

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**TELEVISION ACADEMY ANNOUNCES RULES CHANGES FOR 2022 EMMY® COMPETITION**

(LOS ANGELES – Dec. 20, 2021) — The Television Academy today announced rules changes for the 74th Emmy® Awards competition to align with the dynamic and rapidly evolving television industry and support and celebrate excellence in the medium.

“This year our Awards Committee has worked with industry colleagues to further define program eligibility for the Emmy competition,” said Frank Scherma, Chairman and CEO for the Television Academy. “We’ve made great strides in differentiating what is eligible for our respective competitions, in concert with ongoing changes in content development and distribution.”

The Academy’s Board of Governors has affirmed the 2022 Emmy Awards rules and procedures, as recommended by the Awards Committee, notable of which are:

Program Time Eliminated for Comedy and Drama Series Categorization

Categorization based on program length for a comedy or drama series has been eliminated. Episode length will no longer dictate submission categories. Instead, producers will now determine category submission, with the stipulation that the Television Academy’s Industry Panel reserves the right to review the producer’s preference. Comedy and drama series are defined as programs with multiple episodes (minimum of six) in which the content is primarily comedic for comedy series entries or primarily dramatic for dramatic series entries. In addition, the ongoing theme, storyline and main characters are presented under the same title and have continuity of production supervision. The exception is programming under 20 minutes, which must be submitted in short-form categories.

Definition of Theatrical Motion Pictures (previously announced)

Any film placed on the viewing platform for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will be deemed a theatrical motion picture and thus ineligible for the Emmy competition.

The Academy also announced changes in the stunts and voice-over categories, and expanded entry eligibility for various professionals working on reality programming, animation and special visual effects.

A list of awards changes for the 74th Emmy Awards can be found at [Emmys.com/rules/changes](https://www.emmys.com/rules/changes). The complete 2022 Emmy Rules and Procedures Book will be available at Emmys.com in January.

About the Television Academy

The Television Academy seeks to expand the horizons of television excellence. Through the programs, publications and events of the Academy and its Foundation, it strives to empower storytellers who shape the evolving television space. And it celebrates those who have excelled by recognizing their achievements through accolades and awards, including television's most coveted prize, the Emmy[®] Award. For more information, please visit [TelevisionAcademy.com](https://www.TelevisionAcademy.com).

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