees will be announced at the Sports Emmy® Awards ceremony on May 22, 2023.

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences invites individuals with significant experience in sports production at the national level to serve as judges for the 44th Annual Sports Emmy® Awards.

Who qualifies to be a judge?

- Producers, Executive Producers, Directors, On-Air Personalities and Associate Directors. Associate Producers with significant experience in national sports production.
- Craftspeople: Writers, Researchers, Cinematographers, Electronic Camerapersons, Editors, Graphic Designers, Audio Technicians, Technical Directors, Composers, Music Directors, Art Directors and Production Designers.

Serving as an Emmy judge provides an opportunity to vote for and honor excellence in sports programming. Panelists are selected because of their unique professional expertise, which is invaluable to NATAS and the greater sports world.

All of the panels will have an equal number of representatives from each corporate entity, unless they choose not to provide a candidate, as well as several judges from additional smaller outlets and the freelance community. The corporate entities are:

- CBS (CBS, CBS Sports Network, Paramount+, Nickelodeon)
- Disney (ABC, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN+, ESPN Deportes, ESPN Classic, NAT Geo, FX)
- NBC Universal (NBC, Bravo, CNBC, Golf Channel, MSNBC, NBC Universo, Oxygen, Peacock, Telemundo, USA, Universal HD)
- NFL (NFL Films, NFL Network, NFL Media, NFL+)
- FOX Corporation (FOX, FS1, FS2, Fox Sports Go, FOX Deportes, Big 10 Network)
- MLB (MLB Productions, MLB Network, MLB.tv, NHL Network)
- HBO
- Showtime
- Turner Sports (TNT, tbs, Bleacher Report, truTV, NBA.tv)

It is the expectation of Sports Administration that all independent entities that submit will supply at least one qualified representative to participate in judging.

Most categories will be screened in a single round of at-home “blue ribbon” judging. The 4 Documentary categories, Long Feature and Editing - Long Form are automatically judged in two rounds. If the number of entries warrants having a two-round judging process, other categories will be included in the two-round judging process.

Judges will be directed to a secure website where submissions will be viewed and voted on. Judges will have approximately two weeks to review submissions and cast their ballots.

For two-round categories, the first round of judging will be conducted via at-home online screenings Friday **February 17 – February 27, 2023**. Judging for most categories is conducted via at-home online screenings Wednesday **March 1 – March 20, 2023**.

The Sports Emmys is committed to creating an inclusive and equitable judging experience. We strive for diversity within our judging panels to better represent the industry.

If you are interested in judging, please contact Sports@TheEmmys.tv.

SPORTS EMMY AWARDS CALENDAR

2022-2023	
January 1 – December 31, 2022	Eligibility Period
December 1, 2022	Call for Entries Released
January 30, 2023 (6:00 PM ET)	Final deadline for entries in Short Documentary, Long Documentary, Documentary Series and Documentary Series-Serialized. Entries for Edited Event Coverage, Edited Special and Hosted Edited Series must be completed by this date except for credits and payment.
February 16, 2023 (6:00 PM ET)	Final deadline for entry; American football programming must have aired after 12:01 AM Eastern Time on February 17, 2022 and prior to 12:01 AM Eastern Time on February 16, 2023.
February 17 – February 27, 2023	First round at-home online judging.
March 1 – March 20, 2023	Blue Ribbon Panel at-home online judging.
March 20, 2023	Final deadline (close of business, 6:00 PM ET) for ballots to be submitted online.
April 2023	Nominations Announced (TheEmmys.tv)
May 22, 2023	Sports Emmy Awards Ceremony

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2022

The eligibility period (or “Awards Year”) is the calendar year 2022 (January 1 – December 31, 2022) with the following exception: high school, college and professional American football postseason programming that originally aired in 2023 (concluding three days after Super Bowl LVI) is eligible for entry in all categories other than Short Documentary, Long Documentary, Documentary Series and Documentary Series-Serialized. Football programming must have aired after 12:01 AM Eastern Time on February 17, 2022 and prior to 12:01 AM Eastern Time on February 16, 2023.

Coverage of news events/topics that occur in 2023, that are unrelated to postseason American football programming is not eligible, even if they are covered/reported on by a football anchor.

If an entrant neglects to submit any post season programming in the current eligibility year, they are not permitted to submit the content the next year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

PLATFORMS:

Programming originally made available on the internet, or through other digital platforms is eligible in any applicable category. When content originates on a digital or streaming platform, the platform of origin does not automatically confer eligibility in the 3 Interactive categories (Outstanding Interactive Experience – Event Coverage, Outstanding Interactive Experience – Original Programming, and Outstanding Digital Innovation.) Rather, the content must meet the specific eligibility requirements for each of the categories.

PREVIOUSLY AIRED PROGRAMS:

A program or series which aired and met the eligibility requirements during a previous awards year is not eligible for participation in the current Sports Emmy® Awards competition.

ORIGINAL MATERIAL:

At least two-thirds of the entered telecast or programming as originally made available to the public must consist of original material, unless the previously produced material has been given some unique and creative treatment that, in the opinion of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, results in original programming. The original airdate of the previously produced material is not relevant. If there is any question as to the originality of an entry, the submitter must provide the complete original telecast or programming for analysis.

Productions must be wholly-produced by the network or entity that enters them in the Sports Emmy® Awards. “World feeds” and event coverage primarily produced by “host” broadcasters are eligible, but the leading production talent for the World Feed or host broadcaster must be entered.

The initial airing in a calendar year is the airing of record.

- If multiple and extremely similar versions air within the same seven day period, please contact Sports Emmys staff to discuss designation of what will be the airing of record.

“World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as statue-eligible individuals. Subject to review by NATAS, the threshold of “wholly produced” for live and “live-to-tape” productions is,

- Four unilateral coverage cameras
- Talent under the direction of the producer
- Graphics and replays controlled by the production team

If requested, a production survey with a camera plot and equipment levels may be required to confirm eligibility.

PROGRAMMING OTHER THAN SPORTS:

Certain programs and segments that air, due to their nature (i.e., entertainment or news), may be more appropriate for the [Primetime](#), [News & Documentary](#), [Daytime](#), or [Technology & Engineering Emmy® Awards](#).

- Awards shows, comedy specials, Olympic Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and Super Bowl half-time shows do not constitute ‘sports content’ and should be entered in Daytime, News & Documentary or Primetime, whichever is most appropriate.
- “Scripted entertainment” and competition with predetermined outcomes are not eligible in the Sports Emmy® Awards. Extended coverage of breaking news events is eligible for the News & Documentary Emmy® Awards.
- Game shows are eligible for the Daytime Emmy® Awards. Non-Sports related content may be eligible for the News & Documentary Emmy Awards. Engineering technologies may be eligible for the Technical & Engineering Emmy Awards.

The same material may not be entered in more than one Emmy Award contest, unless a specific, unique category is only offered by another Emmy Award contest.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

- The Entry Deadline for the 4 Documentary categories is Monday, January 30th, 2023 6:00 PM ET.
- If a submitter intends to enter the Outstanding Edited Event Coverage, Outstanding Edited Special or Outstanding Hosted Edited Series categories, the entry must be completed according to this earlier deadline as well. Entrants are permitted to finalize the submission by adding credits and completing payment at the final deadline. Entries will be reviewed to determine whether they are entered in the appropriate category or need to be moved.
- Entry Deadline for the majority of categories is Thursday, February 17, 2022 6:00 PM ET.

HOW OFTEN CAN I ENTER?

There is no limit as to the number of entries a network, production company, or individual can make. Each entry is a separate submission and requires its own online entry form, entry fee, and entry materials.

CAN I ENTER IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY?

A program or any segment thereof may not be submitted in two different categories, with the following exceptions:

- A program may be entered in as many craft categories as are appropriate,
- Programming eligible for the feature categories (open/tease, long feature, short feature, sports journalism, Spanish feature) may be entered in both a feature category and an appropriate program category. However, the feature included on the program category submission must be among a series of excerpts and cannot represent more than fifty percent (50%) of the program submission's total runtime.

Entries in Outstanding Journalism cannot also enter any feature category. Individuals who work in different disciplines may enter in each discipline.

ENTRY FEES/PAYMENT

Each entry requires the payment of an entry fee. The entry fees for categories are as follows:

- Program and Special Classification categories - \$425
- Personality categories - \$350
- Craft categories - \$300

Payment by Credit Card or ACH Transfer is strongly preferred. Please contact the NATAS Finance Department at finance-team@theemmys.tv to set up ACH Transfer.

If you must pay by check, an invoice can be generated for the entry. Please make the check payable to “The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences” and include a printed hard copy of the invoice found in Yangaroo.

Payment is due according to invoice terms. Late payments not received by NATAS by the end of the judging period may result in disqualification, with or without additional written notice by NATAS.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Submitters will submit entry information and credits through the online system. Entry information must be approved by the Executive Producer, the Producer of the program named on the entry, or the Awards Coordinator.

In approving the entry, the Executive Producer/Producer/Coordinator certifies that the entry is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

ENTRANT INFORMATION / CREDITS:

The names of all statue-eligible entrant credits must be submitted online with the entry form.

- Each individual may be submitted only once per entry, despite having multiple job functions. A Producer who also serves as the Director should be listed as “Producer/Director.” There is a limited number of statues associated with each award.
- Only certain titles are statue-eligible. Entrants are not permitted to customize titles.
- The Team Member Excel Template is available [HERE](#) and on the entry dashboard to facilitate large entrant lists.
- Do not submit credits in all capital letters.

SUBMISSION VIDEO:

Each entry requires a submission video that adheres to specified rules for the category to which it is being entered. Most categories require a compilation of excerpts. Some require a full episode or program. Some require an explanatory video. Make sure you are clear on what is needed for the category to which you are submitting.

ESSAY:

Submitters may submit a one-page essay that contains,

- A clear explanation of the editorial and production goals of the submission.
- Creative techniques used to achieve these goals.
- Any additional contextual information that would be helpful for judges.

Examples may include logistical challenges faced during production and impact of reporting for journalism submissions. Essays in the craft categories should explain how the craft under consideration (writing, editing, camera work etc.) supports the overall editorial and production goals of the piece.

Include the following:

- Program title of your entry and the category you are entering
- Original air date of programming.

DO NOT INCLUDE ANY CONTACT INFORMATION OR CREDITS ON THE ESSAY PAGE.

EXCERPT LOG:

Each entry requires a log of the excerpts included on the submission video. This information is now created directly online on the submission site, on the Media Upload page. It is no longer a separate Excel sheet. Entrants must include a brief description of each excerpt (Excerpt #1 is not sufficient), the air date of the clip and the length of each clip. Consult specific categories for the number of excerpts required, and keep in mind that each excerpt must appear on the submission video AS AIRED.

Do not indicate start and finish time code of each clip, just the individual running time.

Excerpts

Please log the exact clips included in the submission. Each clip should include a descriptor rather than just a title like "Excerpt #1"
The submission video must have a minimum of 2 excerpt(s) but no more than 5 excerpts. The total excerpt length may not exceed 20:00.

	Excerpt Title/Description	Air Date	Excerpt Length	
1	Celtics vs. Nuggets - Buzzer Beater	03/12/2022	08:00	REMOVE
2	Knicks vs. Nets - Huge Comeback	04/12/2022	05:45	REMOVE
3	Mavs vs. Rockets - Flagrant Foul	05/12/2022	04:48	REMOVE

[ADD EXCERPT](#)

3 excerpts being submitted
Total length entered 18:33

MAXIMUM TOTAL SUBMISSION TIME:

Each category has its own maximum allowable duration for video submissions:

120 Minutes	Long Documentary
90 Minutes	Documentary Series, Documentary Series - Serialized
60 Minutes	Journalism
40 Minutes	Short Documentary (must be longer than 20 minutes)
20 Minutes	Program Categories (except Documentaries, Open/Tease, Short Feature, Promotional Announcement, Public Service Content)
15 Minutes	Spanish Language Feature (minimum: 3 minutes)
12 Minutes	Personalities
10 Minutes	Interactive (single self-contained explanatory video), Crafts (excerpts), Technical Teams (3 minutes explanatory video plus up to 7 minutes of excerpts of coverage), Wensel Technical Achievement (3 minute explanatory video plus up to 7 minutes of excerpts of coverage)
6 Minutes	Short Feature, Public Service Content
3 Minutes	Promotional Announcement

EDITING TO CONFORM TO THE MAXIMUM SUBMISSION RUNNING TIME:

Entries that exceed the maximum running time in a particular category must be edited to conform to the maximum running time. In program categories (other than the Documentary and Feature categories), entries may contain up to five as-aired excerpts of continuous programming. Journalism entries may have up to eight as-aired excerpts of continuous programming. There is no excerpt limit in craft categories and personality categories. Internal editing—re-editing the content of continuous programming in order to enhance the submission—is strictly not allowed.

What happens if there are commercials in my submission?

- Commercials are prohibited and must be removed
- Editing out the commercial is called a commercial delete and does not constitute internal editing
- An excerpt that begins with programming before a deleted commercial break and ends with programming after the deleted commercial break is considered one excerpt
- Dip to black between edits and indicate commercial delete on the excerpt log

SLATES AND TITLE GRAPHICS:

- Submitters may use a single title graphic (slate) at the beginning of the submission video to identify the entry, if desired.
- No internal slates are allowed. Do not slate individual excerpts within the entry video.
- A single slate is the only permitted way to set up your submission. No additional audio or video material, whether descriptive, explanatory or promotional is to be included.

