

The New Brighton Photographic Club Inc.

35th National Photojournalism Competition.

Competition Rules.

Competition entry opens 1st June 2026

Competition entry closes 31st July 2026

1. This competition is open to:
 - All New Zealand residents, whether a member of a club or not.
 - Financial members of PSNZ worldwide,
2. Images can be taken in any country.
3. The competition is a digital competition.
4. Each entrant may submit up to four (4) digital images in each of the two sections
 - Category 1 : Sport and/or Action
 - Category 2 : Street Photography and/or Social Commentary
5. Entry fee is \$35 for an entry in a single section, and \$50 for both sections.
Payment will be made online by direct deposit to the bank account shown on the entry form.
6. All images must have originated in camera, film or digital, and have been exposed by the entrant.
7. Images to have basic post processing only.
 - a. Allowed are cropping, overall adjustment of colour/contrast/saturation/sharpening.
All adjustments must be done by the author or by another person under their direction.
 - b. **NOT** allowed are; cosmetic filters, HDR enhancement, added vignette, selective colouring, frames or borders, any sort of advanced A.I. manipulation.
 - c. **NO** triptych or composite images. No self-portraits or staged shots.
 - d. Cloning out/removal of, or adding of, elements into the image is **NOT** allowed under the Photojournalism Ethic.
 - e. **No** watermarks, or anything that could identify the entrant in the image, or title.
 - f. If so requested, entrants must be able to provide the original unedited image (RAW) file with exif data for inspection.
8. The New Brighton Photographic Club Inc. Members & associates will take all reasonable care of entries, but cannot accept responsibility for any entry that is not received or not presented to the judges for any reason whatsoever.
9. Awards in each section will be; Acceptance, Honours, and plaques for first, second, and third place in each section, with the Walker Trophy being awarded to the champion image in section one, and the Maree Turner Trophy being awarded to the champion image in section two.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

First place in each section \$150.00.

Second place each section \$100.00

Third place each section \$50.00

10. Where no indication is given to the contrary, permission to reproduce (in catalogue, photographic magazine, digital slide show, or future advertising) will be taken as granted by the entrant.
11. Images must be in the JPG/JPEG format with sRGB colour space.
12. The maximum image size is 1620 x 1080 pixels.
 - a. For landscape aspect images the width maximum is 1620px
 - b. For portrait aspect images the height maximum is 1080px
13. Images with dimensions greater than 1620px on the horizontal and greater than 1080px on the vertical will be disqualified from the competition.
14. Images can be submitted via an Email attachment, or a link to a service like Google drive, Dropbox etc., or or similar that does not require a software download to access the images.
15. Entries **will** have “Nat PJ entry 2026” **and** your name in the subject line of an email, or the name of the file transfer link, and nothing else.
16. All entries must include the completed fillable entry form, saved as a PDF document with your name as the files name.
17. File names for the images to be in the following format;

#_image title_authors name

The # corresponds to the number of the image on the entry form list.

i.e. 2_High jump_Joe Blogs
 5_Street market_Joe Blogs

*Do not put spaces either side of an underscore, the image can get missed in the sort and risk not being presented for judging

18. Images previously entered that have not received any award in the National PJ can be entered again.
19. Judging will be conducted by a panel of three judges. Images will be projected using a calibrated projector in a darkened room. Judges may use a computer monitor to inspect images for irregularity should they think it is necessary for an individual image.
20. It is the responsibility of the entrant to the best of their ability to not infringe any copyright or privacy and the organisers of the National Photojournalism Salon, members of The New Brighton Photographic Club Inc. and judges involved will not be liable for any resulting claims.
21. All personal information submitted with your entry will only be used to contact you and will not be shared with any 3rd parties without the entrants expressed permission.