

England Hockey Photography Awards Terms & conditions

Please read these carefully and ensure your entry complies with them. Doing so is your best chance of winning. Good luck!

Terms and Conditions

1. Information

- 1.1 By entering the England Hockey Photography Awards 2024 Competition (the “Competition”), each of the entrants (the “Entrant”), England Hockey (as defined below) and the Admin (as defined below) agrees to be bound by the England Hockey Photography Awards Terms and Conditions (“the Terms”).
- 1.2 It is the Entrant’s responsibility to have read the Terms prior to entry into the Competition, and entry into the Competition is will be treated as acceptance of these Terms.
- 1.3 England Hockey (Company Number: 04623333), whose registered office is at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre Marlow, Buckinghamshire, SL7 1RR, is the full operator of the Competition, and its team (the “Admin”) administers all of the proceedings relating to the Competition.
- 1.4 The Competition is not open to any persons (including employees, staff members, consultants, sponsors, judges and event hosts) who are employed by, party to any contract with, or who are otherwise involved with England Hockey.
- 1.5 Each image entered into the Competition (an “Entry” or “Image”, as appropriate) must be submitted electronically through <https://eng.hockey/PhotographyAwards2024>
- 1.6 All enquiries from Entrants regarding the Competition or the Terms must be made through socialmedia@englandhockey.co.uk
- 1.7 The Closing Date of the Competition (the “Closing Date”) will be included on the on the England Hockey Photography Awards webpage. Any changes made to the Closing Date at any stage will appear on this page.

2. Conditions of Entry

- 2.1 All Entrants into the Competition must be a full-time resident of the United Kingdom or hold a valid United Kingdom Passport.
- 2.2 Each Entry must be made by the individual whose details are presented with the entrance submission.
- 2.3 Each Entry must be received by the deadline as specified in the England Hockey Photography Awards Website, which shall be published from time to time on the relevant England Hockey website and which may be subject to change.
- 2.4 The Entrant acknowledges entry into the Competition does not grant the Entrant any intellectual property rights in, or over England Hockey, or the Competition itself.
- 2.5 The Entrant agrees and undertakes not to use any names, logos or any other intellectual property, or to make any public statement, in each case regarding either England Hockey or the Competition, without gaining prior written consent from the Admin.
- 2.6 All Entrants agree not to bring the Competition, England Hockey or the Admin into disrepute. Behaviour that causes damage to the reputation of the Competition, England Hockey, other Entrants, partners, charities, supporters, sponsors or associated parties may lead to the Entrant being disqualified from the Competition in accordance with section 9 of these Terms.

3. Submitting an Entry

- 3.1 Each Entrant is permitted to submit up to three (3) Images for each image category.
- 3.2 Each Entrant may submit the same Image to multiple categories.

- 3.3 To withdraw from the Competition, the Entrant must send a request to socialmedia@englandhockey.co.uk addressed to Admin and such request must include a copy of valid proof of identification and information that corresponds with the information provided with the entrance submission (or otherwise held on file by the Admin).

4. Image Rights

- 4.1 All Images must be in the sole and exclusive ownership of the Entrant and must not infringe on the copyright of any other party.
- 4.2 The copyright in respect of each Image will remain with the copyright owner before and after submission to the Competition and will not be transferred to the Admin or England Hockey.
- 4.3 The owner of the copyright will be credited where possible, in any instance of publication in any media form using their name as provided by that Entrant in their submission(s).
- 4.4 The owner of the copyright agrees to grant England Hockey a non-exclusive Licence (the "Licence") to reproduce, publish and exhibit the copyright owner's Images upon entering the Competition.
- 4.5 Subject to section 4.6 of these Terms, the Licence applies only to instances that directly or indirectly involve the Competition, including, but not limited to, displaying of the photographs at public events, usage by the Admin on the England Hockey website, for publicity, in email transmission, in print media, and Admin operated social media.
- 4.6 The Licence will also extend to instances where the Admin requires the transmission of copyrighted material for the printing of publicity posters, banners or leaflets and guides as well as associated publicity.
- 4.7 Unless specified above, no merchandising will be undertaken by the Admin or England Hockey without seeking separate agreement from the Entrant.
- 4.8 The Entrant gives permission for the Admin to send the copyright owner's Entry (image files and Captions) to the Competition Judges (as defined below) to facilitate the judging process.
- 4.9 In cases of inadvertent unaccredited disclosure to the public of any material England Hockey or the Admin can take no responsibility. The Admin will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Licence is not breached by accidental disclosure of Images to the public.

