

World Athletics Photograph of the Year

World Athletics will present an award to the best athletics professional photograph of the calendar year 2025 ('the Competition') as part of the 2025 World Athletics Awards. The Competition is subject to the following terms and conditions.

Professional Photographer Award

- i. Any professional photographer officially accredited to photograph at any athletics event in 2025 can take part in the Competition.
- ii. The photograph must have been taken at an athletics competition event sanctioned by either World Athletics or an Area Association. For example, 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.
- iii. Only professional photographers can enter the Competition. Only one entry per person is permitted and spammers will be disqualified.
- iv. Photographers are requested to submit only 1 (ONE) photograph on the following form: <https://eu.research.net/r/waphotoawards2025> World Athletics will not accept responsibility for loss through technical fault, incomplete, illegible, or other damaged entries.
- v. The form requires the photographer's NAME, NATIONALITY, EMAIL, CAPTION, BIOGRAPHY & 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 verify and prove authenticity. The image file size shall be no larger than 5MB.
- vi. Submissions shall be received by Friday 31 October 2025 (23:59) Monaco time and shall include all the required details.
- vii. By entering the Competition, the photographer confirms they have the necessary rights in the entered photograph to grant World Athletics, a royalty free, worldwide, irrevocable license to use the photograph in any media (existing and future) for the purposes of promoting the sport of athletics (including athletics events). Photographers must ensure they have not licensed or transferred ownership in the photograph to a third party. Photographers must not enter his competition without checking their photograph is clear of any third-party rights or permissions.
- viii. World Athletics will recognise the photographers moral right to be identified as the photographer of the photograph submitted.
- ix. A panel of four experts shall review and score all photographs properly entered under these terms and conditions, out of which the top 10 photographs are identified. The selected 10 photographs will be part of a digital photo exhibition shown and available on World Athletics' website and/or social media platforms after the finalists are announced.
- x. The panel of experts will determine the top three photographs from the 10 shortlisted photographs. The top three photographs will be published on World Athletics' website and/or social media channels on 13 November 2025.

- xi. The final three photographers of the World Athletics Photograph of the Year will be permitted to communicate their selection on social media only after the official announcements by World Athletics on one of its official channels.
- xii. Thereafter, the winner will be selected out of the top three. The winning photographer out of the top three photographs shall be confidentially informed by end of November.
- xiii. The winner of the World Athletics Photograph of the Year shall be officially announced via World Athletics' social media platforms during the last week of November. World Athletics is not awarding any associated prize with the World Athletics Photograph of the Year award.
- xiv. By entering the competition, the entrant agrees to be bound by the [General Competition Terms](#) and by any other requirements set out in the promotional material.