SPONSORED CONTENT:

Sponsored elements are permitted. Including a sponsor logo on a submission is permitted if content aired with such a logo. Removal of a logo if aired would constitute impermissible internal editing and could result in disqualification.

PROHIBITIONS & DISQUALIFICATIONS

NO INTERNAL EDITING:

In program categories, entries that exceed the maximum running time in their category must be edited and may contain up to 5 excerpts of continuous programming dealing with the same topic (there is no excerpt limit in craft categories and personality categories). Journalism entries may have up to 8 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming. However, the entry cannot have been re-edited for the purpose of enhancing the submission. An excerpt must be a continuous, commercial-free run. Editing out commercials between continuous programming does not constitute internal editing.

BODY-OF-WORK ENTRIES:

A compilation or body of work from a variety of programs and/or series that are not related is not permitted, except for personality categories.

SIZZLE REELS/BUZZ TAPES:

Sizzle reels or buzz tapes are not permitted in any category. Entries are to be produced from video and audio as it originally aired to the viewer.

SUBMITTER'S RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the submitter's responsibility to ensure that all competition rules are fully adhered to, all video files are playable in the submission website and free of technical errors, and all entry materials are properly submitted by the submission deadline. Submissions that do not meet these criteria are subject to disqualification. If an entry is submitted on behalf of another individual or entity, that party must have full knowledge of the contents of the submission and its adherence to competition rules. Refunds will not be issued for submissions resulting in disqualification. Late submissions may be accepted in compelling or extraordinary circumstances and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Extension requests should be sent to Sports@TheEmmys.tv.

STATUE-ELIGIBILITY (Credits)

WHO RECEIVES THE AWARD?

For all program categories, Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Coordinating Producers, Coordinating Directors, Supervising Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Directors, Associate Producers or derivative job titles are eligible to receive Emmy® statues, provided their role was more than supervisory and they made a substantial creative contribution to the content of the program and received on-air credit as shown on the entry form. For “live” and “live-to-tape” entries, “World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as well if the production is not a “wholly produced” telecast.

Operations Producers are eligible in program categories, except for the feature categories, and they are not eligible in craft categories. Stage Managers are eligible in the “live” categories and in the studio show categories. Reporters/correspondents are eligible in Journalism and Features.

On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in the Outstanding Studio Show - Weekly, Outstanding Studio Show - Daily, and Outstanding Studio Show - Limited Run categories if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. However, if a personality wins in both a program category and personality category and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from a winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.

Editors and cinematographers who are eligible in Program categories may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

For all craft categories, those specialists who perform a specific discipline receive the Emmy statue. Production personnel who supervise, direct, or approve the work of others - while vital to the creative process - are not Emmy®-eligible in the craft categories.

For example if a program is submitted in Studio Show Weekly and Technical Team Studio, the list of statue-eligible entrants should not overlap.

For the Technical Team categories, safety, security, crewing, transportation, and Covid coordination are not statue-eligible roles.

Please do not submit agents and team personnel regardless of how they facilitated access for a submission.

For the George Wensel Technical Achievement Award, only those individuals most responsible for the creation, design, or fabrication of the innovation - the planners not executors of the idea - are eligible to receive Emmy statues. A limit will apply. The job title of the engraving will read "Innovator."

VERIFICATION OF STATUE-ELIGIBLE JOB TITLES:

Only those approved to be on the final credit list will be eligible to obtain a statue. An entrant's job title must correspond to the as-aired credits for the submission. If an on-air credit package exists, then that is the document of record regarding job title. If no credit list is available, the production memo for the telecast(s) is submittable as verification of eligibility. In cases where there is a discrepancy between the telecast credits and the job title available on the entry form you must contact Sports Emmy® staff for approval, Sports@TheEmmys.tv.

To review permitted titles in each category, please refer to the statue-eligible title by category appendix at the end of this Call for Entries.

All entrants will be vetted by Sports Emmy staff to confirm statue eligibility.

An individual's name and job title will be engraved as it appears on the final press release, so the entry form must accurately reflect how an individual's name and job title should be engraved.

STATUETTES:

Each awarded entry shall receive one (1) statuette at no cost to the submitter. Each additional statue-eligible entrant shall be entitled to receive a statuette but the fee will be endured by the recipient. Only those individuals that have been vetted and cleared via the entry process, and are listed in the final credits list submitted by the network and displayed on the press release, will be considered statue-eligible. No nicknames are permitted to be engraved on statuettes.

Statuettes can be ordered at <https://awards.emmyonline.org/> and will take approximately three to four weeks to process once orders are received.

For questions regarding statuette orders, please contact Awards@TheEmmys.tv. Do not contact Sports Administration with questions regarding statuette orders.

CREDIT ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS:

Shortly after the nominations are announced, a version with credits will be provided to the submitters of the nominated entries. This document will function as a “producer proof” for the print program and as such, changes will not be reflected online. Additions and corrections to the credits of an entry must be submitted within **5 business days** in order to appear in the print program.

This opportunity is not designed to afford wholesale changes. The entry form is the document of record; any additions or changes at subsequent stages of the awards process are solely at the discretion of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Any corrections to the credits of an entry submitted after the above deadline for changes in the printed program must be submitted with a written explanation of the reason for the changes. A fee of \$150 will be charged for each name added to the credits after the deadline.

Credit additions or changes received more than 30 days after the Sports Emmy® Awards Ceremony will not be accepted.

PROGRAM CATEGORIES (Entry fee: \$425)

1. [Outstanding Live Special](#)
2. [Outstanding Live Series](#)
3. [Outstanding Playoff Coverage](#)
4. [Outstanding Edited Event Coverage](#)
5. [Outstanding Edited Special](#)
6. [Outstanding Hosted Edited Series](#)
7. [Outstanding Esports Championship Coverage](#)
8. [Outstanding Short Documentary](#)
9. [Outstanding Long Documentary](#)
10. [Outstanding Documentary Series](#)
11. [Outstanding Documentary Series - Serialized](#)
12. [Outstanding Studio Show - Weekly](#)
13. [Outstanding Studio Show - Daily](#)
14. [Outstanding Studio Show - Limited Run](#)

FEATURE CATEGORIES (\$425)

15. [Outstanding Journalism](#)
16. [Outstanding Short Feature](#)
17. [Outstanding Long Feature](#)
18. [Outstanding Open/Tease](#)

INTERACTIVE CATEGORIES (\$425)

19. [Outstanding Interactive Experience - Event Coverage](#)
20. [Outstanding Interactive Experience - Original Programming](#)
21. [Outstanding Digital Innovation](#)

PERSONALITY CATEGORIES (\$350)

22. [Outstanding Personality/Studio Host](#)
23. [Outstanding Personality/Play-by-Play](#)
24. [Outstanding Personality/Studio Analyst](#)
25. [Outstanding Personality/Event Analyst](#)
26. [Outstanding Personality/Reporter](#)
27. [Outstanding Personality/Emerging On-Air Talent](#)

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORIES (\$300)

28. [Outstanding Technical Team Event](#)
29. [Outstanding Technical Team Studio](#)
30. [Outstanding Camera Work - Short Form](#)
31. [Outstanding Camera Work - Long Form](#)
32. [Outstanding Editing - Short Form](#)

- 33. [Outstanding Editing – Long Form](#)
- 34. [The Dick Schaap Outstanding Writing Award - Short Form](#)
- 35. [Outstanding Writing – Long Form](#)
- 36. [Outstanding Music Direction](#)
- 37. [Outstanding Audio/Sound - Live Event](#)
- 38. [Outstanding Audio/Sound - Post-Produced](#)
- 39. [Outstanding Graphic Design - Event/Show](#)
- 40. [Outstanding Graphic Design - Specialty](#)
- 41. [Outstanding Studio or Production Design/Art Direction](#)

SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY (\$425)

- 42. [The George Wensel Technical Achievement Award](#)

PROMOTION CATEGORIES (\$425)

- 43. [Outstanding Promotional Announcement](#)
- 44. [Outstanding Public Service Content](#)

SPANISH-LANGUAGE CATEGORIES (\$425)

- 45. [Outstanding Studio Show in Spanish](#)
- 46. [Outstanding Feature Story in Spanish](#)

SPANISH-LANGUAGE PERSONALITY CATEGORY (\$350)

- 47. [Outstanding On-Air Personality in Spanish](#)

THERE IS A STATUE FEE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL EMMY ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.

PROGRAM CATEGORIES

There is no limit as to the number of entries a network, platform, syndicator, producer or individual can make. Each entry is a separate submission and requires its own online entry form, entry fee, and entry materials.

Maximum Running Time for Submissions: 20 minutes, unless otherwise indicated.

Maximum number of excerpts: Submissions may contain up to 5 as-aired excerpts of continuous programming (up to 8 in the Journalism category). Each excerpt must be a straight run without internal editing of program content. Commercials must be deleted.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

Submission Video: The submission video for all entries must be uploaded via the Online Submission process.

The eligibility period is the calendar year 2022 (1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022) with the following exception: high school, college, and professional American football postseason coverage that originally aired in 2023 is eligible for entry in all categories other than the Documentary categories. Due to the judging timetable in these three categories, entries are due January 30, 2023. Each entry may include a one-page essay explaining why it is Emmy-worthy.

If the submitter wants to discuss which category is appropriate or has any other questions about their submissions, please contact the Sports Emmy staff at Sports@TheEmmys.tv.

1. OUTSTANDING LIVE SPECIAL – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 Excerpts
- ✓ Majority of video submitted must be live
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 2/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Stage Managers, Editors & derivative job titles. “World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as well if the production is not a “wholly produced” telecast.

“Live” means an unedited program depicting a total event. The special may have aired in one or more parts. If the majority of the program is live, the program is considered live.

This category is for major events only, defined as specials or championships.

A “Championship” is the final two teams or individuals in a single game (match) or series of games. A submission of a Championship may not be included with a Live Series or Playoff Coverage entry. The Super Bowl, the World Series, NBA Finals, Stanley Cup Finals, the NCAA Basketball Championship final game, the College Football Championship Game, and other similar series, games or matches must be entered separately from the competitions leading up to it.

A non-exclusive list of Major Sporting Events eligible for Live Special, Playoff Coverage and Live Series can be found on [page 121](#).

Submissions of golf majors must include the network that airs any early rounds.

Post season playoff games and post season championship tournaments are restricted to the Outstanding Playoff Coverage category.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts, have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes and the majority of material submitted must be live material.

2. OUTSTANDING LIVE SERIES – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 Excerpts
- ✓ Majority of video submitted must be live
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Stage Managers, Editors & derivative job titles. “World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as well if the production is not a “wholly produced” telecast.

A series of live programs (five or more) airing either weekly or on some regular basis. “Live” means an unedited program depicting a total event.

This category is intended for “regular season” coverage; no post-season competition may be submitted in this category. College football and basketball conference championships are to be entered in the Outstanding Playoff Coverage category.

A non-exclusive list of Major Sporting Events eligible for Live Special, Playoff Coverage and Live Series can be found on [page 121](#).

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts selected from at least 2 games, matches or events, have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes and the majority of material submitted must be live material.

3. OUTSTANDING PLAYOFF COVERAGE – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 Excerpts
- ✓ Majority of video submitted must be live
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Stage Managers, Editors & derivative job titles. “World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as well if the production is not a “wholly produced” telecast.

This category is intended for live telecasts of sporting competition leading up to, but not including the championship final.

“Live” means an unedited program depicting a total event. The coverage may have aired in one or more parts. If the majority of the program is live, the program is considered live.

High school, college and professional American football postseason games occurring in 2023 are eligible for entry in this category.

Championship finals are to be entered in Live Special. “Regular season” sports coverage is to be entered in Live Series.

A non-exclusive list of Major Sporting Events eligible for Live Special, Playoff Coverage and Live Series can be found on [page 121](#).

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts, have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes and the majority of material submitted must be live material.

4. OUTSTANDING EDITED EVENT COVERAGE – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 Excerpts
- ✓ Majority of video submitted must be edited
- ✓ Live Event Turn-Around telecasts are eligible in this category.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Entry must be submitted for 1/30/23 early deadline. Credits and Payment are accepted at regular deadline.
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Editors, Cinematographers & derivative job titles. “World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as well if the production is not a “wholly produced” telecast.

An Event Coverage telecast is defined as a single program of sports event competition coverage, telecast in one or more parts. If the majority of the total program time is edited, the program is considered edited.

This category includes edited coverage of a sporting event or season recap and review shows. If the entry is a season recap or review show, it must be a recap or review of the most recently completed season.

Live Event Turn-Around telecasts (comprised of live-to-tape edited excerpts of an ongoing live sporting event) are also eligible for this category.

A single episode of a series cannot be entered in the Outstanding Edited Event Coverage category, if the series is entered in Outstanding Edited Special or Hosted Edited Series, Outstanding Documentary Series or Outstanding Documentary Series-Serialized Category. Documentary-style productions that are focused on subjects off the field of competition must be entered in the Documentary categories.

