

TATTOOFX 2026

CONTEST RULES

When?

The contests will take place on:

- Saturday, September 12 at 18:00
- Sunday, September 13 at 18:00
-  **Registration starts at 17:00 closes at 17:45 at the Info / Artist Support Booth**
-  Judging by an independent jury of experts

General rules

- Only fresh tattoos **made during the convention** may participate (except for Best Healed).
- The tattoo must be fully completed.
- Each tattoo may enter a **maximum of one category** (Best Healed, Best of Saturday, Best of Sunday and Best of Show is extra)
- Not sure which category fits? **Ask for help at the Info / Artist Support Booth.**

Black & Grey = no color.

- No colored details in eyes, flowers, or other elements
- **Any color present = automatically considered Color**
-  Greywash is allowed

CATEGORIES

◆ **Best Traditional**

- Old school of neo-traditional style
- Color accents allowed
- No realistic color gradients or soft shading

◆ **Best Blackwork**

- Only black ink
- No grey tones or color
- Dotwork, patterns, and geometry are welcome

◆ **Best Realism**

- Allowed in color or black & grey
- Realistic style: portraits, animals, objects
- No cartoon, abstract or just line work

- ◆ **Best Small Colour / Best Small Black & Grey**

-  Smaller than A4 (210 × 297 mm)

- **Black & Grey:** only shades of grey, no colour
- **Colour:** any use of color counts

- ◆ **Best Large Colour / Best Large Black & Grey**

-  Larger than A4 (210 × 297 mm)

- **Black & Grey:** only shades of grey, no colour
- **Colour:** any use of color counts

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

- 🏆 **Best of Saturday / Best of Sunday**

- Chosen from the winners of the day

- 🏆 **Best of Show**

- Best tattoo of the weekend, only for winners of Best of Saturday or Best of Sunday.

- **Best Healed**

- Tattoo must be at least **2 months old**
- No scabs or recent touch-ups
- Jury looks at healing, line work, color retention and overall impression

FINAL NOTES

- Incorrect or late registration = disqualification
- Jury decisions are final – no discussion
- By participating, you give TattooFX permission to photograph and film your tattoo

Questions? Visit the Info/Artist Support Booth