

Conditions of Entry The Percy French Prize for Witty Verse 2020

1) Entrants may submit an unlimited number of poems, in any of the categories, online or by post, and each poem must be accompanied by the appropriate fee of:

€6 per poem entered.

Payment must be made in € Euro. Entries accompanied in currencies other than Euro will not be accepted. Competitors entering online may pay by Stripe.

Personal cheques, postal orders, bank drafts & international money orders are accepted for postal entries. Cheques should be made payable to Strokestown Poetry and Tourism Company Ltd. Please write your name and address on the back of cheques.

2) Although entrants may submit an unlimited number of poems for a competition, no more than one poem from any entrant will feature on the shortlist for that competition.

3) All poems must be the original work of the entrant, written in English or Irish. Translations are not eligible. Poems must not have been previously published, self-published or published on a website or broadcast.

4) Poems must not exceed 70 lines (excluding title and stanza breaks). For postal entries the poems must be typed on A4 paper on **one side** only, and the poem and payment, should be attached to the entry form. The name of the entrant must not appear on the poems themselves. All poems are judged completely anonymously, and judges read all entries.

5) No alterations can be made to the poem once it has been submitted, and no entries can be returned.

6) The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence can be entered into regarding those decisions. The judges' **shortlists will be announced by early February 2020**. Shortlisted poets only will be notified. The prize-winner for each competition will be announced and awarded during the Strokestown International Poetry Festival, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, which will take place from 30th April - 4th May 2020. Shortlisted poets in the Percy French competition, who read their poem on the night of the presentation, receive a €100 euro reading fee.

7) Copyright will remain with the competitor, but Strokestown Poetry Festival reserves the right to arrange publication on the website and **in the anthology**, or broadcast selected poems as it sees fit.

8) Submission of a poem implies the competitor's acceptance of the conditions set out above.

Closing date: 6th December 2019