

FIT Sport Design Awards recognizes the industry's most innovative sports equipment and apparel from around the world.

The FIT Design Awards look for ground-breaking sports innovations, sustainable products, performance-enhancing solutions that provide comfort for athletes or everyday players, and practices that have a positive environmental impact. We celebrate designers' creativity and exceptional vision while honoring socially responsible practices that will inspire the next generations!



# Why you should submit?

# Global Recognition

The program is designed to be a celebration of the very best in sports gear and apparel design. Your designs will be showcased to industry leaders around the world.

# International Exposure

Winners will benefit from а comprehensive media and communications package.

### **Customer Growth**

Add 'Award Winning' to your product and profile, and generate exposure to an expanded designers' market.

### Connection

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with the worldwide sports design community. Meet your peers and forge new opportunities through networking.

# Team Recognition

Boost team morale. increased motivation, and job satisfaction are some of the positive impacts winning the FIT Awards will bring to your company

### Website Profile

Your product design will have a stunning profile display, sharing information, along with winning company and designer's details.

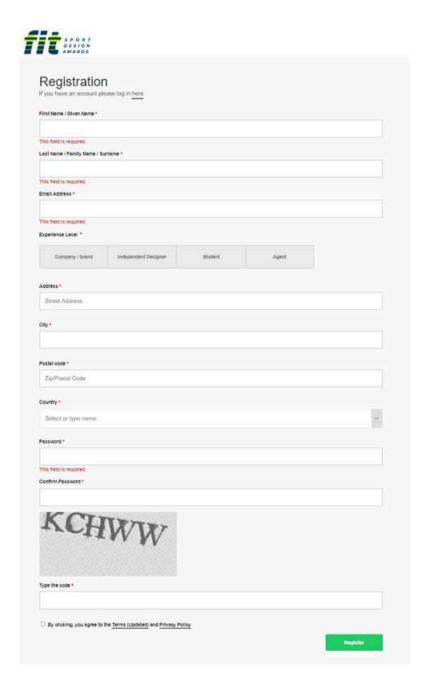
# **GETTING STARTED**

Register and complete your profile information.

Pick your experience level, add your company or school details and create a password.

Validate.

Once you have registered; you can run through the steps, save your progress then come back to complete your profile if needed.



# **CREATE AN ENTRY**

Submit your work - access your dashboard.

Click on "Submit" to the design section related to your project:

- Sportswear Design → Apparels
- Sports Equipment Design → Gears



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### FIT Sport Design Awards

Please take a moment to update your Profile

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# Sportswear Design of the Year

Submit — FIT Sport Design Awards 2026 / Sportswear Design of the Year

Enter your sportswear design: Sports clothing, Footwear, Athletic shoes, Wearables Sports gadgets and accessories

### Sports Equipment Design of the Year

Submit — FIT Sport Design Awards 2026 / Sports Equipment Design of the Year

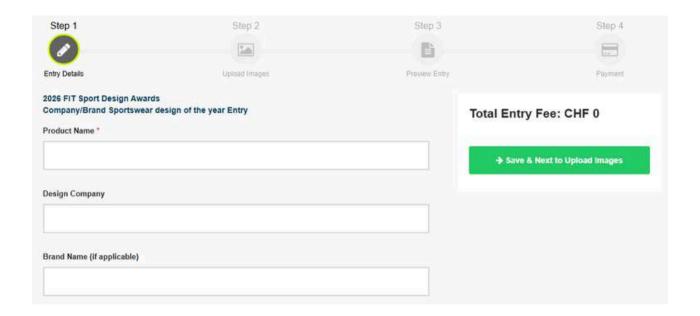
Enter your sports Equipment design: Sporting gear, sports materials, applications, and accessories.

### IMPORTANT:

- We recommend uploading a minimum of 6 pictures to a maximum of 10 images. Professional pictures are highly preferred.
- The "first Image" will be used as your entry profile picture to showcase and identify your entry, do not frame and watermark your photos.
- Do not include your/your company name in the "Entry Name" and in the description.
- Please complete your submission in English no special characters.

