

# Terms & Conditions for “The Murder Mystery Challenge”

## 1. Overview of the Event

- Name: Murder Mystery Challenge
- Type: Skill-based detective game. Participants will receive clues and challenges via email over a set period.
- Objective: Solve the fictional murder mystery by submitting the most accurate and complete solution the fastest.
- Prize: [\$1,000 USD] awarded to a single participant who submits the correct solution first.

## 2. Eligibility

- Participants must be 18 years or older.
- The event is open to residents of Ventura County & Los Angeles County.
- Employees of the event organizer and their immediate family members are not eligible.
- The contest is open to individuals worldwide, except where prohibited by law.

## 3. Entry Requirements

- Participants must pay a non-refundable entry fee of \$20 to join the event.
- Payment must be received by [specific deadline, e.g., January 31, 2025].
- **Payment Terms:** Entry fees must be received in full before registration is confirmed. Payments that are incomplete, returned, or disputed will disqualify the participant.
- To register, participants must complete a “sign-up” and send payment via PayPal.
- The “sign-up” is an Email-Registration-Submission located online at [MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery](https://MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery)
- The Email-Registration-Submission requires:

[Full Name]\*

[Email Address]\*

[Subject line stating “Registration”]\*

[Message Body]\*

A \$20 non-refundable entry fee is required to participate in the contest.

Payment must be made via PayPal before the participation begins.

## 4. Event Timeline

- Registration Deadline: [Insert Date]
- Event Start Date: [Insert Date]

- Participants will receive one email weekly with new clues, character profiles, and story updates.
- Final submissions are due by [specific deadline].
- **Deadline:** Participants must submit their solutions by [insert specific date and time]. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

## 5. Judging Criteria

- Submissions will be judged on the following:
  - Accuracy: How close the solution is to the correct answer.
  - Completeness: Inclusion of all required details in the solution.
  - Speed: First correct answer
- The judging panel will consist of the event organizer and two neutral parties.
- Decisions made by the judging panel are final.

## Winner Selection:

- The winner will be determined based on the first email received with the correct solution to the mystery.
- Emails must include the correct answer, sent to the specified email address using the submission form on [MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery](https://MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery), and will be judged based on their timestamp.

## 6. Prize Details

- The winner will receive [\$1,000 USD], paid via [PayPal] within [14 days] of the winner being announced.
- In the event of a tie, the prize will be split evenly among winners. If a tie occurs between more than two participants the prize will be equally distributed.

## 7. General Rules

- All submissions must be original and created by the participant.
- Participants must not share clues or solutions publicly during the event.
- Event organizers reserve the right to disqualify participants who violate these rules or act in bad faith.

## 8. Privacy

- Participants' personal information will only be used for event-related communications and payment.
- Personal information collected for the contest, including email addresses and payment details, will only be used for contest purposes and will not be shared with third parties.

## 9. Liability

- Event organizers are not responsible for technical issues, lost emails, or payment errors.

- Participants agree to release the organizer from any liability related to participation.

#### **10. Cancellation and Refund Policy**

- The organizer reserves the right to cancel the event due to unforeseen circumstances. In this case, all entry fees will be refunded.
- No refunds will be provided for any other reason.

#### **Refund Policy:**

- All entry fees are non-refundable.
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### **Further Expanded Terms**

#### **Final Answer Submission Requirements:**

- Final solutions must be submitted via email using the submission form on the official Murder Mystery website ([MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery](https://MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery)) with Full Name, Registration ID, Subject Line “Final Answer” and email body message with participants' answer.

#### **Prize Details Tax Implication:**

- The winner is solely responsible for any taxes or fees associated with the prize. Organizers will provide a receipt or other documentation upon request.

#### **Agreement to Terms:**

- By submitting the entry fee and participating in the contest, participants agree to abide by these Terms & Conditions.

#### **Event Timelines**

- Registration opens: [Date]
- Registration closes: [Date]
- Event start: [Date]
- Final submissions due: [Date]
- Winner announced: [Date]

## **Disqualification Rules**

- Behaviors that lead to disqualification: collusion, harassment of other participants, or failing to adhere to submission guidelines. For example: Participants who share clues publicly, attempt to bribe judges, or otherwise disrupt the fairness of the event will be disqualified without refund.
- Participants found to be violating these terms, using inappropriate methods to gather information, or engaging in any behavior deemed unsportsmanlike may be disqualified at the organizer's discretion.

## **Email Requirements**

- Email requirements for Final Answer:  
Participants must include their full name, registration ID, and the words "Final Answer" in the subject line, followed by their final answer in the email body.

