



Oscar Nominations Delayed to Jan. 19: Voting Extended!

Description

The voting deadline for Oscar nominations has been extended by two days in light of the devastating fires ravaging Southern California.

Voting commenced for the nearly 10,000 Academy members on January 8, with the original closing date set for January 12. The revised deadline is now January 14. Furthermore, the announcement of the nominations, initially slated for January 17, has been postponed to January 19. Conan O'Brien is scheduled to host the 2025 Oscars, which will take place on March 2.

An email circulated by the Academy on Wednesday afternoon outlined these date changes, accompanied by a message from CEO Bill Kramer expressing sympathy for those affected by the catastrophic fires. "We wish to convey our deepest condolences to those impacted by the devastating events across Southern California," the email remarked. "Many of our members and industry colleagues reside and work within the Los Angeles area, and they remain in our thoughts."

Additional adjustments to the schedule that were communicated in the email include:

- The International Feature Shortlist Screening originally scheduled for Wednesday evening in Los Angeles has been postponed until later in the week.
- Both the in-person Los Angeles Sound Branch Bake-Off and the Makeup Artists and Hairstylists Branch Bake-Offs scheduled for January 11 in Los Angeles and New York City have been canceled.
- The in-person Visual Effects Branch Bake-Offs in both Los Angeles and the Bay Area, previously set for January 11, have also been canceled.

The extension of the voting period is a response to a wave of event cancellations and postponements throughout the Los Angeles area due to the ongoing crisis. Major studios such as Amazon MGM and Universal Studios were among the first to cancel their premieres of "Unstoppable" and "Wolf Man," originally slated for Tuesday evening. Meanwhile, Paramount and Max followed suit, canceling their Wednesday premieres of "Better Man" and "The Pitt."

The SAG Awards nominations, which were set to be revealed live on Wednesday morning by Joey King and Cooper Koch, pivoted to being announced via press release instead. Additionally, both the AFI Awards luncheon on January 10 and the BAFTA Tea Party on January 11 have been postponed, while the Critics Choice Awards, initially scheduled for January 12 in Santa Monica, have been rescheduled to January 26.

"The 30th annual Critics Choice Awards ceremony has been rescheduled from January 12 to January 26 due to the catastrophic fires impacting Southern California," stated a release from the Critics Choice Association (CCA) issued on Wednesday. "The rescheduled event will take place at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, California, and will be broadcast live on E! around the world, with subsequent availability on Peacock the following day."

CCA CEO Joey Berlin remarked, "This unfolding tragedy has profoundly affected our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with those combating these devastating fires and with everyone impacted."

Just for Variety

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Devastating** /'devə,steɪtɪŋ/ (adjective): Causing great damage or destruction.
2. **Postponed** /,pɒst'pəʊnd/ (verb): Caused to occur at a later time.
3. **Congrue** /'kɒŋgru:/ (noun): Pertaining to events being together or coinciding.
4. **Crisis** /'kraɪsɪs/ (noun): A time of intense difficulty or danger.
5. **Condolences** /kən'dɒlənsɪz/ (noun): Expressions of sympathy particularly in regards to loss or suffering.
6. **Impacting** /'ɪmpæktɪŋ/ (verb): Having a strong effect on someone or something.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When did the voting for Oscar nominations commence?

- Option: January 8
- Option: January 10
- Option: January 12
- Option: January 14

2. Who is scheduled to host the 2025 Oscars?



- Option: Conan O'Brien
- Option: Ellen DeGeneres
- Option: Jimmy Fallon
- Option: Jimmy Kimmel

3. Which major studios canceled their premieres because of the fires in Southern California?

- Option: Amazon MGM and Universal Studios
- Option: Paramount and Max
- Option: Sony Pictures and Warner Bros
- Option: Disney and Pixar

4. When was the original announcement of the Oscar nominations supposed to take place?

- Option: January 17
- Option: January 19
- Option: January 22
- Option: January 25

5. Who expressed sympathy for those affected by the fires in Southern California?

- Option: Bill Kramer
- Option: Joey Berlin
- Option: Cooper Koch
- Option: Joey King

6. Which event was postponed from January 12 to January 26?

- Option: AFI Awards luncheon
- Option: SAG Awards nominations
- Option: BAFTA Tea Party
- Option: Critics Choice Awards

True-False

7. The SAG Awards nominations were still revealed live despite the fires in Southern California.

8. The BAFTA Tea Party was canceled due to the fires in Southern California.

9. Joey Berlin is the CEO of the Critics Choice Association.

10. The announcement of the Oscar nominations was originally set for January 12.



11. The SAG Awards nominations were announced by Bill Kramer and Joey King.
12. Joey Berlin expressed condolences to those affected by the fires in Southern California.