Entrants are required to enter the submission details, essay, and upload video by January 30th. Only credits and payment are accepted at the regular deadline of February 16th.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

All entries will be reviewed to determine whether they are appropriate for the Edited Event Coverage category or one of the Documentary categories. If the submitter has a question or if an entry in this category contains postseason American football coverage, please contact the Sports Emmy staff at Sports@TheEmmys.tv.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts and have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes.

5. OUTSTANDING EDITED SPECIAL – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 Excerpts
- ✓ Majority of video submitted must be edited
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Entry must be submitted for 1/30/23 early deadline. Credits and Payment are accepted at regular deadline
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Editors, Cinematographers & derivative job titles. “World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as well if the production is not a “wholly produced” telecast.

An Edited Special is defined as a single episode original program. If the majority is edited, the program is considered edited. This category can also include a one-time, out-of-format special from an existing series.

Season and Event Recap and Review Shows should be submitted in the Edited Event Coverage category.

This category is for one-off shows generally about tentpole events. If produced in a documentary format, then the program should be submitted to one of the documentary categories. Entries must be promoted as specials.

Examples include countdown shows, town halls, a single episode of a studio show that emanates from the field for the entire program. Edited Event Coverage that is personality/ story driven rather than event- competition driven, may be eligible in this category pending NATAS approval.

Submissions must follow the Original Material rule. At least two-thirds of the entered telecast or programming as originally made available to the public must consist of original material, unless the previously produced material has been given some unique and creative treatment that, in the opinion of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, results in original programming. The original airdate of the previously produced material is not relevant. If there is any question as to the originality of an entry, the submitter must provide the complete original telecast or programming for analysis.

Entrants are required to enter the submission details, essay, and upload video by January 30th. Only credits and payment are accepted at the regular deadline of February 16th.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

If an entry in this category contains postseason American football coverage, entrants should contact Sports Emmy staff at Sports@TheEmmys.tv to discuss how to handle.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts, have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes.

6. OUTSTANDING HOSTED EDITED SERIES – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 Excerpts from a minimum 2 episodes
- ✓ Majority of video submitted must be edited
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Entry must be submitted for 1/30/23 early deadline. Credits and Payment are accepted at regular deadline
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Editors, Cinematographers, Hosts, Anchors, Reporters Correspondents & derivative job titles. Series Producers and Story Producers are now eligible titles in this category. “World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as well if the production is not a “wholly produced” telecast.

This category is for a collection of programs where a host drives the show’s narrative whether it be within an interview, panel discussion, magazine show or documentary series format. These are post-produced programs that are scheduled to occur on some regular basis and consist of three or more episodes.

If the majority of the program is edited, the program is considered edited. Live studio shows are eligible in Studio Show Daily, Weekly and Limited Run.

A series of hosted features or segments that air regularly within a studio show are not eligible in this category. They may be eligible in individual feature categories or as part of a Studio Show submission.

If content encompasses two different calendar years, the eligibility year is the year with the most episodes scheduled.

Like the former Sports News Feature Anthology category, individual features that are included as part of a submission to this category may be entered in the Long Feature, Short Feature or Journalism categories. However, such a feature must represent less than fifty percent (50%) of the Hosted Edited Series submission’s total runtime.

Entire episodes of series submitted to this category are not permitted in any documentary categories.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

Entrants are required to enter the submission details, essay, and upload video by January 30th. Only credits and payment are accepted at the regular deadline of February 16th.

If an entry in this category contains postseason American football coverage, entrants should contact Sports Emmy staff at Sports@TheEmmys.tv to discuss how to handle.

The submission video must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts, from a minimum of two different episodes and have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes.

Individuals must have been credited on a minimum of 19% of total episodes during the 2022 show run to be included on the credit list.

On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in certain program categories if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. However, if a personality wins in both a program category and personality category and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from a winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.

Editors and Cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered in their respective craft categories. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are only statue-eligible in the craft category.

The Sports Emmys reserves the right to rule on proper program category placement.

7. OUTSTANDING ESPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP COVERAGE PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 Excerpts
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Editors & derivative job titles. “World Feed” Executive Producers, Producers and Directors must be entered as well if the production is not a “wholly produced” telecast.

This category is intended for esports competition coverage in either a live or edited production.

The submission must be for coverage of the ‘championship’ or ‘final’ event.

The submission video should reflect how the event is captured for the viewer and be primarily composed of gameplay, athlete and audience reaction and live or live to tape contributions from talent such as a host or analyst.

The entry will not be judged on the quality of the video game itself, but rather on the merits of the coverage and presentation of the competition to the viewer.

Opening ceremonies that contain musical performances are eligible as entertainment submissions in the Primetime Emmys.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts, have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes and the majority of material submitted must be competition coverage.

Esports content is welcome in all categories of the Sports Emmys.

8. OUTSTANDING SHORT DOCUMENTARY – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Entire Documentary is to be entered
- ✓ Total Running Time of the Documentary must be at least **20** minutes but no more than **40** minutes
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Co-Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors & derivative job titles. Editors and Cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

A Short Documentary is a single production of edited programming and is a comprehensive treatment of a single sports theme or topic and may be either historical or contemporary.

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The Total Running Time as aired for the documentary must be at least 20 minutes but no more than 40 minutes. **The entire documentary is to be entered as the video submission.**

Judging in this category will be a two-round process, consisting of a preliminary round and a blue ribbon round.

9. OUTSTANDING LONG DOCUMENTARY – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Entire Documentary is to be entered if its Total Running Time is less than **120** minutes. Documentaries longer than **120** minutes must be edited to conform with that limit.
- ✓ Total Running Time of the Documentary must be longer than 40 minutes
- ✓ Maximum Submission Time 120 Minutes
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Co-Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors & derivative job titles. Editors and Cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

A Long Documentary is a single production of edited programming. The program must be a comprehensive treatment of a single sports theme or topic and may be either historical or contemporary.

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The Total Running Time as aired for the documentary must be longer than 40 minutes.

The maximum Total Submission Time is 120 minutes.

Documentaries with a Total Running Time of 120 minutes or less must be submitted in their entirety. Those that run longer than 120 minutes must be edited to conform to that limit.

Judging in this category will be a two-round process, consisting of a preliminary round and a blue ribbon round.

10. OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTARY SERIES – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission Time **90** Minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts from at least 2 episodes.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Co-Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors & derivative job titles. Series Producers and Story Producers are now eligible titles in this category. Editors and Cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

This category is for a Documentary Series and limited Documentary Series that consists of three or more episodes. A series that upholds a common theme and focuses on different characters in separate episodes is eligible. A series may take the form of a historical treatment of a single topic that does not meet the criteria for Outstanding Documentary Series - Serialized. (ie not produced in a contemporary, reality-like fashion.) A series may also take the form of an anthology—single-topic programs that share a common theme or branding.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts selected from at least 2 episodes.

The Total Submission Time is a maximum of 90 minutes. Documentary Series with a Total Running Time of 90 minutes or less for all episodes must be submitted in their entirety. Those that run longer must be edited such that the submission is less than 90 minutes.

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

Individuals must have been credited on a minimum of 19% of total episodes during the 2022 show run to be included on the credit list. Statue-eligible entrants who work on the episodes included as an excerpt in the submission will be considered an exception to the 19% threshold.

Individual episodes from Documentary Series are not permitted in other program categories.

If a documentary series extends into two eligibility periods, the eligibility year is the year with the most episodes.

A series of features or segments that air regularly within a studio show are not eligible for this category. They may be eligible to be entered in individual features categories or as part of a Studio Show submission.

Judging in this category will be a two-round process, consisting of a preliminary round and a blue ribbon round.

The Sports Emmys reserves the right to rule on proper program category placement.

11. OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTARY SERIES - SERIALIZED PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission Time **90** Minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts from at least 2 episodes.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Co-Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers & derivative job titles. Series Producers and Story Producers are now eligible titles in this category. Editors and Cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

This category is for Documentary Series that are serialized into three or more episodes.

The Documentary Series-Serialized must be a comprehensive treatment of a single specific sports theme or topic, following the same ‘cast of characters’ throughout and produced in a contemporary, reality-based fashion. Serialized indicates a unified story with an overall show arc and each episode builds on the preceding episode.

Often, these types of documentaries are referred to as “follow docs.”

A series that upholds a common theme and focuses on different characters in separate episodes must be submitted in Outstanding Documentary Series.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts selected from at least 2 episodes and the majority of material submitted must be edited material.

The Total Submission Time may be a maximum of 90 minutes. Documentaries with a Total Running Time of 90 minutes or less for all episodes must be submitted in their entirety. Those that run longer must be edited such that the submission is less than 90 minutes.

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

Individuals must have been credited on a minimum of 19% of total episodes during the 2022 show run to be included on the credit list. Statue-eligible entrants who work on the episodes included as an excerpt in the submission will be considered an exception to the 19% threshold.

Individual episodes from Documentary Series are not permitted in other program categories.

If a documentary series extends into two eligibility periods, the eligibility year is the year with the most episodes.

Judging in this category will be a two-round process, consisting of a preliminary round and a blue ribbon round.

The Sports Emmys reserves the right to rule on proper program category placement.

12. OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW - WEEKLY – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts from at least 2 episodes
- ✓ Majority of Total Program Time must originate from the studio or follow a studio format
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Directors of News, Managing Editors, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Editors, Stage Managers & derivative job titles. On-Air Personalities are eligible under certain circumstances.

Any weekly studio show that airs live or recorded is eligible. A majority of the show must originate from the studio or follow a studio format.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts selected from at least 2 episodes and have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes.

Individuals must have been credited on a minimum of 19% of total episodes during the 2022 show run to be included on the credit list.

On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in studio show categories if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. However, if a personality wins in both a program category and personality category and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from a winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.

Editors are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The Sports Emmys reserves the right to rule on proper program category placement.

13. OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW - DAILY – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts from at least 2 episodes
- ✓ Majority of Total Program Time must originate from the studio or follow a studio format
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Directors of News, Managing Editors, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Editors, Stage Managers & derivative job titles. On-Air Personalities are eligible under certain circumstances.

Any daily studio show that airs live or recorded is eligible. A majority of the show must originate from the studio or follow a studio format.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts selected from at least 2 episodes and have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes.

Individuals must have been credited on a minimum of 19% of total episodes during the 2022 show run to be included on the credit list.

On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in studio show categories if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. However, if a personality wins in both a program category and personality category and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from a winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.

Editors are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The Sports Emmys reserves the right to rule on proper program category placement.

14. OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW – LIMITED RUN PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts from at least 2 episodes
- ✓ Majority of Total Program Time must originate from the studio or follow a studio format
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Directors of News, Managing Editors, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Editors, Stage Managers & derivative job titles. On-Air Personalities are eligible under certain circumstances.

A limited run studio show covers the same sporting event (e.g. NFL draft), season (e.g. Champions League) or championship (e.g. NBA Playoffs) that airs live or recorded for at least twice a week each week for no more than 90 consecutive days is eligible.

Exceptions to the 90 day time limit will be considered on a case by case basis.

A majority of the show must originate from the studio or follow a studio format.

Similar to the delineation between Outstanding Live Series and Outstanding Playoff Coverage, for example, if there was a “Studio Show A” that covered the regular season, and a “Studio Show A Playoffs” for postseason play, no programming from the regular season show could be used in the entry for the “Studio Show A Playoffs” entry, and vice versa.

Entrants should explain in their essay the unique challenges faced and different techniques employed in producing this show for their specific “limited run.” If a playoff version of a regular season studio show, entrants MUST explain how this run differs and rises above their regular season programming.

The video submission must have a minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts selected from at least 2 episodes and have a Total Submission Time of no more than 20 minutes.

Individuals must have been credited on a minimum of 19% of total episodes during the 2022 show run to be included on the credit list.

On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in studio show categories if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. However, if a personality wins in both a program category and personality category and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from a winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.

Editors are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

If there are unusual circumstances relating to the production or the duration of the program exceeds 90 days, please contact Sports@theemmys.tv

The Sports Emmys reserves the right to rule on proper program category placement.

FEATURE CATEGORIES

These are a subset of Program categories. Unless otherwise noted, Program category rules apply. Features tend to be profiles and human interest stories. While feature stories are often segments of a longer program, eligible features may also be stand alone pieces that debut on digital and social platforms. The Sports Emmy Awards delineate features by run time.

15. OUTSTANDING JOURNALISM – FEATURE CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **60** minutes
- ✓ Maximum of 8 excerpts
- ✓ Breaking sports news coverage may not extend past the originally schedule telecast time
- ✓ A feature entered in the Outstanding Journalism category cannot also be entered in Outstanding Short Feature or Outstanding Long Feature
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Reporters, Correspondents & derivative job titles. Editors and cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

Entries must be devoted to one subject and be based entirely on facts, recorded information or current actuality; have an investigative or journalistic component; and either show substantial evidence of original reporting or must provide major additional original information on a continuing story.

Entries may include breaking sports news coverage which does not extend beyond its originally scheduled telecast. Extended coverage or a program or segment that does not relate to a sport, sporting event/venue or sports personality may be eligible in the News & Documentary Emmy Awards.

The program or segment may have aired live or recorded.

A submission in the Outstanding Journalism category cannot also be entered in the Short Feature, Long Feature, or any of the Documentary categories.

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

The video submission must have no more than 8 excerpts and have a Total Submission Time of less than 60 minutes.

