

OOTC48 Challenge Rules

A. Eligibility

The Team Leader must be a legal resident or legal visitor of the United States or the District of Columbia. A team is not eligible if either the Team Leader or any Team Member is one of the following: employee, intern, contractor, volunteer, director or officer of Out Of The Cellar LLC, distributors, web design, advertising, fulfillment, judging or agencies involved in the administration, development, fulfillment and execution of this Challenge and Festival (collectively, **Festival Challenge Parties**).

B. To Enter

To register for the Out Of The Cellar 48-Hour Horror Film Challenge in the United States, follow the instructions found on www.OutOfTheCellarFilms.com/OOTC48. Registration is based on a first-come first-served basis and space is limited.

- Early Bird registration fee \$60 per team, opens August 21 and closes September 17, 2026.
- Regular registration fee is \$75 per team and begins September 18 through October 4, 2026.
- Late registration fee is \$90 per team and begins October 5.
- Registration closes October 14, 2026.
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C. Official Filmmaking Period

OOTC48 Horror Film Challenge will commence on a Friday and end on the following Sunday as announced on the www.OutOfTheCellarFilms.com/OOTC48 website.

D. Withdrawing from the OOTC48

OOTC48 Hour Horror Film Challenge Refunds

If a team (Entrant) must withdraw, refunds will be paid on the following schedule:

- Notify the OOTC48 more than 30 days prior to your challenge weekend, receive a full refund minus a \$25 administrative fee.
- Notify the OOTC48 7-30 days prior to your challenge weekend, receive a full refund minus a \$50 administrative fee.
- No refunds less than 7 days prior to Kickoff event.

NOTE: In lieu of a refund, Registration may be transferred to a different TEAM or credited to the following year at no charge. This request must be made by the Team Leader through an email to OOTC48@outofthecellarfilms.com with the subject line: TEAM NAME - WITHDRAW at least seven (7) days prior to Kickoff.

If transferring to a different TEAM, it must be an official OOTC48 Challenge. Any difference in registration fee must be paid by the registrant.

E. Participation of Minors

Some of the lead up events (e.g., Mixers, Kickoff, Drop Off) may be held in "21 years of age or older" locations. Every effort will be made to ensure that any under 21 teams will not be affected adversely. Entrants may wish to consider having at least one member of its team be 21 years or older.

All minors must be accompanied by their legal guardian while participating in OOTC48 events (including Mixers, Kickoff, Drop Off and filming).

F. Team Leader's Agreement

Entrants will be required to sign the standard OOTC48 Team Leader's Agreement. If under the legal age of majority in your state of residence, your parent or legal guardian must sign it on your behalf.

As a condition of entry, participants must agree to the Team Leader's Agreement, which sets forth the rights of Entrant and OOTC48 with respect to the use of Entries by OOTC48. Entries that do not include all required information and/or do not adhere to the foregoing and following requirements will be considered void and will not be considered in this OOTC48 Hour Horror Film Challenge.

G. Production Costs

All costs associated with the production of the Entry are solely the responsibility of the Entrant.

H. Judging of Entries

Eligible Entries will be judged by the audiences at the Festival.

I. Kickoff Event

Entrants must be present at the designated times at the designated events to participate.

J. Basic Requirements of the Challenge

Entrants must adhere to the official OOTC48 Filmmaking Rules. In addition, at the Kickoff Event, Entrants will receive an assignment and be given exactly 48 hours to make a video (an "Entry"). See the Filmmaking Rules Page for details.

K. Challenge Terms of Submission

By submitting an Entry into this OOTC48 Horror Film Challenge, each Entrant warrants and represents that the Entrant owns all rights to the Entry they are entering in this Challenge, including, without limitation, the video or digital recording, and the performance contained in each Entry, with the exception of any assets provided by the OOTC48 for use by Entrants in connection with this challenge.