## **Clarification of Correctness**

- A "correct answer" is the name of the guilty party character from the Murder Mystery Challenge. The name must be spelled correctly with appropriate capitalization. There should be no room for interpretation.

## **Handling Disputes**

- The organizer is not responsible for delays in email delivery due to technical issues. The timestamp on the organizer's email server will be considered final.

## **In the Event of a Dispute:**

- The decision of the organizer is final. The timestamp recorded by the organizer's email platform will serve as the definitive record.

## **Determining the Winner:**

- The winner will be the participant who submits the correct answer via email first, as determined by the timestamp on the organizer's email server.
- Email form submission must follow the specified format:
  - Full Name + [Registration ID]
  - Subject line: [The words "Final Answer"]
  - Message Body: Clearly state the final answer.
- Any emails missing these elements or submitted after the deadline will be disqualified.

## **Email Final Submission Requirements:**

Full Name + Registration ID

Subject line: The words "Final Answer"

Email Message Body: Your Final Answer - Your final answer (one sentence or phrase)

Example:

*John Smith - #12345*

Subject line: *"Final Answer"*

Email Message Body: *Jim Jones the Pool boy*

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## **Final Submission Deadline**

All final submissions must be sent before **11:59 PM EST on January 15, 2025**. Emails received after this time will not be eligible.

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## **Confirmation of Submission**

You will receive an automated email confirming that we have received your submission.

Or:

Due to the volume of entries, we will not send individual confirmations. Rest assured that all correctly submitted emails will be reviewed.

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## **Rules About Multiple Submissions**

Only the first email you send for the "Final Answer Submission" will be reviewed. Please double-check your answer before submitting.

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## **Disclaimer for Technical Issues**

The organizer is not responsible for delayed or undelivered emails due to technical issues. Please ensure you send your email well before the deadline.

### **Limitation of Liability:**

- The organizer is not responsible for technical errors, delayed submissions, or any issues beyond their control that affect the outcome of the contest.
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## Email Instructions

### How to Submit Your Final Answer

To participate in the final round of the murder mystery contest, please follow these instructions carefully:

1. **Send an email using the contact form on the official website:**  
[\[MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery\]](https://MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery)
2. **Enter all fields:** [Full Name] + [Registration ID]  
Subject Line: [The words "Final Answer"]  
Example: *Jane Doe - #54321*  
Subject line: *"Final Answer"*
3. **Email body:** Your final answer (one phrase or sentence)  
Example: *Jim Jones the Pool boy*
4. **Deadline:** Submit your email by **11:59 PM EST on January 15, 2025.**

### Important Notes:

- Only your first email will be reviewed. Double-check your answer before submitting.
- The winner will be selected based on the timestamp of the first correct submission.
- No confirmations will be sent for submissions.

## Sign-Up Instructions:

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### How to Sign Up for the Murder Mystery Contest:

1. **Click on the Link:**  
Follow the sign-up link provided ([MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery](https://MyTrueHorizon.com/murder-mystery)) to begin your registration.
2. **Fill Out Your Details:**  
Complete the sign-up form with your full name and email address. In the Subject line put the word "Registration". In the Message Body write a greeting. Be sure to provide a valid email address, as this will be the main way we communicate with you throughout the contest!

Example:

Name: *Jane Doe*

Email address: [JaneDoe@gmail.com](mailto:JaneDoe@gmail.com)

Subject Line: *Registration*

Message Body: *Hello, Happy to be a part of the Challenge!*

3. **Pay the Entry Fee:**

After completing your registration form, you'll be sent a "registration activation" email with a payment link to make a \$20 payment to confirm your spot in the contest. Payments are securely processed via PayPal.

**Note:** Your payment is your confirmation of entry, and you will not receive any game materials until the payment is verified.

4. **Confirmation Email with Your Unique User ID:**

Upon successful registration and payment, you will receive a confirmation email. This email will include your unique **User ID** (e.g., MM2025001). Keep this ID handy for all future correspondence, as it will be used to track your submissions and interactions throughout the game.

5. **Start the Game:**

Once you're signed up and your payment is confirmed, you will start receiving weekly updates, clues, and new parts of the story directly to your email. These will include exclusive content like journal entries, photos, and police reports. Use your clues and reasoning to solve the murder mystery.

6. **Submissions:**

You will receive instructions on how to submit your answers. The first correct submission that matches the clues provided will be rewarded. Ensure your answers are accurate and submitted on time!

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