Entries with a Total Running Time of 60 minutes or less must be submitted in their entirety. Those that run longer than 60 minutes must be edited to conform to that limit.

16. OUTSTANDING SHORT FEATURE – FEATURE CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **6** minutes
- ✓ Lead-in and tag may be included and will not count in the time calculation
- ✓ Video submission must contain only one feature
- ✓ A feature entered in the Outstanding Journalism category cannot also be entered in the Outstanding Short Feature category
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Reporters, Correspondents & derivative job titles. Editors and cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

Entries may have a running time of up to 6 minutes; may be an independent segment or a segment from a program or a series; and must relate to a sport, sporting event/venue or a person associated with a sport or sporting event/venue.

Other human interest features may be eligible in the News & Documentary Emmy Awards. Individual segments or acts of a single topic, theme program, documentary, documentary series or edited special are not eligible.

A feature entered in the Outstanding Journalism category cannot also be entered in the Outstanding Short Feature category.

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 6 minutes and must contain only one feature. The feature must be submitted in its entirety. Longer features cut down to less than 6 minutes are not eligible to be submitted as Short Features.

The lead-in and tag of the feature may be included and will not count in the Total Submission Time calculation.

17. OUTSTANDING LONG FEATURE – FEATURE CATEGORY

- ✓ Total Submission time of more than **6** minutes but less than **20** minutes
- ✓ Lead-in and tag may be included and will not count in the time calculation
- ✓ Video submission must contain only one feature
- ✓ Feature documentaries should be entered in Outstanding Long Documentary. Long Feature is a category for content with a run time of under 20 minutes.
- ✓ A feature entered in the Outstanding Journalism category cannot also be entered in the Outstanding Short Feature category
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Reporters, Correspondents & derivative job titles. Editors and cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

Entries in this category may be an independent segment or a segment from a program or a series and must relate to a sport, sporting event/venue or a person associated with a sport or sporting event/venue.

Other human interest features may be eligible in the News & Documentary Emmy Awards. Segments/ acts of a single topic or theme program are not eligible. Segments/acts of a serialized documentary or edited special or series are not eligible.

A feature entered in the Outstanding Journalism category cannot also be entered in the Outstanding Long Feature category.

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The video submission must have a Total SubmissionTime of more than 6 minutes but less than 20 minutes and must contain only one feature. The feature must be submitted in its entirety. **Documentaries cut down to conform to the time constraints of the Long Feature category, are not eligible to be submitted as Long Features.**

The lead-in and tag of the feature may be included and will not count in the Total Submission Time calculation.

18. OUTSTANDING OPEN/TEASE – FEATURE CATEGORY

- ✓ No minimum or maximum time length, within reason
- ✓ Video submission must contain only one open/tease and no other programming
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors & derivative job titles. Editors and cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

The Open or Tease is a stand-alone sequence that opens a live or post-produced sports program.

Stand-alone promos for a telecast are not eligible; the programming entered must air as part of the telecast under consideration.

“Reteases” – a tease video that occurs in the middle of a telecast – are eligible. A compilation of material is not acceptable.

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

There are no stipulations as to the length of the video submission, but it must contain only one Open/Tease and no other programming.

INTERACTIVE CATEGORIES

These are a subset of Program categories. Unless otherwise noted, Program category rules apply. The same sports programming may be entered in each of the three Interactive Categories, but the explanatory videos, essays and entrants must be distinct from one another.

These categories are not a home for submissions solely because the content debuts on a digital or streaming platform. As all Sports Emmy categories are platform-agnostic, submissions to the Interactive categories must meet the specific criteria of each category definition.

19. OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE – EVENT COVERAGE INTERACTIVE CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Video submitted must be an explanatory video
- ✓ Video cannot be promotional or laudatory in nature
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Stage Managers, Software Engineer, Software Developer, Software Designer, UX Designer, Editor, Product Manager, Product Developer, Graphics Producer & derivative job titles.

This category is for original coverage of a sporting event using more than one medium to engage audiences. The production may include multiple stream environments and value-added material for viewers of live and/or continuing coverage of a sporting event, including reporting and breaking news. Watch parties should be entered in this category.

Entries are to be produced from video, audio and graphics as it originally was presented to the user.

The video submitted for judging is an explanatory video, with a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes long.

Any voice-over copy on the explanatory video cannot be promotional or laudatory in nature.

20. OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE – ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING INTERACTIVE CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Video submitted must be an explanatory video (new for this year)
- ✓ Video cannot be promotional or laudatory in nature
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Software Engineer, Software Developer, Software Designer, UX Designer, Editor, Product Manager, Product Developer, Graphics Producer, On-Air Talent & derivative job titles.

This category is for original coverage of a sporting topic using more than one medium to engage audiences.

This category recognizes original interactive sports content or a significant and innovative social integration that fuels original content. The production may include multiple stream environments, value-added material for viewers of original programming and content specifically created for social amplification. Examples of original programming include studio shows, recurring segments and multimedia storytelling.

Entries are to be produced from video, audio and graphics as it originally was presented to the user.

The video submitted for judging is an explanatory video, with a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes long.

Any voice-over copy on the explanatory video cannot be promotional or laudatory in nature.

If submitting material from a Studio Show, the programming must be wholly different from the Studio Show submission and focus solely on how interactive original programming is driven by social and digital elements. This must be delineated in the explanatory video.

On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in this category if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. However, if a personality wins in both a program category and personality category and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from a winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.

21. OUTSTANDING DIGITAL INNOVATION – INTERACTIVE CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Programming entered in Outstanding Digital Innovation cannot be entered in the George Wensel Technical Achievement category
- ✓ A previously entered digital innovation will be allowed only if, in the opinion of NATAS, it has been significantly improved or modified
- ✓ Video submitted must be an explanatory video that includes project in its original format (new for this year)
- ✓ Video can not be promotional or laudatory in nature
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Software Engineer, Software Developer, Software Designer, UX Designer, Editor, Product Manager, Product Developer, Graphics Producer & derivative job titles.

This category recognizes innovative and creative projects in the sports television industry, in particular those that make use of the flexibility of the online/digital space to go beyond traditional, linear television programming.

This category is open to: projects created for a variety of digital platforms (the web, mobile phones and tablets, smart TVs, streaming services etc.); content that extends and enhances a traditional TV telecast; programming that uses digital technology and techniques as a storytelling element; immersive executions such as 360/VR/AR/MR and over the air/cable/satellite telecasts that are particularly innovative projects.

This award honors exceptional distinctiveness, inventiveness, and impact of the submitted work in expanding the conventions of program format, content, audience interaction, and delivery. Such work may reflect a reimagining or reworking of existing concepts and approaches in a new way, or may be an entirely novel type of experience.

Programming entered in Outstanding Digital Innovation cannot be entered in the George Wensel Technical Achievement category, and vice versa. A previously entered “digital innovation” will be allowed only if, in the opinion of NATAS, it has been significantly improved or modified in either how it looks on the screen or in how it is brought to the screen.

Submission must consist of a single explanatory video that includes the project in its original form. Clips of the innovation must not be incorporated into the explanatory video. Stand alone clips will no longer be accepted. Total submission time is no longer than ten minutes.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

All demonstrations of user experience (UX) must be captured from the eligibility year of 2022.
Voice-over copy on the explanatory video cannot be promotional or laudatory in nature.

PERSONALITY CATEGORIES

Only one individual per entry.

A body of work from different programs that meet the eligibility criteria of the Sports Emmy Awards is allowed for personalities. An individual can have only one entry in a personality category. The entry submission may contain material from more than one network or platform.

If material from more than one network or platform is included on the submission, all networks/platforms must be listed on the entry.

Maximum Running Time: 12 minutes.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

Submission Video:

The submission video for all entries must be uploaded via the Online Submission process.

An Excerpt Log indicating air date, excerpt title, excerpt length and total length of the submission is mandatory for all entries.

For all Personality categories, the video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 12 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length on the submission video.

Personality categories honor live and live-to-tape skills. On-Air talent feature work is recognized in Short and Long Feature categories as well as other program categories.

For Studio Hosts, if a personality leads and tags an essay they wrote, an immersive presentation that they lead, or an interview segment, an excerpt of that content is eligible but the context **MUST** be within their hosting duties. If the content is a feature that ran on shows hosted by others or simply posted on social media, excerpts from those pieces are not eligible.

Play-by-Play submitters should make sure that their ceremony clip includes on-camera footage of the personality entrant.

For Studio Analysts, interview segments are permitted but the majority of the submission must be live or live-to-tape studio analysis work.

For Sports Reporters, no feature reporting is eligible. Interviews from pre-game, post-game, and half-time are allowed but the majority of the submission must be live or live-to-tape reporting.

These definitions apply to eligibility in the Outstanding Emerging Talent and Outstanding On-Air Personality in Spanish categories.

Please do not include any video excerpts of entrants receiving awards (e.g. a Hall of Fame clip.)

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in studio show categories if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. However, if a personality wins in both a program category and personality category and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from a winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.

22. OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY/STUDIO HOST PERSONALITY CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **12** minutes
- ✓ Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (multiple networks allowed)
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log

This category recognizes the excellence in studio hosting. The majority of the performance of the Studio Host must be from the studio or in-studio format.

Home studios, studios-like settings at remote locations and immersive field-based presentations are considered in-studio format. Hosts and narrators of Sports Documentaries and Sports Documentary Series are not eligible in this category.

If a personality leads and tags an essay they wrote, an immersive presentation that they lead, or an interview segment, that content is eligible but the context MUST be within their hosting duties. If the content is a feature that ran on shows hosted by others or simply posted on social media, those pieces are not eligible and can be submitted to the appropriate feature category.

23. OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY/PLAY-BY-PLAY PERSONALITY CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **12** minutes
- ✓ Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (multiple networks allowed)
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log

This category recognizes excellence in play-by-play. The play-by-play content must be from live or live-to-tape event coverage.

Submitters in this category should make sure that their ceremony clip includes on-camera footage of the personality entrant.

24. OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY/STUDIO ANALYST PERSONALITY CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **12** minutes
- ✓ Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (multiple networks allowed)
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log

This category recognizes excellence in studio analysis. A majority of the performance of the Studio Analyst must be from the studio or in-studio format.

Home studios, studios-like settings at remote locations and immersive field-based presentations are considered in-studio format.

Studio ‘cut-ins’ by Event Analysts do not qualify that individual as a studio analyst and are not eligible to be included on their submission video.

Interview segments are permitted but the majority of the submission must be live or live-to-tape studio analysis work.

25. OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY/EVENT ANALYST PERSONALITY CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **12** minutes
- ✓ Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (multiple networks allowed)
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log

This category recognizes excellence in event analysis. An Event Analyst must provide continuous live analysis during a game or sports event.

Studio ‘cut-ins’ by Event Analysts should not be submitted in this category. Analysis must come during live or live-to-tape event coverage.

26. OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY/REPORTER PERSONALITY CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **12** minutes
- ✓ Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (multiple networks allowed)
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log

This category recognizes excellence in sports reporting. A Reporter provides interviews and reportage during a game or sporting event from the field of play or competition venue. Examples include sideline reporters for football or basketball games or pit reporters for auto racing coverage.

Interviews from pre-game, post-game and half-time are allowed but the majority of the submission must be live or live-to-tape reporting. No feature reporting is eligible.

This category is not intended for those who conduct ‘sit-down’ interviews, studio reporting or feature reporting, since the reporters for journalism and features are statue-eligible in those categories.

27. OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY/EMERGING ON-AIR TALENT PERSONALITY CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **12** minutes
- ✓ Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (multiple networks allowed)
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log

The category recognizes individual excellence in hosting, co-hosting, anchoring, reporting, commentating or providing analysis for sports programming, which may involve live events and/or general and special interest sports topics.

Feature reporting is not permitted in this category. Please see [page 84](#) for additional details.

Entrants must be:

- Under 35 years of age (must not have turned 35 by the competition’s eligibility year deadline of December 31, 2022.) Entry constitutes certification of age eligibility. NATAS or a third-party verification service may reach out during the vetting process to confirm eligibility.
- Retired players and executives who are 35 years of age or older are eligible if they have been working as on-air talent for 5 years or less, but must be preapproved before a submission is final. Please contact the Sports Emmy staff at Sports@TheEmmys.tv.
- This category recognizes that one of the strengths of Emerging Talent may be their social media voice and excerpts that showcase this skill are welcomed.
- If an entrant has been nominated in a talent category previous to the creation of this category, they cannot enter this category.
- Previous winners or nominees in this category are permitted to submit again in this category, provided they meet the above criteria. If an entrant chooses to submit to another talent category, they cannot submit in this category in subsequent years.
- Double Dipping is not permitted. If an entrant submits to this category, that entrant cannot submit to another talent category.

CRAFT ACHIEVEMENT CATEGORIES

The purpose of the Craft categories is to recognize those specialists who actually perform the duties of the craft being recognized and who have received on-air credit on the production. Production personnel who supervise, direct or approve the work of others - while vital to the creative process - are not Emmy-eligible in these categories.

Individuals or groups may submit excerpts from series or specials. However, a body of work from a variety of unrelated programs or series is not permitted.

Material from sports promotions is not eligible in Craft categories.