# **ENTRY FORM**

Step 1/ Complete the entry form. The online entry form is split into four steps: Entry Details / Entry Upload / Preview Entry / Payment



### **ENTRY DETAILS /**

For professional submissions you need to provide the following information:

- Company Name (required)
- Lead Designer (required)
- Other Designers Names(optional)
- Manufacturer (optional)
- Distributor (s) (optional)
- Other contributors (optional)
- Gear Name or Apparel Name (required)
- Category(ies) (required)
- Estimated selling price & Available to buy from (optional)
- Design Status: Concept Prototype commercialized (required)
- Brief description of the product (required)
- Product details / Composition & Product Specification (optional)
- Upload images (required) and/or PDF document (optional)
- Add links to design/product (videos, online materials, website, etc) (optional)

For student submissions you need to provide the following information:

- Name of your University (optional)
- Designer name (required)
- Other Designers Names(optional)
- Gear Name or Apparel Name (required)
- Category(ies) (required)
- Brief description of the product (required)
- Product details / Composition & Product Specification (optional)
- Upload images (required) and/or PDF document (optional)
- Add links to design/product (videos, online materials, website, etc) (optional)

# **ENTRY FORM**

Select which categories you wish to enter, you may enter the same design into as many categories as you see fit. In fact, doing so may increase your chances of winning.

## IMPORTANT/

- There is a 50% discount for the additional category picked.
- There is no limitation to the number of categories you choose.
- We accept concept, prototype and commercialized designs.
- It is important to note that each design is evaluated separately; the jury members are not evaluating a "body of work" or a "collection" of design. Please prepare one application for each product submission.

Entry Categories		Entry Categories	
SPORTSWEAR DESIGN		SPORT EQUIPMENT DESIGN	
□ SNOWSPORTS	□ WALKING & RUNNING	☐ SNOWSPORTS	□ WALKING & RUNNING
☐ WATERSPORT, AQUATIC, PADDLE SPORTS	☐ FITNESS & GYMNASTIC	☐ WATERSPORT, AQUATIC, PADDLE SPORTS	☐ FITNESS & GYMNASTIC
☐ SAILING & SURFING	☐ MOTORIZED SPORTS	☐ SAILING & SURFING	☐ MOTORIZED SPORTS
☐ BALL SPORTS	☐ CYCLING	☐ BALL SPORTS	☐ CYCLING
☐ RACKET SPORTS	MOUNTAINEERING, CLIMBING, HIKING	☐ RACKET SPORTS	☐ MOUNTAINEERING, CLIMBING, HIKING
☐ AIR SPORTS	□ COMBAT SPORTS	☐ AIR SPORTS	☐ COMBAT SPORTS
☐ STRENGTH TRAINING	☐ EQUESTRIAN SPORTS	☐ STRENGTH TRAINING	☐ EQUESTRIAN SPORTS
☐ MIXES DISCIPLINES	☐ URBAN SPORTS	☐ MIXES DISCIPLINES	☐ URBAN SPORTS
☐ EXERCICES SPORTS	□ OTHERS SPORTS	☐ EXERCICES SPORTS	☐ OTHERS SPORTS
□ OUTDOOR SPORTS	□ INDOOR SPORTS	☐ OUTDOOR SPORTS	☐ INDOOR SPORTS
☐ SUMMER SPORTS	☐ WINTER SPORTS	☐ SUMMER SPORTS	☐ WINTER SPORTS
☐ URBAN LIFE	☐ PARASPORTS	☐ URBAN LIFE	☐ PARASPORTS
SUSTAINABILITY	☐ INNOVATION	□ SUSTAINABILITY	☐ INNOVATION
☐ SPORT GADGETS	☐ E-SPORT & APPLICATIONS	☐ SPORT GADGET	☐ E-SPORT & APPLICATION
☐ TEXTILE			

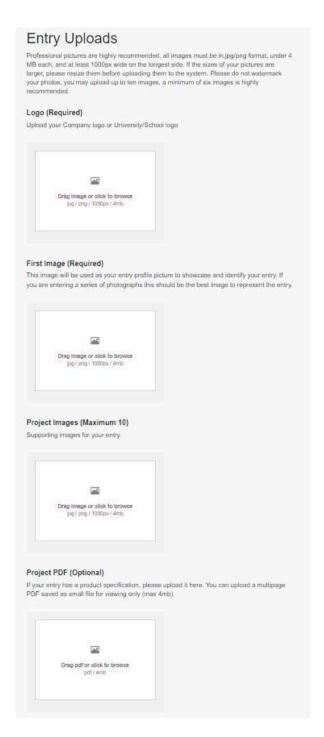
# **ENTRY UPLOAD**

Step 2/ Upload your images, company/university logo and a PDF document.

