

World Athletics Photograph of the Year

World Athletics will present an award to the best athletics professional photograph of the calendar year 2021 as part of the 2021 World Athletics Awards.

Professional Photographer Award

- i. Any professional photographer who has been able to photograph any athletics event in 2021 can take part in the competition. Events include but are not restricted to Olympic Games, World Athletics Series events, Diamond League meetings, World Athletics Continental Tour meetings, Area Championships, Area meetings, National championships, World Athletics Label Road Races, Race Walk, Combined Events, Cross Country and Hammer Throw challenges etc.
- ii. Only professional photographers can enter the competition provided they comply with these rules.
- iii. Photographers are requested to submit 1 (ONE) photograph by email to waphotoaward@worldathletics.org. Submissions shall include a CAPTION, the DATE when the photograph was taken and the technical information of the selected image. Photographers shall provide the original image (including images prior and following) to prove authenticity. The image file size shall be no larger than 5MB
- iv. Submissions shall be received by Saturday 6 November midday (12pm) Monaco time and shall include all of the required details.
- v. The photograph submitted must be free from any third-party rights. If you have transferred ownership to a third party then do not enter your chosen photograph into this competition as we require you to transfer, release and waive all rights in the photograph to us (see paragraph vi. below).
- vi. By entering a photo in the competition, the photographer transfers, releases and waives all the rights of the said photograph to World Athletics and its usage on its platforms such as website, social media and printed material. After entry into this award you cannot transfer, release or waive rights in the photograph to any third party.
- vii. A panel of experts shall judge and select the top 25 images. The selected 25 images will be part of a digital photo exhibition which will be on show on World Athletics' website from 22 November.
- viii. The panel of experts will also determine the top three images from the 25 shortlisted images. The photographers of the top three images shall be confidentially informed if their selection has been successful by 15 November.
- ix. The finalist photographers of the World Athletics Photograph of the Year will be permitted to communicate their selection on social media only after the announcements have been made officially by World Athletics on one of its official channels.
- x. The winner of the World Athletics Photograph of the Year shall be announced live at the World Athletics Awards.
- xi. Subject to compliance with any applicable COVID-19 protocols and the final format of the World Athletics Awards, the winner will be invited to attend the World Athletics Awards. However, if under any circumstances the winner is unable to attend and the announcement is pre-recorded, the winner agrees to keep their award strictly confidential until after the World Athletics Photograph of the Year has been announced at the World Athletics Awards.

General Conditions

1. By entering the competition, the entrant agrees to be bound by the rules and by any other requirements set out in the promotional material.
2. All entrants to a competition must comply with any age and/or other eligibility requirements set out in the Rules. The eligibility of any entrant is at the sole discretion of World Athletics.
3. Only one entry per person is permitted and spammers will be disqualified.
4. All entries must be made in accordance with the rules and must be received by World Athletics by the closing date. Entries made otherwise shall be invalid.
5. World Athletics reserves the right to cancel the competition at its sole discretion and without prior notice.
6. The Panel's decision is final, and World Athletics shall not enter into any correspondence about that decision.
7. World Athletics will not accept responsibility for loss through technical fault, incomplete, illegible or other damaged entries.
8. World Athletics is not awarding any associated prize with the World Athletics Photograph of the Year award.
9. It is the entrants' responsibility to ensure that, when entering competitions which, if won, could result in time off work, their employer is in agreement to time off. When dates are specified, they cannot be altered.
10. By entering the promotion, the winner(s) consent(s) to any publicity generated as a result of the promotion and use by World Athletics.
11. Where relevant, all taxes, insurances, transfers, spending money and other expenses (including meals or personal expenses upgrades etc.) are, unless otherwise specifically stated, the sole responsibility of the prize-winner.