Gap-Fill

13. The original closing date for voting for Oscar nominations was January _____.
14. The International Feature Shortlist Screening in Los Angeles was postponed and rescheduled for later in the _____.
16. The in-person Visual Effects Branch Bake-Offs were scheduled in Los Angeles and the _____.
17. The Critics Choice Awards were rescheduled from January 12 to _____.
18. CCA CEO Joey Berlin remarked that the unfolding tragedy affected their _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. January 8 2. Conan O'Brien 3. Amazon MGM and Universal Studios 4. January 17 5. Bill Kramer 6. Critics Choice Awards

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 12 14. week 16. Bay Area 17. 26 18. community

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to the act of being occupied or involved with something?
Option: A) Intrigue
Option: B) Engagement
Option: C) Devastating
Option: D) Resilience
2. What word describes the level of strength or concentration of something?



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- Option: A) Unwavering
Option: B) Impacting
Option: C) Complexity
Option: D) Intensity
3. Which term is used to describe a time of intense difficulty or danger?
Option: A) Postponed
Option: B) Epitomizes
Option: C) Crisis
Option: D) Pursued
4. Which word means causing great damage or destruction?
Option: A) Congruent
Option: B) Divulge
Option: C) Devastating
Option: D) Trepidation
5. What term is used to describe something causing a marked change or improvement?
Option: A) Acclaimed
Option: B) Transformative
Option: C) Untimely
Option: D) Allegations
6. Which word refers to something having a double meaning or unclear nature?
Option: A) Retaliatory
Option: B) Ambiguous
Option: C) Litigation
Option: D) Untimely
7. What term describes demands or requests for something one believes is due?
Option: A) Reuniting
Option: B) Allegations
Option: C) Claims
Option: D) Countermeasures
8. What word means steady or constant and not wavering in determination?
Option: A) Profound
Option: B) Unwavering
Option: C) Nuanced
Option: D) Impacting
9. Which term refers to something characterized by subtle differences or nuances?
Option: A) Implicated



- Option: B) Nuanced
- Option: C) Retaliatory
- Option: D) Complex

10. What word describes the act of coming together or being brought back together?

- Option: A) Impacting
- Option: B) Profound
- Option: C) Reuniting
- Option: D) Litigation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The _____ of the decision were far-reaching and affected many areas of the company.
12. To address the security breach the company implemented various _____ to prevent future incidents.
13. The dispute between the two parties ended up in _____ lasting for years.
14. The confidential information was mistakenly _____ during the press conference.
15. Due to unforeseen circumstances the event had to be subject to a _____.
16. The artist's latest work was widely _____ for its creativity and originality.
17. The politician strongly denied the _____ of corruption against him.
18. The decision had severe _____ that impacted the entire industry.
19. The employees experienced a sense of _____ as rumors of layoffs spread through the office.
20. The _____ of the situation required a comprehensive approach to find a solution.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The media engaged in wild about the reasons behind the sudden resignation of the CEO.



22. The of their opinions on the matter led to a more successful collaboration.
23. The community demonstrated remarkable in coming together after the natural disaster.
24. His dedication to the cause his unwavering commitment to making a difference.
25. The sudden loss of the key team member was an setback for the project.
26. The new software showed great in streamlining the company's processes.
27. It is inappropriate to confidential information to unauthorized individuals.
28. The evidence found at the scene strongly the suspect in the crime.
29. The cybersecurity team implemented various to protect the company's sensitive data.
30. The speaker's words had a impact on the audience leaving them deeply moved.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B) Engagement 2. D) Intensity 3. C) Crisis 4. C) Devastating 5. B) Transformative
6. B) Ambiguous 7. C) Claims 8. B) Unwavering 9. B) Nuanced 10. C) Reuniting

Gap-Fill: 11. implications 12. countermeasures 13. litigation 14. divulged 15. postponement 16. acclaimed
17. allegations 18. repercussions 19. trepidation 20. complexity

Matching sentence: 1. speculation 2. congruence 3. resilience 4. epitomizes 5. untimely 6. capability 7.
divulge 8. implicated 9. countermeasures 10. profound

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