“Behind the Scenes” videos are restricted to Technical Team Remote, Technical Team Studio and the George Wensel Technical Achievement Award. Even if such a feature aired in a telecast, Behind the Scenes, explanatory, compilations or sizzle videos are not allowed in any craft category other than Technical Team Event, Technical Team Studio and the George Wensel Technical Achievement Award. Craft categories are to be judged solely on the content applicable to the category (e.g. audio for Audio, graphics for Graphics) as presented to the viewer in the coverage of the sporting event/series in question.

Team Entries are allowed provided the team of crafts persons are co-creators of a single product (for example, a camera crew working on edited coverage of an event). However, one cannot simultaneously enter as an individual for the same work done as part of a team entry.

An individual may enter in more than one Craft category. If an individual works in different disciplines, they may enter in those separate disciplines.

Maximum Running Time for Submissions: 10 minutes. There is no limit to the number of excerpts. Entries may include as many as-aired excerpts as necessary to demonstrate excellence, up to 10 minutes. Each excerpt must be depicted “as aired,” without internal editing of program content. Commercials must be deleted, but such deletions between continuous programming do not constitute internal editing. “Commercial deleted” should be noted on the excerpt sheet.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

Submission Video: The submission video for all entries must be uploaded via the Online Submission process.

An excerpt log indicating air date, excerpt title, excerpt length and total length of the submission is mandatory for all entries.

Entries are to be produced from video and audio as it was originally presented to the viewer, with no augmentation with voice-over, on-cameras, music or graphics.

Each entry may include a one-page essay/description explaining why it is Emmy-worthy.

28. OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL TEAM EVENT – CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Video submission may include a continuous non- promotional, non-laudatory explanatory excerpt no more than 3 minutes long. Cannot be the only video excerpt submitted.
- ✓ An excerpt of live sports coverage must be included in the video submission.
- ✓ A sports studio show produced at a “remote”, out of studio location, is ineligible in this category
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Sheet, Credits

Eligible: Technical Supervisors, Technical Directors, Electronic Camera Persons, Video Engineers, Digital Replay Operators, Graphics Operators, Senior Audio Engineers, Audio Engineers, Audio Assistants, Senior Maintenance Engineers & Broadcast Media Manager/Network Engineer. Lighting Directors for the “field of play” for sporting events contested outdoors at night.

This category is open to individuals who make a significant contribution to the technical portion of the coverage of sports competition at “remote” venues.

A sports studio show produced at a “remote,” out-of-studio location, is ineligible in this category. Since it is studio or shoulder programming, rather than competition coverage, such an entry must be submitted in the Technical Team Studio category.

The submission video may include an explanatory, “behind the scenes” excerpt of no more than 3 continuous minutes, but must remain within the 10-minute time limit for the video submission (split explanatory videos are no longer allowed.)

Any explanatory feature that aired during the telecast can be used as the explanatory excerpt in whole or in part, but its length counts against the 3- minute limit. The explanatory video cannot be the only video excerpt submitted with the entry; actual sports competition coverage as aired must be included in the video submission. Any added voice-over copy or graphics on the explanatory video cannot be promotional or laudatory in nature. Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

The following are not eligible: operations producers for Live Specials, Live Series, and “live event turn around” telecasts; assistant camera persons; editors; graphic designers; safety or security professionals, stage managers; truck drivers; airplane, blimp and helicopter pilots.

Virtual graphics operators and senior IT interface managers are eligible under graphics operators.

Individuals must have worked 50% of programs over the eligibility period in Live Series programming to be eligible if the entry is a Live Series.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

29. OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL TEAM STUDIO – CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Video submission may include a continuous non-promotional, non-laudatory explanatory video no more than 3 minutes long. Cannot be the only video excerpt submitted.
- ✓ At least one excerpt of live studio coverage must be included in the video submission.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Technical Supervisors, Technical Directors, Lighting Directors, Senior Audio Engineers, Audio Engineers, Audio Assistants, Electronic Camera Persons, Video Engineers, Digital Replay Operators, Graphics Operators & Broadcast Media Manager/Network Engineer.

This category is open to individuals who make a significant contribution to the technical portion of sports studio programs (generally shoulder programming).

The submission video may include an explanatory, “behind the scenes” excerpt of no more than 3 continuous minutes, but must remain within the 10-minute time limit for the video submission (split explanatory videos are no longer allowed).

Any explanatory feature that aired during the telecast can be used as the explanatory excerpt in whole or in part, but its length counts against the 3 minute limit.

The explanatory video cannot be the only video excerpt submitted with the entry; actual studio coverage as aired must be included in the video submission.

Any added voice-over copy or graphics on the explanatory video cannot be promotional or laudatory in nature. Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

The following are not eligible: operations producers for Studio Shows; assistant camera persons; editors; graphic designers; safety or security professionals; stage managers; truck drivers; airplane, blimp and helicopter pilots. Individuals must have worked 50% of programs over the eligibility period in studio show programming to be eligible.

Virtual graphics operators and senior IT interface managers are eligible under graphics operators.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

30. OUTSTANDING CAMERA WORK – SHORT FORM – CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Entries must have an on-air duration of less than 6 minutes.
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Camera Persons, Cinematographers & Directors of Photography

This category is open only to ENG and documentary-style camera persons and does not apply to technicians on live or live-to-tape programs.

The on-air duration of entries in this category is 6 minutes or less.

Examples of entries are opens and short features. Programming eligible in any of the documentary categories is eligible in Outstanding Camera Work – Long Form, rather than this category.

Team entries are allowed only if its members are co-creators of a single product. Unmanned or POV camera technicians are not eligible. Drone camera operators are eligible. Assistant camera persons are not eligible.

Submitters are urged, in their one-page essay, to make special notice of extraordinary conditions in the coverage.

Cinematographers who are submitted as statue-eligible in the Outstanding Open/Tease or Outstanding Short Feature categories can be entered in Short Form Editing for the same programming. However, if the same submission wins in both a program and craft category, a cinematographer is statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

31. OUTSTANDING CAMERA WORK – LONG FORM – CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Entries must have an on-air duration of more than 6 minutes.
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Camera Persons, Cinematographers & Directors of Photography

This category is open only to ENG and documentary-style camera persons, and does not apply to technicians on live or live-to-tape programs.

The on-air duration of entries in this category is longer than 6 minutes. **Examples of programming eligible in this category are documentaries, long features, or edited series.** Team entries are allowed only if its members are co-creators of a single product. Unmanned or POV camera technicians are not eligible. Drone camera operators are eligible. Assistant camera persons are not eligible.

Submitters are urged, in their one-page description, to make special notice of extraordinary conditions in the coverage.

Cinematographers who are submitted as statue-eligible in the Documentary or Outstanding Long Feature categories can be entered in Long Form Editing for the same programming. However, if the same submission wins in both a program and craft category, a cinematographer is statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

32. OUTSTANDING EDITING – SHORT FORM – CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Entries must have an on-air duration of less than 6 minutes.
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Programming eligible in Documentary categories and Long Feature is not eligible in this category
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Editors

This category is open to those individuals responsible for editing an open or feature (of less than 6 minutes duration).

Programming eligible in the documentary categories or Outstanding Long Feature is eligible in Outstanding Long Form Editing, rather than this category.

Only video editors are eligible in this category. Producers, assistant editors, audio editors and graphics operators are not eligible.

Editors who are submitted as statue-eligible in the Outstanding Open/Tease or Outstanding Short Feature categories can be entered in Short Form Editing for the same programming. However, if the same submission wins in both a program and craft category, an editor is statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video. For example, if one individual edited three features for the same telecast, each under three minutes in duration, they could include all three features on the same video submission as an example of his or her work.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

33. OUTSTANDING EDITING – LONG FORM– CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Entries must have an on-air duration of more than 6 minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Opens, teases and short features are not eligible in this category
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Editors

This category is open to those individuals responsible for editing a long form segment or program.

Entries in this category must have an on-air duration of more than 6 minutes. Programming eligible in Outstanding Edited Special, Edited Event Coverage, Hosted Edited Series, Short Documentary, Long Documentary, Documentary Series, Documentary Series - Serialized or Long Feature is eligible in this category.

This category is not for opens, short features or other elements of a program. Editors of short format content (of less than 6 minutes duration) must enter the Outstanding Editing - Short Form category.

Only video editors are eligible in this category. Producers, assistant editors, audio editors and graphics operators are not eligible.

Editors who are submitted as statue-eligible in the Documentary or Outstanding Long Feature categories can be entered in Long Form Editing for the same programming. However, if the same submission wins in both a program and craft category, an editor is statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

34. THE DICK SCHAAP OUTSTANDING WRITING AWARD - SHORT FORM CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Entries must have an on-air duration of 6 minutes or less
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Writers

This category is open to individuals and teams having the creative input in writing, re-writing, and amending the script or narration of programming with an on-air duration of 6 minutes or less.

Examples of programming eligible in this category are opens, features or essays. Programming eligible in any of the documentary categories is eligible in Outstanding Writing – Long Form, rather than this category.

A body of work from non-related programs or series is not eligible. Copy written for on-air promotional announcements is not eligible.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

35. OUTSTANDING WRITING – LONG FORM - CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ Entries must have an on-air duration of more than 6 minutes.
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Writers

This category is open to individuals and teams having the primary creative input in writing, re-writing, and amending the script or narration of programming with an on-air duration of 6 minutes or more.

Examples of programming eligible in this category are documentaries, long features, or series.

A body of work from non-related programs or series is not eligible. Copy written for on-air promotional announcements is not eligible.

Documentaries need not have narration to be eligible in this category.

If an on-air credit package exists, then that is the document of record regarding job title.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

36. OUTSTANDING MUSIC DIRECTION - CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Music may be new for 2022 and written specifically for a production or chosen or derived from preexisting selections
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Titles of the music pieces must be included on the entry Excerpt Log and 'existing' or 'original' must be indicated
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Telecast Producers, Music Directors, Music Supervisors and Associate Producers for existing music; Composers, Arrangers, Music Directors, Music Supervisors, Lyricists and Conductors for new and original music

This category is open to individuals who make a significant contribution to the musical portion of a sports program, one that enhances viewer understanding or appreciation of the telecast. Music may be new for 2022 and written specifically for a production or chosen or derived from preexisting selections.

Titles of the music pieces must be included on the entry excerpt sheet and 'existing' or 'original' must be indicated. Judges consistently request this information and it is used in credit vetting. Submissions without this information will be disqualified.

Eligible individuals include telecast producers and associate producers for existing music; composers, arrangers, music directors, lyricists and conductors for new and original music only. An individual's work must be included in the video submission in order for that person to be statue-eligible.

If a work is derivative: re-edited, re-arranged, re-orchestrated, reimagined, re-worked, re-mixed or re-recorded, the statue-eligible titles are those that exist for original music (composers, arrangers, music directors, lyricists and conductors).

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

37. OUTSTANDING AUDIO/SOUND - LIVE EVENT - CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Senior Audio Engineers and Audio Engineers

This category is open to individuals who make a significant contribution to the audio portion of a sports program, one that enhances viewer understanding or appreciation of the telecast.

The audio/sound must be acquired either live or recorded live-to-tape.

No audio sweetening, Foley, or other post-produced techniques permitted. A submission that includes enhanced crowd noise will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

38. OUTSTANDING AUDIO/SOUND - POST-PRODUCED CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Senior Audio Engineers, Audio Engineers, Sound Recordist, Sound Mixer, Sound Editor and Sound Designer

This category is open to individuals who make a significant contribution to the audio portion of a post- produced sports program or feature, one that enhances viewer understanding or appreciation of the telecast.

Eligible individuals are restricted to those involved in audio post-production, including sweetening.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

39. OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGN - EVENT/STUDIO CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ See mandatory list of elements below
- ✓ No billboards
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Senior Graphic Designers, Graphic Designers, Senior Animators, Animators, Senior Creative Director, Creative Director, Art Director and Associate Art Director

This category is open to artists and designers who create graphics, graphics illustrators, film animators, and artists and designers who employ electronic devices, as well as traditional artistic tools, to develop graphic elements for live sports programs. This category focuses on the overall “look” of the coverage of live sporting events or studio telecasts.

Mandatory elements to be included in a submission are:

- In and/or Out Bumpers
- Interstitial Transitional Graphics
- Insert Graphics and Animations
- Informational bars for live sporting events, Backgrounds for studio telecasts

Other than these mandatory elements, the total number and type of graphic elements are not restricted.

A Show Open and/or Close is not a mandatory element.

Stand-alone advertising billboards are not to be submitted for judging, as commercials are prohibited in all submissions.

To be statue-eligible in this category, entrants must be the creatives who contributed substantially and significantly to the creative and conceptual authorship and execution of the submitted graphics package.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

Production personnel are not Emmy-eligible in this category. Device operators who worked the submitted programs are not eligible for this category, unless they were also the person who created the “look” and/or template for the show or event.

Buzz tapes and sizzle reels are not permitted in any Craft category, even if a segment of this nature aired during the telecast. Entries are to be produced from video and audio as it was originally presented to the viewer.

The material submitted must be new material for 2022, and not just an update of a year and location within a logo.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

40. OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGN - SPECIALTY CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ No element entered in Outstanding Live Graphic Design may be entered in this category
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Senior Graphic Designers, Graphic Designers, Senior Animators, Animators, Senior Creative Director, Creative Director, Art Director and Associate Art Director

This category is open to artists and designers who create graphics, graphics illustrators, film animators, artists and designers who employ electronic devices, as well as traditional artistic tools, to develop graphic elements for sports programs.

