

Terms and Conditions

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1. Eligibility and Submission Criteria

- 1.1 To qualify for participation:
 - - Entries must be original Bangladeshi OTT/digital content, in Bengali.
 - - Must have premiered digitally between January 1 and December 31, 2025.
 - - Content rights must be owned by submitting production/media houses or individuals.
 - - Platform-hosted entries require platform approval by the submitter.
 - - Individual submissions are accepted and judged per jury standards.
 - - Submission includes a shareable streaming link.
 - - All credited participants must be listed in a PDF credit roll.
- 1.1.1 Joint content requires NOC clearance agreements.
- 1.2 Submit video/image assets (20–40 second clips, Full HD, MP4/MOV; 300 dpi images) per guidelines.
- 1.3 All entries must be submitted online before the deadline. Late entries are not accepted unless an extension is issued.
- 1.4 Participants must ensure content originality and rights clearance.
- 1.5 Joint productions must be 51 % Bangladeshi-owned or show proof of Bangladeshi production investment.
- 1.6 Submission portal details and technical specs are available on the official microsite.
- 1.7 The Daily Star & Ispahani reserve the right to accept or disqualify entries at their discretion. Decisions are final and binding.

2. Categories & Selection Process

- 2.1 Awards include 29 categories:
- - Popular (voted + jury): 9 Film/Drama/Series awards
- - Music: 4
- - Critics' Choice: 12
- - Content Creators: 3
- - People's Choice: 1
- 2.2 Selection stages:
- - All entries open to public voting.
- - Top 3 per category shortlisted from votes.
- - Jury selects winners from shortlisted entries.
- - Popular categories are decided 50% by audience votes and 50% by jury.
- 2.3 Jury selections are final; no challenges entertained.
- 2.4 Jury names remain confidential until winners are announced.
- 2.5 Votes suspected of manipulation may be invalidated.
- 2.6 Entries deemed objectionable or unlawful may be disqualified.
- 2.7 The Daily Star & Ispahani can cancel categories with insufficient quality submissions.

3. Participant Warranties

- 3.1 Participants confirm they hold all necessary rights and permissions.
- 3.2 They aren't contractually barred from participation and will indemnify organizers for any claims.
- 3.3 No publicity about nominations without prior written approval.
- 3.4 False information leads to immediate disqualification.
- 3.5 Participants accept no liability claims if the event is delayed or canceled.
- 3.6 Jury contact or influence attempts result in disqualification.
- 3.7 Any invalid term will be severed; remaining terms remain effective.

4. Indemnity

- 4.1 The Participant is fully responsible for their entry content and any legal implications.
- 4.2 Participants indemnify organizers for claims arising from submitted content.

5. Alteration / Cancellation Rights

- 5.1 Organizers may modify, suspend, or end the awards or terms at any time without notice.
- 5.2 Failure to enforce rights doesn't imply waiver.

6. Notice & Communication

- All correspondence to:
- OTT & Digital Content Awards Team
- Email: ottdcawards@thedailystar.net

7. Liability & Force Majeure

- 7.1 The Daily Star & Ispahani are not liable for technical failures, disruptions, cyber incidents, or injuries related to participation or site usage.
- 7.2 They aren't liable for delays or event cancellation due to natural disasters, legal constraints, or other force majeure events.

8. Governing Law

- All terms governed by Bangladesh law.
- Disputes to be resolved in courts in Dhaka.
- Participants must adhere to all government OTT/digital content regulations.