

How the voting for the Sir Julius Vogel Awards works

Voting is based on a preferential voting system. This is the same system used for the Hugos and the Ditmars. When voting, you rank your choices in order of preference. When vote counting takes place, it's entirely possible that votes past your first choice will be significant in determining the final vote. For full details on how vote counting takes place, look in the folders containing the nominations.

Examples

There are four possible choices in the following example.

Best Furry Fan

Queenie the Alien	[2]
Marvin the Sheep	[1]
Jemima the Frog	[3]
No Award	[]

In this selection, I consider Marvin the Sheep to be my first choice, then Queenie, then Jemima.

No Award

The No Award option is treated like another nominee. In the above case I can ignore it, or fill it in as my fourth option.

I would only choose No Award if I had read all the works and considered some to not be worthy of being on the ballot.

In the following example, I genuinely consider only two of the options to be worthy of being on the ballot, so my third choice is No Award.

Best Furry Fan

Queenie the Alien	[2]
Marvin the Sheep	[1]
Jemima the Frog	[]
No Award	[3]

On the other hand, I might consider that only one is worth voting for, so I place my first vote accordingly, and my second option of No Award. However, if the vote counting happens in such a way that

votes come down to a third choice, I want my other votes to count, so I also place votes in order for the other two options.

Best Furry Fan

Queenie the Alien	[3]
Marvin the Sheep	[1]
Jemima the Frog	[4]
No Award	[2]

Sometimes there is only one nominee in a category. When this happens, the option is given to Carry Forward the nominee until the next year of the Sir Julius Vogel Awards. In that case, the nominee is combined with any nominations for the next year. If the nominee is still the only nominee in the category, then the option for Carry Forward is not given.

Best Furry Fan

Queenie the Alien	[2]
Carry Forward	[1]
No Award	[3]

In conclusion, it is possible that any of your vote preferences may be significant when the votes are counted, so if possible, it is a good idea to fill in all the options in preferential order. You are, however, under no obligation to put a number next to every work in a category if you do not wish to.