CONTEST RULES

To ensure maximum transparency and impartial judging for all contest participants, a panel of judges selected from among the industry's top professionals will cast their votes individually through an electronic voting system. The voting results will be visible to the public via a projection screen behind the stage, displaying each individual score and the total score.

Scores will range from **5 to 10 points**, including decimal values. Decimal scores are important, as they will determine the most deserving winner of the contest.

In the event of a tie, the competing tattoos will be called back on stage and judged again until a winner is determined.

Registration will take place from **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at the information desk.

5:00 PM – Tattoo Contest Begins

For each category (see category list), all participants must present themselves on stage for the **PRE-SELECTION** and qualification for the judging phase.

Please note: For each category, the judges will conduct a final and non-appealable selection, eliminating at least **70%** of the entries and advancing approximately **30%** of the tattoos to the final judging round.

The judges' evaluations will be based on professional criteria developed through years of experience, including:

- Technique
- Style
- Saturation
- Composition
- Overall objective and subjective impression

Please note that judges selected for our Tattoo Convention **may not participate as contestants in any contest**. Furthermore, judges **may not evaluate tattoos created by artists from their own studio**.

To avoid influencing the jury's decision, tattooed participants will be called onto the stage **without revealing the name of the tattoo artist**.

AWARDS

Category Contests and Awards

Each category will have **3 awards**. Both the **tattoo artist and the tattooed client** will be awarded.

All tattoos that were partially started in a studio may enter category contests, provided that **no more than 50% of the work was completed before the convention**.

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR SPECIFIC CATEGORIES

Micro Tattoo

Only tattoos with a maximum size of **8 x 8 cm** may be entered.

Black & White + Realistic Black & White

Participants using **gray ink/color** in these categories will not be eligible to compete and must register the tattoo in another category.

Realistic Black & White and Realistic Color

If the tattoo is a portrait (people, animals, or objects), participants are encouraged to bring the **reference photograph** used for inspiration.

Best of Day

- 3 awards per category.
- Tattoos entered in the Best of Day contest must be **started and completed during the convention on the same day of the competition**, with only one day of work.
- Combo projects are also eligible.

Best Healed

- 3 awards per category.
- Any fully healed tattoo may enter this category.

Best in Show

- 3 awards per category.
- Eligible participants include:
    - The **1st place winners** of the three Best of Day contests.

- All tattoos that were started and completed during the three days of the convention and have **not already competed in other categories**, including combo projects.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Maximum Number of Tattoos per Artist

Each tattoo artist may enter a maximum of **three tattoos across all contests**.

The same tattoo **cannot be entered in multiple categories**, with the sole exception of the **Best Healed** category, which may allow some participants to present a fourth tattoo in competition.

Stage Call Procedure

The tattooed participant will be called on stage by **full name (first and last name)** a maximum of **two times**.

If the participant does not appear after the second call, they will be **automatically disqualified** from the contest and will no longer be eligible for judging.