

Official Rules – Ludicious «International Competition» 2017

The «International Competition»

The «International Competition» is held by Ludicious - Zürich Game Festival. By submitting a project, the entrant is at the same time indicating his or her acceptance of these rules. A game can only be submitted to either the «International Competition» or the «Student Competition», but not to both of them.

«Ludicious Award»

The «Ludicious Award» honors innovative games that explore novel ideas and convince in their execution. It is explicitly aimed at small studios and developers working with equally small budgets. New ideas and approaches in game design, visual style or storytelling are among the criteria. The prize for winning the «Ludicious Award» is EUR 8'000.

If the jury wishes to honor an additional game based on criteria solely set by themselves, a «Special Jury Award» (honorable mention) can be handed out, with no monetary prize attached.

How to enter

Submissions are open until Sunday, October 2nd 2016 (23:59 CET). In order to be entered, the following must be submitted before the above time: A completed entry form on the competition's website (competitions.ludicious.ch) which contains:

- Title
- Short Description
- Details about the game's development
- 3-5 Images and link to a video
- Technical details and instructions
- An upload or link to the build version being entered
- Details about the development team

Selection process

The festival will narrow down the amount of games to a number of nominees, through a process it deems suitable. Nominees will be notified by mid-December and their games will be presented to a jury, consisting of at least three members with a background in digital games and related fields. The decisions of the jury are final and incontestable.

The award ceremony will take place during the festival in Zurich between January 26 and 29 2017. Any game nominated will be invited to be exhibited at the festival,

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and the development team will be provided with 2 conference passes and, if needed, accommodation for 2 people in Zurich during the festival.

Release

By taking part, the entrant grants permission to the festival to exhibit the information, game and media entered and to use it in its communication and marketing materials.

Submission requirements

- A playable, feature-complete digital game that requires a computer, smartphone, tablet, console or handheld device to run
- If a game can only run on a system (hardware) that is not available to the organizers, the hardware needed will have to be provided by the submitting party
- The game is a creation of its own and does not plagiarize or clone existing games
- The game has not been released before October 4th 2015
 - A release includes availability on any major monetized distribution platform
- The submitting party either:
 - Owns all content and copyrighted materials being submitted
 - Or, has legal permissions to use content by third parties and third-party technologies, as well as software, including the necessary rights for showing and publishing the game

Excluded from the competition are the following:

- Games that were commissioned
- Games that were nominated in any prior Ludicious «International Competition»
- Games which present members of any sex or of a social group in a demeaning way, or which are generally offensive to human dignity
- Games which glorify or trivialize violence
- Games which are pornographic in character

Prize terms

The prize will be awarded in the form of bank transfer. Potential transaction fees and taxes according to Swiss law will be deducted from the amount. The winner is solely responsible for bearing any taxes, social insurances, fees, or other costs relating to the prize.

If the winner is domiciled in Switzerland the prize will only be transferred to a legal entity or a natural person registered as self-employed at a Swiss social insurance institution. In the latter case, the prize will be transferred after the winner handed in

a confirmation about his or her registration as self-employed issued by his social insurance institution.

Disclaimer

The Ludicious - Zürich Game Festival reserves the right to enforce these rules as it sees fit.

Anyone wishing to clarify a rule should contact competitions@ludicious.ch

In the case of a dispute, the organizer's decision is final.