You can upload up to 10 images, the logo of your company or university and one PDF document; use it as a specification sheet to provide more insight on your project.

### IMPORTANT/

- We recommend uploading a minimum of 6, a maximum of 10 images relating to your project.
- The "First Image" will be used as your entry profile picture to showcase and identify your entry.
- Professional pictures are highly recommended, all images must be in.jpg/png format, under 4 MB each, and at least 1000px wide on the longest side. If the sizes of your pictures are larger, please resize them before uploading them to the system.
- Do not watermark your photos.
- Please ensure that you have the appropriate copyright clearances for all photography submitted. All entrants understand that any image submitted to the competition may be used by the FIT Design Awards for marketing and promotional purposes.
- The PDF document is only used by the Jury members when voting, the document will not be published.



# **ENTRY REVIEW**

Step 3/ Review your application:

 Once you have uploaded all the required material for your submission, please review your submission carefully, checking for any errors or missing information, before finalizing the payment.

# **PAYMENT**

Step 4/ Pay and receive your invoice:

- Submission fees are the last step in processing your application.
- Multiple entry payments are possible, just click and select those you would like to proceed with.
- Payment must be made via credit a card or Paypal.
- The cost summary is including the early submissions discount, when applicable.
- The company is based in Switzerland therefore the program currency is CHF Swiss Franc, however, you can pay in all currencies accepted by stripe & Paypal.
- Please make sure your company details have been fully completed under "profile" as the invoice will be under this company name and address.
- Once you have entered your payment information, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to download the invoice; you can also find the invoice under "History" - "Completed Entries."

If you have any questions, please check our <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> on the FIT Sport Design Awards website.

Thank you for submitting your projects and sharing your design with us!

### Contact/

Please feel free to contact us at any time customer service: support@fitdesignawards.com www.fitdesignawards.com

# JUDGING CRITERIA

The evaluation process for entries to the FIT Sport Design Awards is based on various judging criteria. These criteria are not comprehensive and not all criteria are applied to each project, they simply provide an orientation framework and basis for judging — which is complemented by each individual juror's expertise and socio-cultural background.

Each member of the Jury is passionately committed to providing a fair evaluation. Jury members are assigned categories based on their specific background and expertise. Our jury members cast their votes individually and anonymously to ensure unbiased and impartial judging. Jury votes are tallied and the highest overall scoring entries are selected as winners.

- Aesthetics form, shape, color, texture, finishing, the material used, etc.
- Innovation does the apparel/gear provide something new to the market or supplement/improve an existing product?
- Practicality/Functionality ease of cleaning, safety, repairs, maintenance
- Durability the quality and longevity of the product, is it adaptable to extreme conditions?
- Impact the benefit delivered to the athlete, does it increase performance, or increase comfort?
- Ecological compatibility potential environmental and/or ecological impact, local produce, repair circle, materials used.
- Emotional quotient in addition to fulfilling its practical purpose, does the apparel/gear create a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction?

# **ENTRY FEES**

Company / Brand: CHF 250 incl. local VAT/

Same entry in additional categories at a 50% discount

Independent Designer CHF 150 incl. local VAT/

Same entry in additional categories at a 50% discount

Student CHF 50 incl. local VAT/

Same entry in additional categories at a 50% discount

# **DEADLINES**

- 15% Early Bird discount until the 7th of September 2025
- 10% Extended Early Bird discount until the 31st of November 2025
- Regular Deadline: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Final Deadline: March 1st, then a 10% late fee will apply till the 12th of April 2026.
- The Program will close on April 12th, 2026.