The achievement to be entered in this category is a single speciality graphic element or series of related elements (e.g., a tease or show opening, a feature story told primarily through graphics, specialty graphics for the same event telecast or post-produced program). The primary purpose of the graphic element is to tell a story through the use of animation and/or graphics and enhance the overall storytelling of a specific telecast or series. Do not include a tease with other specialty elements. These must be submitted separately.

A collection of different elements that illustrate the overall 'look' of the same telecast or series is to be entered in Outstanding Live Graphic Design.

No element such as an open or tease entered in Outstanding Live Graphic Design may be entered in this Category. The same program may submit separate elements to both graphics categories.

To be statue-eligible in this category, entrants must be the creatives who contributed substantially and significantly to the creative and conceptual authorship and execution of the submitted graphic(s).

Production personnel are not Emmy- eligible in this category.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

Buzz tapes and sizzle reels are not permitted in any Craft category, even if a segment of this nature aired during the telecast. Entries are to be produced from video and audio as it was originally presented to the viewer. The material submitted must be new material for 2022.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

41. OUTSTANDING STUDIO OR PRODUCTION DESIGN/ART DIRECTION CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Material from promo submissions are not eligible in craft categories.
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Creative Directors, Production Designers, Art Directors & derivative job titles

This category is open to individuals who make a significant contribution to the visual presentation of a sports program, one that enhances viewer understanding and appreciation of the telecast and are responsible for the design and placement of scenery, sets, virtual graphics and scenic elements for a sports studio telecast or scenic elements for features, opens, teases and other production elements for sports programs.

Production personnel are not Emmy- eligible in this category.

Buzz tapes and sizzle reels are not permitted in any Craft category. Entries are to be produced from video and audio as it was originally presented to the viewer. The material submitted must be new material for 2022.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 10 minutes. There is no limit as to the number of excerpts on the submission video.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION

42. THE GEORGE WENSEL TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CRAFT CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **10** minutes
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Entry is to be for a single innovation
- ✓ Video submission may include a continuous non- promotion, non-laudatory explanatory video no more than 3 minutes long.
- ✓ At least one stand alone excerpt must be submitted; actual sports or studio coverage that showcases the innovation must be included.
- ✓ Technical Achievement is to be new or significantly improved
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Credits, Explanation of all innovators duties and contributions, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, support information, development timeline

Eligible: Innovators, defined as those individuals who invent, make changes, create or introduce new processes, devices, techniques or systems. There is a limit of 10 individuals who may be entered.

This category is for a technical innovation that is extraordinary and enhances the telecast for the viewer.

The program or segments may have been aired live or recorded.

Each entry is to be for a single innovation; a combined entry of non-related innovations will not be accepted.

The entry may include an explanatory, “behind the scenes” video of no more than 3 minutes, but must remain within the 10-minute time limit for the video submission. Any explanatory feature that aired during the telecast can be used as the explanatory excerpt in whole or in part, but its length counts against the 3-minute limit. **The explanatory video cannot be the only video excerpt submitted with the entry;** actual sports coverage as aired must be included in the video submission.

The explanatory video must be a single continuous segment of no more than 3 minutes. Split explanatory videos are not allowed.

Any voice-over copy or graphics on the explanatory video cannot be promotional or laudatory in nature.

Programming entered in the George Wensel Technical Achievement Award cannot be entered in the Outstanding Digital Innovation category, and vice versa.

A previously entered “technical innovation” will be allowed if, in the opinion of NATAS, it has been significantly improved or modified in either how it looks on the screen or in how it is brought to the screen. Submitters must disclose any previous submissions – on any network – and in any other NATAS competition (including the Technology and Engineering Emmy Awards) in the one-page essay, and include a statement explaining the significant modifications or improvements over the previous generation or utilization of the technology.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

The Wensel permits documentation different than other Sports Emmy categories:

- Each entry submission may include supplementary support material (drawings, designs, or any necessary explanations regarding the effectiveness of the product).
- Entrants must also submit a timeline of the development of the innovation, indicating major points in its development and which innovators were involved at that point.
- A detailed paragraph of the duties and contribution for each of the innovators entered must be included by the entry deadline for review by the National Awards Committee.

There is a limit on the number of innovators (10) who may be entered as statue-eligible. A petition, filed via email to Sports@TheEmmys.tv, may be made for a waiver in cases where a substantial contribution by more than 10 individuals calls for their consideration.

The term “Innovator” is defined as those individuals who invent, make changes, create or introduce new processes, devices, techniques or systems. Generally they are the creators of the innovation, planners not executors of the idea, i.e. not managers, supervisors, executives, approvers or financiers of the project.

PROMOTION CATEGORIES

43. OUTSTANDING PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **3** minutes
- ✓ No individual spot can be longer than 2 minutes
- ✓ Video submission for a campaign consists of no more than 3 spots totaling no more than 3 minutes
- ✓ Each entry may be for a single production or selections from a campaign.
- ✓ If a promotional campaign is entered, no spots from that campaign can also be entered individually
- ✓ Institutional promotional announcements for an event, league, conference or university, etc. are not eligible
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors & derivative job titles. The following craft titles are statue-eligible in this category: Camera Person, Editor, Writer, Music Director, Audio Engineer, Sound Recordist, Sound Mixer, Sound Editor, Sound Designer, Graphic Designer, Senior Creative Director, Creative Director, Art Director, Associate Art Director and Production Designer.

This category is for entries that advertise and promote (through an individual spot and/or overall campaign) the brand/image of a network sports division, channel, event and/or program, or the storyline or content of a particular telecast. Institutional promotional announcements for an event, league, conference or university, etc. are not eligible.

A promotion for a specific event or program must drive to tune-in. Promotional spots that focus on social issue activities are to be entered in Outstanding Public Service Content.

Each entry may be for a single production or selections from a campaign. No individual spot can be longer than 2 minutes. Each campaign may be represented by the inclusion of no more than three (3) spots, totaling no more than 3 minutes which were originally shown during the 2022 eligibility year.

If a promotional campaign is entered, no spots from that campaign can also be entered individually.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of no more than 3 minutes, with a maximum of 3 excerpts.

Entries from advertising agencies, production companies, sports leagues or sports governing bodies must coordinate their entry with the network that the promotional announcement(s) aired on.

Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Coordinating Producers, Coordinating Directors, Supervising Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Directors, Associate Producers or similar job titles are eligible to receive Emmy statuettes, provided their role was more than supervisory and they made a substantial creative contribution to the content of the promotion.

Dip to black for 1 second between all spots or campaign excerpts. No internal editing for the enhancement of the submission is allowed.

44. OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE CONTENT PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **6** minutes
- ✓ No individual spot can be longer than 2 minutes
- ✓ Video submission for a campaign consists of no more than 3 spots totaling no more than 6 minutes
- ✓ Each entry may be for a single production or selections from a campaign. If a campaign is entered, no spots from that campaign can also be entered individually
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors & derivative job titles. The following craft titles are statue-eligible in this category: Camera Person, Editor, Writer, Music Director, Audio Engineer, Sound Recordist, Sound Mixer, Sound Editor, Sound Designer, Graphic Designer, Senior Creative Director, Creative Director, Art Director, Associate Art Director and Production Designer.

This category is for entries that advertise and promote charitable work or social issues, and involve sports content, competition or personalities. Submissions should build awareness of a significant off- the-field issue and can be created to amplify a network, platform, sports division, league, or event’s involvement in the building of this awareness.

NATAS categories are not distribution-platform- specific, entries can have their first airing on any platform including social media. Submissions need not run during commercial time. The defining element of this category is that the content addresses social issues and meets the run time requirements.

Content promoting telethons and pledge breaks are not eligible. Submissions may not include as their principal call-to-action: (i) promotions for tune-in, (ii) advocacy for the election of a specific candidate or party, (iii) advocacy for or against a specific piece of legislation, or (iv) fundraising for political parties, charities, or other related causes.

Each entry may be for a single production or selections from a campaign. No individual spot can be longer than 2 minutes. Each campaign may be represented by the inclusion of no more than 3 spots, totaling no more than 6 minutes which were originally shown during the eligibility period. Included spots must be presented in their entirety as part of the submission. Entrants can use the essay to discuss the scope, impact, and choice of cause in their essay.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

Entries from advertising agencies, production companies, sports leagues or sports governing bodies must coordinate their entry with the network or platform on which the announcement(s)/ campaign debuted.

Content submitted in this category is not permitted to be submitted in any craft or feature categories.

Executive Producers, Senior Producers, Coordinating Producers, Coordinating Directors, Supervising Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Directors, Associate Producers or similar job titles are eligible to receive Emmy statuettes, provided their role was more than supervisory and they made a substantial creative contribution to the content of the promotion.

Dip to black for 1 second between all spots or campaign excerpts. No internal editing for the enhancement of the submission is allowed.

SPANISH-LANGUAGE CATEGORIES

45. OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW IN SPANISH – PROGRAM CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **20** minutes
- ✓ Minimum of 2 but no more than 5 excerpts from at least 2 episodes
- ✓ Majority of Total Program Time must originate from the studio or follow a studio format
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Directors of News, Managing Editors, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Operations Producers, Editors, Stage Managers & derivative job titles. On-Air Personalities are eligible under certain circumstances.

Entries appropriate to this category are any sports studio show (not a single special) that airs live or recorded a minimum of 8 times a year over a minimum of a four-month period.

A majority of the telecast must originate from the studio or follow a studio format. Eligible submissions must have a minimum of 2 excerpts from at least 2 episodes. The maximum number of excerpts allowed is 5 and the maximum running time for submissions in this category is 20 minutes.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

Individuals must have been credited on a minimum of 19% of total episodes during the 2022 show run to be included on the credit list.

On-air personalities are now statue-eligible in studio show categories if they are regular contributors and can satisfy the 19% rule. However, if a personality wins in both a program category and personality category and their personality submission contains more than 30% content from a winning program, this would constitute a double dip and the personality would only be statue-eligible in the personality category.

The Sports Emmys reserve the right to determine proper program category placement.

46. OUTSTANDING FEATURE IN SPANISH – FEATURE CATEGORY

- ✓ Minimum Submission time **3** minutes
- ✓ Maximum Submission time **15** minutes
- ✓ Lead-in and tag may be included and will not count in the time calculation
- ✓ Video submission must contain only one feature
- ✓ A feature entered in the Outstanding Feature in Spanish category cannot also be entered in the Outstanding Short or Long Feature categories, or the Outstanding Journalism category
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log, Credits

Eligible: Executive Producers, Producers, Directors, Associate Producers, Associate Directors, Reporters & derivative job titles. Editors and cinematographers are eligible under certain circumstances.

Entries in this category may be an independent Spanish language segment or a Spanish language segment from a program or a series and must relate to a sport, sporting event/venue or a person associated with a sport or sporting event/venue. Other human interest features may be eligible in the News & Documentary Emmy Awards. Segments/acts of a single topic or theme program are not eligible. **A feature entered in the Outstanding Journalism category cannot also be entered in the Outstanding Feature in Spanish category and vice versa.**

Editors and cinematographers are eligible in this category and may also be entered for the same programming in the appropriate craft category. However, if the programming wins in both the program and a craft category, the craftspeople are statue-eligible only in the craft category.

The video submission must have a Total Submission Time of more than 3 minutes but less than 15 minutes and must contain only one feature. The lead-in and tag of the feature may be included and will not count in the Total Submission Time calculation.

47. OUTSTANDING ON-AIR PERSONALITY IN SPANISH PERSONALITY CATEGORY

- ✓ Maximum Submission time **12** minutes
- ✓ Only one individual per entry; only one entry per individual (multiple networks allowed)
- ✓ No limit as to the number of excerpts or excerpt length
- ✓ Eligibility: Calendar year 2022; American football programming from 12:01 AM ET 02/17/22 through 12:01 AM ET on 02/16/23
- ✓ Needed: Submission Details, Video, Essay, Excerpt Log

The Outstanding On-Air Personality in Spanish category recognizes individual excellence in hosting, co-hosting, anchoring or reporting for a Sports telecast, which may involve live events and/or general and special interest sports topics.

Only one individual per entry.

The maximum Total Submission Time in this category is 12 minutes. There is no limit to the number of excerpts or excerpt length.

Dip to black for 1 second between excerpts of non-continuous programming.

For further rules regarding On-Air Personality submissions see [page 84](#).

CATEGORÍAS DE DEPORTES EN ESPAÑOL

(En caso de discrepancia entre el contenido de la versión en español y el de la versión en inglés prevalecerá el de esta última.)

45. OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW IN SPANISH – PROGRAM CATEGORY (PROGRAMA SOBRESALIENTE GRABADO EN ESTUDIO EN ESPAÑOL)

- ✓ La duración máxima de una presentación es de **20** minutos
- ✓ Pueden presentarse programas que tengan un mínimo de 2 extractos de por lo menos 2 episodios. El número máximo de extractos que se permitirá es 5
- ✓ La mayoría de la transmisión se debe originar en un estudio o seguir un formato de estudio.
- ✓ Requisito: ser parte del calendario 2022; programación de fútbol americano después de 12:01 AM ET en 02/17/22 y antes de 12:01 AM ET, en 02/16/23
- ✓ Se necesita: datos de participante, video, ensayo, página de pasajes, créditos

Para: Productores ejecutivos, Directores de noticias, Editor gerente, Productores, Directores, Productores asociados, Productores de operaciones, Editores, Directores de escena y todos los otros títulos derivados. Los Presentadores pueden también presentarse al premio bajo ciertas circunstancias.

