

Terms and Conditions

Legal Considerations & Disclaimers for the Hull Literary Prize Website

1. Submission Terms & Copyright

By submitting an entry, the author confirms that:

- The story is their **original work**, has not been previously published, and does not infringe on any third-party rights.
- They **retain full copyright** but grant **Hull Libraries and the University of Hull** the right to publish, promote, and share their work for prize-related publicity.
- Shortlisted and winning entries **may be featured on Hull Libraries' and the University of Hull's websites and promotional materials.**
- They consent to the use of their name (and age, for Youth Prize) to announce winners of the competition.

2. Plagiarism & AI-Generated Content

- All entries must be the **original work** of the entrant.
- **Plagiarised** content or works that have been **significantly generated by AI tools** (e.g., ChatGPT, Sudowrite) are **not eligible**.
- The organisers **reserve the right to disqualify** any entry suspected of **not being the author's own work**.

3. Privacy & Data Protection (GDPR Compliance)

- Personal information provided during submission (name, email, age verification) will be used **solely for competition administration**.
- Data will **not be shared with third parties** or used for marketing purposes without explicit consent.
- After the competition, all **non-winning** entry details will be securely deleted within **six months**.
- For further details, please see our **Privacy Policy**. (*Link to University/Hull Libraries GDPR policy page.*)

4. Judging Process & Final Decision

Entries will be judged **blind** (anonymously) by a panel of **industry professionals and university academics**.

- The **judges' decision is final**, and no **correspondence will be entered into** regarding the selection process.
- If no entries meet the required standard, the judges **reserve the right not to award the prize**.

5. Disqualification & Rule Breaches

- Any submission that is found to:
 - Contain **hate speech, offensive, or defamatory content.**
 - Breach **plagiarism or AI-use policies.**
 - Be submitted under **multiple identities** to gain unfair advantage.
 - Fail to meet **entry criteria** (word count, age, residency requirements).
 - **Not** be a work of fiction and uses personal details of any living persons in the work
 - **...may be disqualified.**

6. Liability Disclaimer

- Hull Libraries and the University of Hull **are not responsible** for:
 - **Technical issues** preventing submission (e.g., lost internet connection, server downtime).
 - Delays, cancellations, or modifications due to **circumstances beyond reasonable control.**
 - Loss or corruption of submitted work due to **technical failures.**
 - Returning entries. Entrants should keep a copy of their work as their entry will not be returned.