

TOPVENDOR WEDDING AWARDS

WEDDING OF THE YEAR

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please read these Terms & Conditions before entering the competition. By submitting an entry, you agree to the following terms.

1. Eligibility

- The competition is open to South African residents who participated as the bride in a marriage ceremony between **1 January and 31 December of “the competition” year.**
- Proof of residency and the qualifying marriage may be requested.
- TopVendor employees, organisers, judges and their immediate family members may not participate where a conflict of interest exists.
- TopVendor reserves the right to verify entries and disqualify participants who do not meet the requirements.

2. Entry Fees and Deadlines

- The entry fee is **R200 (VAT inclusive)** and is non-refundable.
- Entries and payments close on **March after “The Competition” Year**
- Entries must be complete and submitted before the relevant deadlines. Late or incomplete entries may be disqualified.
- TopVendor reserves the right to extend deadlines where necessary.

3. Voting and Judging

- Public voting opens **March - May after “The Competition” Year**
- The Voting closes and Top 10 will be announced **May/June after “The Competition” Year**
- An independent judging panel will select the overall winner, who will be announced on **at the TopVendor Wedding Awards Ceremony.**
- Judges' decisions are final, subject to applicable law.

4. Photographs and Intellectual Property

- Entrants confirm that they have permission to submit all photographs, videos and other content.
- Entrants retain ownership of their content but grant TopVendor a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use submitted material for competition-

related publicity, marketing, social media, website content and future promotional purposes.

- Entrants are responsible for obtaining any necessary permissions from photographers, copyright owners and identifiable individuals appearing in submitted content.
- TopVendor may reject content that infringes third-party rights or is inappropriate.

5. Publicity and the Winner

- TopVendor may publish entrants' names, photographs, wedding stories, finalist status and winner announcements.
- The winner agrees to reasonably participate in promotional activities relating to the title.
- Failure to meet agreed promotional obligations or a material breach of these terms may result in the title being withdrawn.
- Prizes, where applicable, are subject to the relevant sponsor's terms and are not transferable or redeemable for cash unless stated otherwise.

6. Sponsors and Personal Information

- Entrants' personal information may be shared with relevant sponsors and service providers where necessary to administer the competition, arrange prizes or facilitate related services.
- TopVendor will process personal information in accordance with the **Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA)** and its Privacy Policy.
- TopVendor does not sell entrants' personal information.

7. Liability and Disqualification

- TopVendor may disqualify entrants for false information, copyright infringement, fraudulent voting or breaches of these terms.
- TopVendor is not responsible for technical failures, lost submissions, network interruptions or circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
- TopVendor reserves the right to amend, postpone, suspend or cancel the competition where reasonably necessary, subject to applicable law.
- Nothing in these terms excludes liability that cannot lawfully be excluded under South African law.

8. General

- These Terms & Conditions are governed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa.

- By entering, participants confirm that their information is accurate and that they accept these Terms & Conditions.

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PRIVACY POLICY

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1. Information We Collect

TopVendor Wedding Awards (Pty) Ltd collects personal information such as names, contact details, photographs, wedding information, entry details and payment records when you enter the competition or communicate with us.

2. How We Use Your Information

Your information may be used to:

- administer and verify entries;
- process payments and manage voting;
- contact participants and announce finalists and winners;
- administer prizes and communicate with sponsors;
- publish competition-related content;
- promote TopVendor and Wedding of the Year; and
- comply with legal obligations.

3. Photographs and Publicity

By entering, you acknowledge that your submitted photographs, name, wedding story and finalist or winner status may be published on TopVendor's website, social media, newsletters and promotional platforms, in accordance with the Terms & Conditions.

4. Sharing Information

TopVendor may share relevant information with judges, sponsors and trusted service providers where necessary to administer the competition. Information will not be sold to third parties.

5. Cookies and Security

Our website may use cookies and similar technologies to improve functionality and analyse website usage. TopVendor takes reasonable measures to protect personal information against unauthorised access, loss or disclosure.

6. Retention of Information

Personal information will be retained only for as long as reasonably necessary for competition administration, legitimate business purposes or legal obligations, after which it will be securely deleted or destroyed where appropriate.

7. Your Rights

Subject to applicable law, you may request access to or correction of your personal information, request deletion where legally permissible, withdraw consent where applicable, or object to certain processing activities.

You may also lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator of South Africa.

8. Changes and Contact

TopVendor may update this Privacy Policy when necessary. The latest version will be made available on our website.

For privacy queries, contact:

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By entering Wedding of the Year 2026, you acknowledge that you have read and understood this Privacy Policy.