Los programas apropiados para esta categoría son cualquier programa deportivo de estudio (no un especial único) que se transmite en vivo o se graba un mínimo de 8 veces al año durante un periodo mínimo de cuatro meses.

La mayoría de la transmisión se debe originar en un estudio o seguir un formato de estudio. Pueden presentarse programas que tengan un mínimo de 2 extractos de por lo menos 2 episodios. El número máximo de extractos que se permitirá es 5, y el tiempo máximo de duración de los programas que se presenten bajo esta categoría serán 20 minutos.

Sumérgase en negro durante 1 segundo entre extractos de programación no continua.

Los créditos de los candidatos deben de haber aparecido al menos en el 19% de todos los episodios de la serie en el 2022.

Los Presentadores pueden también recibir ahora una estatuilla en la categoría de programas grabados en estudio si son colaboradores habituales y cumplen la ley del 19%. Sin embargo, si alguien gana en ambas categorías – Personalidad y Programa – pero ha usado en su presentación a la categoría de Personalidad más de un 30% del contenido de uno de los programas ganadores, se considerará una duplicidad y tan sólo podrá ser considerado en la categoría de Personalidad.

46. OUTSTANDING FEATURE IN SPANISH – FEATURE CATEGORY (REPORTAJE ESPECIAL EN ESPAÑOL)

- ✓ La duración mínima de una presentación es de **3** minutos
- ✓ La duración máxima de una presentación es de **15** minutos
- ✓ Las presentaciones de video solo pueden contener un reportaje
- ✓ La introducción y cierre (lead-in and tag) del reportaje pueden ser incluidos en la presentación y esto contará como parte de la duración total.
- ✓ Un reportaje que participe en la categoría
- ✓ Reportaje Especial en español no puede participar en ninguna otra categoría de Reportajes ni en la categoría de Periodismo Especial
- ✓ Requisito: ser parte del calendario 2022; programación de fútbol americano después de 12:01 AM ET en 02/17/22 y antes de 12:01 AM ET, en 02/16/23
- ✓ Se necesita: datos de participante, video, ensayo, página de pasajes, créditos

Para: Productores ejecutivos, productores, directores, productores asociados, directores asociados, reporteros y títulos derivados. Editores y directores de fotografía que no hayan participado en la categorías de Edición y Cámara para el mismo reportaje.

Los reportajes presentados en esta categoría pueden ser segmentos individuales en español o un segmento en español de un programa o una serie que tiene que ver con un deporte, eventos/campos deportivos o una persona relacionada con un deporte o un campo/evento deportivo. Las historias de interés humano pueden participar en los News & Documentary Awards (Premios de Noticias y Documentales). No se aceptan segmentos o actos sobre un solo tema ni programas sobre un tema concreto. **Un reportaje que participe en la categoría de Periodismo Deportivo Excepcional (Outstanding Journalism) no puede participar en la de categoría del Reportaje Especial (Outstanding Feature in Spanish) y viceversa.**

Los editores y directores de fotografía pueden participar en esta categoría con tal de que no participen individualmente en las categorías de Edición y Cámara para el mismo reportaje. Sin embargo, si la programación gana en las dos categorías – Programa y Edición y Cámara – Los editores y directores de fotografía pueden ser elegidos tan sólo en la categoría de Edición y Cámara

La presentación de video debe de tener una duración total de mas de 3 minutos pero menos de 15 minutos y debe tener solo un reportaje. La introducción y cierre del reportaje se pueden incluir, y esto no contará como parte de la duración total.

47. OUTSTANDING ON-AIR PERSONALITY IN SPANISH PERSONALITY CATEGORY (PRESENTADOR DEPORTIVO SOBRESALIENTE EN PROGRAMA TRANSMITIDO EN ESPAÑOL)

- ✓ El tiempo máximo de duración de los programas presentados en esta categoría es de **12** minutos.
- ✓ Sólo un individuo por entrada. Sólo una entrada por individuo, (múltiples redes permitidas).
- ✓ No hay límite en el número de entradas que la cadena puede presentar en esta categoría
- ✓ Requisito: ser parte del calendario 2022; programación de fútbol americano después de 12:01 AM ET en 02/17/22 y antes de 12:01 AM ET, en 02/16/23
- ✓ Se necesita: datos de participante, video, ensayo, página de pasajes

La categoría de Presentador Deportivo Sobresaliente en Programa Transmitido en Español es un reconocimiento a la excelencia individual como presentador, copresentador, presentador de noticias o reportero en una transmisión deportiva, ya sea de eventos en vivo, temas deportivos de interés general o particular, o ambos.

No hay límite en el número de entradas que la cadena puede presentar en esta categoría. Sólo un individuo por entrada.

El tiempo máximo de duración de los programas presentados en esta categoría es de 12 minutos. No hay límite para el número de extractos ni la duración de los segmentos.

Sumérgase en negro durante 1 segundo entre extractos de programación no continua.

Para más información sobre los requisitos para presentarse a la categoría “Personalidades”, ir a la [pagina 84](#).

MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS

LIVE SPECIAL	PLAYOFF COVERAGE	LIVE SERIES
CHAMPIONSHIPS	PLAYOFFS	REGULAR SEASON
OLYMPICS		
XXIV Olympic Winter Games		
NFL		
Super Bowl	AFC Championship	Amazon
NFL Draft	NFC Championship	CBS
	Wild Card Games	ESPN
		FOX
		NBC
		NFL Network
NBA / WNBA		
NBA Finals		
WNBA Finals	Eastern Conference Playoffs	ESPN
NBA All-Star Game	Western Conference Playoffs	TNT
NBA Draft		
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
NCAA Men's Basketball Championship	NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	ABC
NCAA Women's Basketball Championship	NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament	CBS
	Conference Tournaments	ESPN
		FOX
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
2022 College Football Championship Game	ACC Championship Game	ABC
2023 Rose Bowl	Big 12 Championship Game	CBS
Sugar Bowl	SEC Championship Game	ESPN
2022 Cotton Bowl Classic	2022 Peach Bowl	FOX
2022 Orange Bowl	2022 Fiesta Bowl	NBC
Army-Navy Game		
BASEBALL		
	ACLS	Apple TV+
World Series	NLCS	ESPN
MLB All-Star Game	ALDS	FOX
	NLDS	MLB Network
	Wild Card Games	TBS
HOCKEY		
Stanley Cup	Eastern Conference Playoffs	ESPN
NHL All-Star Game	Western Conference Playoffs	TNT

MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS

LIVE SPECIAL	PLAYOFF COVERAGE	LIVE SERIES
CHAMPIONSHIPS	PLAYOFFS	REGULAR SEASON
GOLF		
US Open		ABC
PGA		CBS
Masters	FedEx Cup	ESPN
Players Championship		Golf Channel
Tour Championship		NBC
TENNIS		
Australian Open		ABC
French Open		ESPN
Wimbledon		NBC
US Open		Tennis Channel
AUTO RACING		
Indy 500		ESPN (Formula 1)
Daytona 500	NASCAR Playoffs	NBC
NASCAR Championship		
HORSE RACING		
Kentucky Derby		
Preakness		
Belmont		
Breeders' Cup		
SAILING		
America's Cup		
ACTION SPORTS		
Winter X Games		
SOCCER		
Champions League Final	Champions League Tournament	European Leagues
MLS Final	MLS Playoffs	MLS
NWSL Final	NWSL Playoffs	
2022 FIFA World Cup Final	2022 FIFA World Cup Knock-Out Round & Group Play	

VIDEO UPLOAD SPECIFICATIONS FOR SPORTS EMMY® AWARD SUBMISSIONS:

How does my submission video need to be configured?

Please note that the file you upload is the same file that will stream to judges and will be the same quality as seen by the judges.

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If you have any questions or concerns about the technical creation of these files, please contact emmysupport@yangaroo.com.

Container: .mp4

(Please enable “Fast Start” if that option is available to you) Audio Codec: AAC-LC or AAC

Channels: Stereo or Dual Channel Mono (Please mixdown 5.1 to 2 channel stereo) Sample Rate: 48 khz

Video Codec: H.264 Baseline Profile

Variable bit rate (with an optimum as indicated below)

Color Space: 4.2.0

Frame rates should match the source material

Resolutions:

The Player displays all content in a 16:9 area. 1080p or 1080i

Frame rate - 29.97 fps

Optimum Overall Bit Rates: HD: Video - 8,000 kbps Audio - 128 kbps

OUTSTANDING LIVE SPECIAL

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Pit Producer
- Replay Producer
- Sideline Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- World Feed Executive Producer
- World Feed Producer
- World Feed Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor

OUTSTANDING LIVE SERIES

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Pit Producer
- Replay Producer
- Sideline Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- World Feed Executive Producer
- World Feed Producer
- World Feed Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor

OUTSTANDING PLAYOFF COVERAGE

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Pit Producer
- Replay Producer
- Sideline Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- World Feed Executive Producer
- World Feed Producer
- World Feed Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor

OUTSTANDING EDITED EVENT COVERAGE

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Pit Producer
- Replay Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Editor
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING EDITED SPECIAL

- Executive Producer
- Co-Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Co-Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Editor
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING HOSTED EDITED SERIES

- Executive Producer
- Co-Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Co-Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Series Producer
- Story Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- World Feed Executive Producer
- World Feed Producer
- World Feed Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor
- Cinematographer
- Host
- Correspondent

OUTSTANDING ESPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP COVERAGE

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Pit Producer
- Replay Producer
- Sideline Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- World Feed Executive Producer
- World Feed Producer
- World Feed Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor

OUTSTANDING SHORT DOCUMENTARY

- Executive Producer
- Co-Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Co-Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Editor
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING LONG DOCUMENTARY

- Executive Producer
- Co-Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Co-Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Editor
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTARY SERIES

- Executive Producer
- Co-Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Co-Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Series Producer
- Story Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Editor
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTARY SERIES - SERIALIZED

- Executive Producer
- Co-Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Co-Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Series Producer
- Story Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Editor
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW – WEEKLY

- Executive Producer
- Executive Editor*
- Managing Editor*
- Director Of News
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Replay Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor
- Host
- Anchor
- Correspondent
- Reporter

*This role does not refer to the technical and creative art of editing. It is a supervisory, editorial position.

OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW – DAILY

- Executive Producer
- Executive Editor*
- Managing Editor*
- Director Of News
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Replay Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor
- Host
- Anchor
- Correspondent
- Reporter

OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW – LIMITED RUN

- Executive Producer
- Executive Editor*
- Managing Editor*
- Director Of News
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Replay Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor
- Host
- Anchor
- Correspondent
- Reporter

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OUTSTANDING JOURNALISM

- Executive Producer
- Executive Editor*
- Managing Editor*
- Director Of News
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Reporter
- Correspondent
- Editor
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING SHORT FEATURE

- Executive Producer
- Executive Editor*
- Managing Editor*
- Director Of News
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Reporter
- Correspondent
- Editor
- Cinematographer

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OUTSTANDING LONG FEATURE

- Executive Producer
- Executive Editor*
- Managing Editor*
- Director Of News
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Reporter
- Correspondent
- Editor
- Cinematographer

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OUTSTANDING OPEN/TEASE

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Editor
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE – EVENT COVERAGE

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Pit Producer
- Replay Producer
- Sideline Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Software Engineer
- Software Developer
- Software Designer
- UX Designer
- Editor
- Product Manager
- Product Developer
- Graphics Producer

OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE – EVENT COVERAGE

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Software Engineer
- Software Developer
- Software Designer
- UX Designer
- Editor
- Product Manager
- Product Developer
- Graphics Producer
- Host
- Anchor
- Correspondent
- Reporter

OUTSTANDING DIGITAL INNOVATION

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Pit Producer
- Replay Producer
- Sideline Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Software Engineer
- Software Developer
- Software Designer
- UX Designer
- Editor
- Product Manager
- Product Developer
- Graphics Producer

OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY – STUDIO HOST

- Studio Host

OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY – PLAY-BY-PLAY

- Play-by-Play

OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY – STUDIO ANALYST

- Studio Analyst

OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY – EVENT ANALYST

- Event Analyst

OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY – REPORTER

- Reporter

OUTSTANDING EMERGING ON-AIR TALENT

- On-Air Talent

OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL TEAM EVENT

- Technical Supervisor
- Senior Technical Director
- Technical Director
- Electronic Cameraperson
- Graphics Operator
- Lighting Director (Outdoor Night Events)
- Senior Audio Engineer
- Audio Engineer
- Audio Assistant
- Digital Replay Operator
- Senior Maintenance Engineer
- Video Engineer
- Broadcast Media Manager
- Broadcast Network Engineer

OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL TEAM STUDIO

- Technical Supervisor
- Senior Technical Director
- Technical Director
- Electronic Cameraperson
- Graphics Operator
- Lighting Director
- Senior Audio Engineer
- Audio Engineer
- Audio Assistant
- Digital Replay Operator
- Video Engineer
- Broadcast Media Manager
- Broadcast Network Engineer