Each Entrant further warrants and represents that the Entrant has obtained permission from each person who appears in the Entry to grant the rights to the Challenge Parties described in these Official Rules, and will submit copies of such permissions to the Challenge Parties.

By submitting an Entry, Entrant agrees to the Official Rules, and further agrees to indemnify and hold the OOTC48, challenge Parties and their respective affiliates, officers, directors, agents, co-branders or other partners, and any of their employees (collectively, the **Challenge Indemnitees**), harmless from any and all claims, damages, expenses, costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees) and liabilities (including settlements), brought or asserted by any third party against any of the Challenge Indemnitees due to or arising out of the Entrant's Entry materials in this Challenge, or the Entrant's conduct during and in connection with this Challenge, including but not limited to trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property rights, right of publicity, right of privacy or defamation.

Entrant agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless OOTC48 and the Challenge Parties from any and all claims that any advertising, presentation, web content or any other material subsequently produced, presented, and/or prepared by or on behalf of OOTC48 or the Challenge Parties infringes on the rights of Entrant's work as contained in any Entry.

L. Designated Team Leader

If any group of individuals elects to collaborate on an Entry, they are required to designate one (1) person as the agent of the group to enter the OOTC48 Horror Film Challenge, agree to these Official Rules, sign the Team Leader's Agreement and accept the prize on behalf of the group. Neither OOTC48 nor any of the Challenge Parties are liable for any disputes between collaborators arising out of or related to the Challenge.

M. Challenge Winner

Entries will be placed in a block with other entries and screened at the Out Of The Cellar Horror Film Festival and shall be eligible for all Audience Choice Awards, plus "Best OOTC48 Hour Horror Film of the Year" and be invited to join the Out Of The Cellar Horror Anthology 2026.

N. General Conditions

By participating, Entrants agree to these Official Rules which are final and binding in all respects. The OOTC48 Horror Film Challenge is governed by the laws of Alameda County, California, USA, and all claims must be resolved in Alameda County, California courts.

O. Limitations of Liability and Release

No liability or responsibility is assumed by OOTC48 or Challenge Parties resulting from any user's participation in or attempt to participate in the OOTC48 Horror Film Challenge or ability or inability to upload or download any information in connection with participating in the Challenge.

No responsibility or liability is assumed by the OOTC48 or Challenge Parties for technical problems or technical malfunction arising in connection with any of the following occurrences which may affect the operation of the Challenge: hardware or software errors; faulty computer, telephone, cable, satellite, network, electronic, wireless or Internet connectivity or other online communication problems; errors or limitations of any Internet service providers, servers, hosts or providers; garbled, jumbled or faulty data transmissions; failure of any e-mail transmissions to be sent or received; lost, late, delayed or intercepted e-mail transmissions; inaccessibility of the Web Site in whole or in part for any reason; traffic congestion on the Internet or the Web Site; unauthorized human or non-human intervention of the operation of the Challenge, including without limitation, unauthorized tampering, hacking, theft, virus, bugs, worms; or destruction of any aspect of the Challenge, or loss, miscount, misdirection, inaccessibility or unavailability of an email account used in connection with the Challenge.

OOTC48 and Challenge Parties are not responsible for any typographical errors in the announcement of prizes or these Official Rules, or any inaccurate or incorrect data contained on the Web Site or social media sites maintained by the OOTC48 Horror Film Challenge. Use of Web Site and the OOTC48's social media sites is at user's own risk.

OOTC48 and the Challenge Parties are not responsible for any personal injury or property damage or losses of any kind which may be sustained to user's or any other person's computer equipment resulting from participation in the Challenge, use of the Web Site or the download of any information from the Web Site.

By participating in the Challenge, Entrant agrees to release, indemnify and hold OOTC48 and Challenge Parties harmless from any and all claims, damages or liabilities arising from or relating to such Entrant's participation in the challenge.

P. Winners

Winners will be posted online at **www.OutOfTheCellarFilms.com/OOTC48**.

Q. Challenge Organizer

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