

COBIS Eco Film Awards 2023 Terms and Conditions

1. Council of British International Schools (“COBIS”) has partnered with the National Association for Environmental Education (“NAEE”) to run the COBIS Eco Film Awards. By entering the competition, the entrant is indicating their agreement to be bound by these terms and conditions.

2. Submissions will be accepted from 20 October 2022 until 3pm (UK time) on Wednesday 1 March 2023.

3. The Competition is open to all COBIS schools, including Applicant schools. Each school with a registered COBIS account should participate as an individual school. A limited number of spaces are available for BSME, FOBISIA, LAHC, NABSS and AoBSO member schools. COBIS reserves the right to cap the number of non-member participants.

4. There are two categories for submitted entries, as listed below. Please ensure entries are submitted for the correct category. Entries will not be accepted from students outside of these categories or for work submitted to the wrong category.

Category A: Key Stage 1-2

Category B: Key Stage 3-5

5. One entry per category per school may be submitted. COBIS will accept the first entry from a school in each category and reserves the right to exclude subsequent submissions from the judging process.

6. For an entry to be valid it must comply with the following rules:

- Films will be submitted by a school.
- Film will be no longer than 150 seconds (2.5 minutes).
- Film will be largely students’ work.
- Films will not contain dangerous activities and harm to any living creature.
- Films will not contain any private and confidential information.
- Films will not feature the full name of students.
- Films will only contain music/media for which the school has obtained copyright permission.
- Films will be submitted via an entry form on the COBIS website.

7. No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason. Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered.

8. Teachers should upload their students’ entries to a video hosting site (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo, the school website etc.) and provide a URL to the film on their entry form.

9. All communications will only be between COBIS and a lead teacher.

10. The winners will be chosen by a panel of judges at NAEE. The video should focus on an environmental project that students have carried out, and entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- The environmental sustainability problem in the school that is being addressed is clearly explained and set in the wider context
- Strategies used to address the problem are clearly explained and justified
- It is clear that students played an active role in tackling the issue
- There’s a clear explanation of how the project improved the environmental sustainability of the school
- The video is presented in an interesting and professional way.
- Each entry might be ‘topped and tailed’ with clear information up front about the focus of the video, and a list of credits and acknowledgements at the end.

11. The judges’ decision regarding the winners of the COBIS Eco Film Award will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

12. There will be one winner and two runners-up for each category. NAEE judges have the discretion to

designate up to two entries in each category as 'highly commended'.

13. The winners will be announced in April 2023. The winners will be notified by email.

14. The winners and runners-up will be required to send COBIS their original film. These will be uploaded to the COBIS website, YouTube channel and social media platforms, and may be shared at the COBIS Annual Conference 2023. They may also be uploaded to the NAEE website and social media platforms.

15. The prizes will be for the benefit of the school and will be subject to change at any point.

16. By entering the competition the winners and runners-up agree to COBIS and NAEE publishing their full name, school name/logo and film (including images of students) on the COBIS and NAEE website and social media. This information may also be published and promoted at the COBIS Annual Conference in May 2023 and in other COBIS-related publications. Winners should participate in such reasonable promotional activity and material as COBIS and NAEE may require. By entering the competition, the teacher confirms that the necessary permissions have been sought from students and/or their parents to publish the full name, school name/logo and film for such purposes.

17. COBIS reserve the right to cancel or amend the Competition and these terms and conditions without notice.