

# No Live Show This Year

Due to a variety of circumstances, both in and outside of our control, we will not be performing a live awards show this year at the Texas Pinball Festival. We are disappointed that we won't get a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of 2023 together with all of the people who made it possible, however we still plan to continue with the voting period as planned and release the results on [twipys.com](http://twipys.com). This way the pinball community will still be able to vote and show their appreciation for the work that gave us 20 games this year. We believe that the TWIPY Pinball Awards provide the best representation of the pinball community with over 5,400 unique voters in 2022 from 50 different countries.

Voting is planned to begin Mon. 12/18 at [twipys.com](http://twipys.com)

# New Favorite Pinball Content Creator Category

We've been disappointed in the reaction to our category changes for pinball content creators. However, we have heard the feedback and recognize the importance of encouraging and promoting those who work hard to spread the love of pinball. Our intent was not to take away the community's voice, but we also don't condone harassment, abuse, threats, spreading lies, or other malicious behavior.

After discussions with the committee as well as an additional group of content creators, we have decided to revise the content creator section of the awards by consolidating them into a single award. This brand new category, *Favorite Pinball Content Creator*, will help celebrate those who promote pinball while removing some of the issues with the past categories.

*Favorite Pinball Content Creator* will encompass all content creators in pinball no matter what medium(s) they use. In addition, in order to encourage the recognition of new creators in the space, previous winners of any TWIPY media category will not be eligible for winning and will not be listed in this category this year nor in future years. Those who won creator-specific awards in the past will forever be recognized and celebrated as having made a great contribution to the promotion of pinball broadly, but now we hope to encourage more new and upcoming creators.

There will still be a requirement to have produced 5 pieces of new, substantial pinball content through the 12/1/2022 to 11/30/2023 time period, but it will cover all mediums the content creator uses.

This means that as prior winners of a content-creator TWIPY award, the following pinball creators will NOT be eligible for this category for this year and any future years:

**Straight Down the Middle: A Pinball Show**  
(2017, 2018, 2020)

**Dead Flip**

(2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

**Kaneda's Pinball Podcast**

(2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

**Pinside**

(2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

**Pinball Magazine**

(2018, 2019)

**PAPA Pinball**

(2019)

**This Week In Pinball**

(2020)

**TNT Amusements**

(2021, 2022)

# Eligibility Facts

- The ranked choice voting we have in place for the TWIPYs has always been intended to give voters more choice in showing appreciation for their top 3 favorites. It was never implemented to try to reduce the likelihood of any individual or entity's ability to win a category. [Please read the full advantages of our ranked choice voting](#)
- There has never been any requirement to have free publicly listed content for any of the pinball media categories. Whether a creator is behind a paywall or not has never been considered in determining eligibility for being on the ballot. Please review all of our eligibility documents since we have posted them each year since 2020:
  - [2020 Eligibility Document](#)
  - [2021 Eligibility Document](#)
  - [2022 Eligibility Document](#)
- It was always our intention to include Kaneda's Pinball Podcast in all associated media categories this year. Even after This Week In Pinball (TWIP) removed his entry in the TWIP Promoters DB, we made it clear to Chris Kooluris that he was still on the ballot. TWIP is now a completely separate organization from the TWIPY Pinball Awards. TWIP fully has a right to list and promote any entity they want in any way they see fit. Chris was told the above facts and was asked personally to stop the lies, harassment,

and threats. It was only after that request was ignored that the Committee Lead, Will Oetting, decided to remove the categories.

- The TWIPYs have always strived to provide unbiased opportunity for all pinball manufacturers, locations, content creators, events, mod makers, and custom game creators to be listed and available for the public to vote for.