OUTSTANDING CAMERA WORK – SHORT FORM

- Director of Photography
- Cameraperson
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING CAMERA WORK – LONG FORM

- Director of Photography
- Cameraperson
- Cinematographer

OUTSTANDING EDITING – SHORT FORM

- Editor

OUTSTANDING EDITING – LONG FORM

- Editor

THE DICK SCHAAP OUTSTANDING WRITING AWARD – SHORT FORM

- Writer

OUTSTANDING WRITING AWARD – LONG FORM

- Writer

OUTSTANDING MUSIC DIRECTION

- Producer
- Associate Producer
- Music Director
- Music Supervisor
- Composer
- Arranger
- Lyricist
- Conductor

OUTSTANDING AUDIO/SOUND – LIVE EVENT

- Senior Audio Engineer
- Audio Engineer

OUTSTANDING AUDIO/SOUND – POST-PRODUCED

- Senior Audio Engineer
- Audio Engineer
- Sound Recordist
- Sound Mixer
- Sound Editor
- Sound Designer

OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGN – EVENT/SHOW

- Senior Graphic Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Senior Animator
- Animator
- Senior Creative Director
- Creative Director
- Art Director
- Associate Art Director

OUTSTANDING GRAPHIC DESIGN – SPECIALTY

- Senior Graphic Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Senior Animator
- Animator
- Senior Creative Director
- Creative Director
- Art Director
- Associate Art Director

OUTSTANDING STUDIO OR PRODUCTION DESIGN/ART DIRECTION

- Senior Creative Director
- Creative Director
- Production Designer
- Art Director

THE GEORGE WENSEL OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- Innovator

OUTSTANDING PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Associate Director
- Senior Creative Director
- Creative Director
- Art Director
- Associate Art Director
- Cameraperson
- Director of Photography
- Cinematographer
- Editor
- Writer
- Music Director
- Music Supervisor
- Composer
- Arranger
- Lyricist
- Conductor
- Senior Audio Engineer
- Audio Engineer
- Sound Recordist
- Sound Mixer
- Sound Editor
- Sound Designer
- Senior Graphic Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Senior Animator
- Animator
- Production Designer

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE CONTENT

- Executive Producer
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Associate Director
- Senior Creative Director
- Creative Director
- Art Director
- Associate Art Director
- Cameraperson
- Director of Photography
- Cinematographer
- Editor
- Writer
- Music Director
- Music Supervisor
- Composer
- Arranger
- Lyricist
- Conductor
- Senior Audio Engineer
- Audio Engineer
- Sound Recordist
- Sound Mixer
- Sound Editor
- Sound Designer
- Senior Graphic Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Senior Animator
- Animator
- Production Designer

OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW IN SPANISH

- Executive Producer
- Executive Editor*
- Managing Editor*
- Director Of News
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Videotape Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Highlight Producer
- Replay Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
- Coordinating Director
- Senior Director
- Director
- Replay Director
- Senior Associate Producer
- Associate Producer
- Operations Producer
- Senior Associate Director
- Associate Director
- Stage Manager
- Editor
- Host
- Anchor
- Correspondent
- Reporter

OUTSTANDING FEATURE STORY IN SPANISH

- Executive Producer
- Executive Editor*
- Managing Editor*
- Director Of News
- Senior Coordinating Producer
- Coordinating Producer
- Senior Producer
- Supervising Producer
- Producer
- Senior Feature Producer
- Feature Producer
- Segment Producer
- Field Producer
- Senior Coordinating Director
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- Associate Director
- Reporter
- Correspondent
- Editor
- Cinematographer

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OUTSTANDING ON-AIR PERSONALITY IN SPANISH

- Studio Host
- Event Analyst
- Play-by-Play
- Studio Analyst
- Reporter

ACCEPTOR

The one designated individual who will ascend the stage at the ceremony and speak should the entry be announced as the winner. Numerous individuals from a winning team may join the acceptor onstage, but only the acceptor is permitted to speak.

AIRDATE

The original date on which the content was either aired on television, streamed online, or otherwise made available through other eligible means. This Airdate is used to determine the eligibility of the content.

ARCHIVE RECORDS

A complete list of nomination and winner achievements, whether it be a program, network or individual.

ASSETS

Required supplemental materials that need to be uploaded before the entry is complete. Assets include videos, supporting documentation, artwork, and the Emmy® essay.

ASSOCIATED CATEGORIES

Categories other than Program (Series or Special) categories for which the submitted content may also be eligible. Associated Categories include related Performer or Host categories and Craft categories.

BAND ENGRAVING

The text engraved on each individual statue.

BLUE RIBBON JUDGING

The final round of judging of industry peers that establishes not only the nominees but also the recipient (or recipients) in each category.

CAFE

Abbreviation for Children’s & Family Emmys.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The published contest-specific and by-category submission guide for each individual contest.

CEREMONY CLIP

A short selection of a nominated program that is provided by the entrant according to NATAS hi-resolution specifications with necessary associated rights and clearances for inclusion in ceremony production, publicity, promotion, and archives.

COMMEMORATIVE STATUE

A display Emmy available to networks, studios, and production companies principally involved with the winning program or achievement. The studio or production company name may be included on the engraving. The word “commemorative” is engraved at the rear of the statuette. Commemorative statuettes cannot be ordered by or for individuals.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A professional or personal relationship or obligation which a reasonable person could believe would prevent a prospective judge from fairly adjudicating a specific category, such as direct involvement in the production of an entry, or a special relationship with someone directly involved in the production, such as a spouse or significant other.

CONTRIBUTOR PLAQUE/CERTIFICATE

In the event of an Emmy® win, individuals who worked on the project, but are not statue-eligible, can order a Contributor Plaque or Certificate when their contribution is verified by a senior producer or craft lead. This is **not** an Emmy® Award. Only production staff are eligible for contributor certificates. Subjects of documentary films or news reports are not eligible. Nomination certificates are only available to individuals designated as Emmy nominees.

CRAFT CATEGORY

A category recognizing specialists in the various technical and artistic fields of television production.

CREDIT

How a person is billed on a television production (for example, “Producer” or “Lighting Designer”) that determines eligibility for recognition in a category.

CREDIT LIST

A list provided by the entrant of all individuals requested to be Emmy® eligible based on their credited titles.

DTE

Abbreviation for Daytime Emmys®.

DOUBLE-DIPPING

Entering the same programming in more than one NATAS Emmy® contest, and/or receiving more than one Emmy® for the same job title, both of which are expressly prohibited.

EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE

For the Daytime Emmys® and the News & Documentary Emmys®. An earlier deadline by which, with receipt of specific materials and entry fees, an entrant may receive a reduction in entry fees by submitting their entry earlier than the final deadline.

ELIGIBILITY YEAR

The calendar year. All entries in 2023 NATAS Emmy® contests must have an original airdate in calendar-year 2022 to be eligible, with the exception of the inaugural year of the Children’s & Family Emmys® and football programming in the Sports Emmys®.

EMMY® ELIGIBLE/STATUE-ELIGIBLE

Describes an individual deemed by NATAS to be eligible to receive an Emmy® Award, based on their credited title. Also referred to as Statuette-Eligible.

ENTRANT OF RECORD

The person who fills out the information necessary for an entry, and is therefore the contact of record for all necessary follow-ups from NATAS.

ENTRY

A submission to a NATAS Emmy® contest.

EPISODE

A single coherent narrative unit within a larger series, as determined by NATAS.

FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE

The last date to submit an entry to an Emmy® contest. The date and time by which all entry materials must be received in order for an entry to be included in an Emmys® contest.

FIRST TRANSMISSION

The method, date, time, and format by which content was initially presented.

INNOVATOR

For the Sports and Technology & Engineering Emmys®. Those individuals who invent, make changes, create, or introduce new processes, devices, techniques, or systems. Generally they are the creators of the innovation; planners and not executors of the idea. They are generally not the managers, supervisors, executives, approvers or financiers of the project.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES (IATAS)

The NATAS sister organization and administrator of the International Emmys®.

JUDGE

A qualified industry professional who volunteers to serve on a panel or panels - as assigned by contest administration - to watch the video content associated with each entry and fairly adjudicate Emmy® worthiness.

JURIED AWARD

For the Daytime Emmys® - a category, such as Individual Achievement in Animation, which is decided by judges who look collectively at each entry in each discipline and decide by unanimous vote if the work merits zero, one, or multiple awards.

LATE CREDIT ADDITION

Adding additional Emmy® statuette-eligible names to the nomination or winners list after each contest's individual deadline, at which point a late fee of US\$150 per credit is charged. Late credit additions are not allowed more than thirty (30) calendar days after the ceremony for any reason.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

A non-judged award approved by the NATAS Awards Committee given for extraordinary career accomplishments in a television discipline.

LIVE PANEL JUDGING

Judging that takes place in-person, at which the panel watches the material all together as a group, but casts individual secret ballots.

MEMBERSHIP

An individual can be a member of either the Television Academy (formerly ATAS and home of the Primetime Emmys) and/or an individual regional Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. There is currently no national NATAS membership. Some categories in the Daytime Emmys® are judged by members only, inclusive of membership to either organization or other approved organizations.

MINIMUM VIEWING

Each category has a requirement of what percentage of each submission needs to be watched before a judge's ballot opens for them to input their scores. The minimum viewing requirement differs from category-to-category, but the same percentage applies to all entries within a specific category.

NATAS

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Inc., is the administrator of the Children's & Family, Daytime, News & Documentary, Sports, and Technology & Engineering Emmy® Awards.

NOMINATION RELEASE

A press release published when the nominations are announced. The initial nomination release may include just the nominated program titles, and may later be updated to include a complete list of all associated individuals who are nominated.

NOMINATION CERTIFICATE

A certificate available for all individuals listed on the nomination release.

NOMINEE

A team member associated with a submission that has been judged and deemed as Emmy® nominated.

NOT ON LIST

For the Daytime Emmys® and the News & Documentary Emmys®. A title which is not deemed statue-eligible under defined competition rules, but for which the entrant seeks to petition NATAS Administration for eligibility consideration.

PEER JUDGING

Judging policy of all NATAS Emmy® contests whereby each category is judged solely by individuals qualified in that specific field.

PERFORMER CATEGORY

For the Children’s & Family Emmys® and Daytime Emmys®. Any category associated with on-screen talent, including acting, hosting, and voiceover.

PRELIMINARY ROUND JUDGING

A first round of judging applied to categories that, based on number of entries and length of screen time, would create an unreasonable viewing length for judges, or that contain a high proportion of self-published programs, as determined by NATAS. All entries in this round of judging are split at random and the scores generated by the judges create a “shortlist” of entries which are advanced to the final Blue Ribbon Judging Round.

PROGRAM

A production of television content that stands alone as a complete show, as determined by NATAS.

RECIPIENT

An individual who wins an Emmy is referred to as a Recipient.

REEL CATEGORY

For the Children’s & Family Emmys® and Daytime Emmys®. Any category requiring the entrant to submit a video containing a composite of materials from within the eligibility period as opposed to a full episode, as determined by NATAS.

REGIONAL EMMYS

Emmys administered by the 19 Regional NATAS chapters.

SEGMENT

A portion of a telecast.

SERIES

A collection of programs on the same subject matter or having the same production elements and techniques, which is scheduled to occur on some regular basis, as determined by NATAS.

SHORT FORMAT

For the Children's & Family Emmys® and Daytime Emmys®. Content that runs less than approximately fifteen (15) minutes, or less than approximately nine (9) minutes (in the context of a Short Format Children's Program).

SHOW SHEPHERD

An Entrant of Record who does mass entering for multiple categories for a single show, multiple shows, or for a production entity or studio.

SPECIAL

A single original program which is not part of a series, or a special edition of a regularly-scheduled program or series, as determined by NATAS.

STATUETTE

An honorific trophy used to recognize an Emmy® Award recipient.

SUBMISSION

A completed entry.

TEAM AWARD

Any category which has more than one Emmy® eligible individual per entry.

TEAM MEMBER

Any Emmy® eligible individual associated with a submitted entry, as determined by NATAS.

TELEVISION ACADEMY

The NATAS sister organization and administrator of the Primetime Emmys®. Formerly known as the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (ATAS).

THIRD PARTY SUBMITTER

Third party submitters are those not engaged in the production or distribution of video content, but rather whose principal business purpose is the management of awards submissions on the paid behalf of program producers.

TIME INTO VIDEO

A 30 second portion of the entry video designated by the Entrant to be used by production for packages in the event of a nomination.

TOTAL RUNNING TIME

The complete running time of the program or episode as aired, as determined by NATAS.

TOTAL SUBMISSION TIME

The complete running time of the entry as entered, as determined by NATAS.

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

A written document released publicly after the close of the NATAS contest year, highlighting statistics and significant administrative determinations that may have impacted the overall competition.

WINNERS RELEASE

A press release published after an awards ceremony, when winners are announced. The release includes a complete list of all associated individuals who are statue-eligible Emmy Recipients.

WYSIWYT

“What You See Is What You Typed.” All information in an entry will appear on supplemental materials, such as the nomination release and the ceremony program, exactly as was entered online. Typos such as misspellings and mis-capitalizations must be manually corrected by the Entrant of Record.

VOD

Video on Demand. All NATAS contests accept content in all forms of VOD and streaming.