



RITES OF PASSAGE TATTOO FESTIVAL COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS



THE 2017 TATTOO AWARD SERIES Presented by AUSTRALIAN TATTOO EVENTS

Friday – Entries MUST close at 730PM

Best Oriental/Japanese	Best Oriental style tattoo based on background, composition and flows of Asian elements and imagery
Best Polynesian	Best Polynesian Style or Tribal Style
Best Dots and Lines	Best Dots & Lines (Mosaic Style)
Best Traditional	Best Traditional style tattoo – Dark heavy lines, bold colours, traditionally patriotic symbols like eagles, ships, anchors, daggers
Best Neo Traditional	Best Neo Traditional style tattoo – the modern adaptation of the classic and timeless style – more colours, added elements of candles/roses/diamonds
Tattoo of The Day - Friday	Best Tattoo started and completed on Friday at the Expo.

Saturday - Entries MUST close at 730PM

Best Small Colour	Any Colour tattoo – 20cm and under. Tattoos are to be measured upon entry by adjudicators.
Best Large Colour	Any Colour tattoo – above 20cm. Tattoos are to be measured upon entry by adjudicators.
Best Small Black and Grey	Any Black & Grey tattoo – 20cm and under. Tattoos are to be measured upon entry by adjudicators. NO COLOUR ALLOWED
Best Large Black & Grey	Any Black & Grey tattoo – above 20cm. Tattoos are to be measured upon entry by adjudicators. NO COLOUR ALLOWED
Best Freehand	Artist and client MUST register at the START of the day BEFORE tattooing to be eligible to ensure NO stencil was used in the tattoo piece. Staff will check in at the booth to ensure freehand criteria is met.
Best Portrait/Realism	Reference Photo must be supplied on stage with the tattoo work for portrait and/or realism
Tattoo of the Day - Saturday	Best tattoo started and completed on Saturday at the Expo.

Sunday - Entries MUST close at 330PM

Best Lettering/Script	Script work or custom lettering designs
Best Collaboration Piece	Two artists who have worked in collaboration on the one tattoo canvas.
Best Male/Female Collector	Open to all public patrons where the artists do not have to be exhibiting at the Expo. Award goes to best overall collector of tattoos. Judging based on quality and coverage.
Best Sleeve (Leg or Arm)	Open to all public patrons. Sleeve must be a conclusive design. No patches or small individual pieces
Best Multi-Day Day	Tattoo must have taken more than one day of sitting at the Expo. Artists and client MUST register at the START of Day 1 of tattooing. Staff will check in at the booth to ensure multi-day criteria is met the following day.
Tattoo of The Day - Sunday	Best tattoo started and completed on Sunday at the Expo.
Tattoo of the Show	Winner judged out of Tattoo of The Day (Fri, Sat Sun) and Best Multi-Day.

Criteria and Rules for all categories:

1. A \$10 registration fee per regular tattoo award, per competition is required when registering at the Info Desk. There are no refunds for entrants who do not arrive at the Stage on time. A \$15 registration fee for all tattoos entering into The Tattoo Award Series and a \$20 registration fee for Best Collaboration for two artists that are exhibiting.
2. **Tattoos entered must be the work of an artist exhibiting at the current Australian Tattoo Expo.** With the exception of Best Tattoo Collector and Best Sleeve awards.
3. Tattoos must be finished art: partially completed, work-in-progress tattoos are ineligible.
4. Both finished tattoos (healed or unhealed) are permitted to enter.
5. The Tattoo Award Series is a National Competition and points go towards the winning artist are accumulated for a TOTAL WINNER at the end of the year – December 3rd, 2017.
6. Upon registering, each contestant will be given an entry card with an entry number. ALL contestants must have the entry card with them in order to be judged, and must display the card for official photography.
7. Registered contestants are responsible for arriving ON TIME for judging of their category. The artist and recipient of the tattoo must BOTH be present for presentations.
8. "Small – medium" tattoos are any tattoo 20cm or less in diameter. "Large" tattoos are any tattoos above 20cm. Tattoos are to be measured upon entry by adjudicators at the Information Desk.
9. Tattoos must be fully visible, if required, in modest swimwear: Men in no less than underwear and women in no less than bikinis. No G-strings or bare breasts please.
10. Judging for all contests will be at designated times for each category and will take place on the Main Stage.
11. A panel of industry judges will review all tattoo contestants in each category and assign a score based on a pre-determined point system. The judge's decisions are final.
12. "Tattoo of the Day" MUST be started at the Expo and fully finished on the day of the contest by an Artist registered at the Expo. These tattoos cannot have been started or completed outside of the event.
13. All contestants agree, that they will parade on stage during the judging to display their tattoo(s).
14. The artist winner for each category will receive a trophy.