5. File Upload Specifications

- 5.1 All Entries must be submitted in digital JPEG format, scans of film negatives or high resolution transparencies.
- 5.2 It is the responsibility of the Entrant to ensure that each Entry meets with the requirements this section 5 of the England Hockey Photography Awards Terms and Conditions by saving the files with no watermarks, stencil, borders or signatures on the Image file itself.
- 5.3 Failure to adhere to this section 5 of these Terms may lead to disqualification of the infringing Entries with no further notice or reasoning given, in accordance with section 9 of these Terms.
- 5.4 Entrants are requested not to upscale their Images before submitting them to the Competition.
- 5.5 Images that cannot be authenticated, or are not of acceptable quality (as determined by the Admin in its sole discretion) may be disqualified from the Competition in accordance with section 9 of these Terms.
- 5.6 Entries deemed by the Admin in its sole discretion to have been entered into an incorrect category may be moved to an appropriate category without giving notice to the Entrant.

- 5.7 Images entered into the Competition do not have to have been taken in the Competition year, and can be from any time in the past.

6. Image Manipulation and Authenticity Assurance

- 6.1 Save as otherwise permitted in these England Hockey Photography Awards Terms and Conditions, image manipulation of digital files that include, HDR, focus stacking, cropping, noise reduction, dodging, burning, dust spot removal, sharpening, contrast, tone, and multiple exposure layering (provided that the Images were all taken in the same session in the same location) are permitted. This list is exhaustive.
- 6.2 Except for the removal of dust spots in accordance with section 6.1, Images submitted to the Competition must not distort reality and may not have any items or objects, or parts of objects added or removed from the main Image.
- 6.3 Image-wide contrast and brightness adjustments, saturation, exposure lens profiling and colour temperature tweaking are exempt from necessary mention in the caption submission and should be considered as commonplace tweaking, and are permitted.
- 6.4 All Images that the Admin suspects or determines in its sole discretion to have been tampered with, falsified or are found to be illegal or in breach of this section 6 or the Terms, may be disqualified from the Competition in accordance with section 9 of these Terms.
- 6.5 All Images must be free from the addition of false or unrelated data that does not originate from the original photograph.
- 6.6 All Images must be a complete record of all that was in the Image at the time it was taken (with the exception of dust spot removal as permitted by section 6.1). This pertains to, without limitation, the removal of people, animals, items, objects or parts of objects.
- 6.7 Panoramic stitching is permitted but must be referred to in the Caption submission if it is used.

7. The Judging Process

- 7.1 The judging is performed by a panel of independent judges (the "Judges"). The Judges are selected by the Admin and are appointed to their role by the Admin.
- 7.2 Once the Admin has presented the vetted folders of Entries to the Judges, the Judges engage in a scoring exercise and decide on the Entries that score highest in each category. These Entries are stored securely during the judging process.
- 7.3 Each category will have its own awards. There will be three overall winners selected from all the photographs submitted. Young Photographer of the Year, Photographer of the Year and Professional Photographer of the Year.
- 7.4 Judges may be placed under a non-disclosure agreement that lasts for the duration of the Competition and their association with the Admin. Under such an agreement, Judges are forbidden to discuss the Competition mechanics, internal image sharing systems, Administrative particulars or divulge private personal details of those involved with anyone (including Entrants, sponsors, persons relating to the press or media outlets) unless express written permission is obtained from the Admin ahead of time.
- 7.5 Each Judge is a volunteer to adjudicate the Competition.
- 7.6 Notification to an Entrant that an Image submitted by that Entrant has been selected for an award is done in the strictest confidence. Entrants are forbidden to disclose any details of any winning Entries to any third party in any way until the Admin grants that Entrant written

permission to do so, or until the Admin makes a public announcement that identifies that Entrant's Entry as a winning Entry (if earlier). Any such announcement made by the Entrant when unauthorised to do so may result in disqualification.

- 7.7 The Admin retains the right to add or replace (at their sole discretion) any number of the Judges at any stage of the Competition.

8. Ethical Requirements

- 8.1 The Admin respects the rights of nature, and laws of the United Kingdom. As such, any and all breaches of the laws of the United Kingdom may be grounds for disqualification from the Competition in accordance with section 9 of these Terms.
- 8.2 Entrants must be honest and genuine with their submissions to the Competition.
- 8.3 Each Entrant retains full responsibility for obtaining any permissions needed to display the content of their Image in the Competition, or on the England Hockey website. This includes abiding by national and international law, seeking permits and permissions for accessing the land on which the photograph was taken and the rights to any and all brands, faces or persons featured in the Entry being legally sought. England Hockey accepts no responsibility for those Entrants that fail to comply with this section 8.3 and shall be held harmless by the Entrant for any liabilities associated with such infractions.
- 8.4 All Entrants must ensure their submissions have been ethically obtained. This includes respect for nature, habitat, animals, personal property and trespass laws. Any suspected destruction of habitat or personal property in an attempt to capture an Image may result in the Entrant being disqualified from the Competition in accordance with section 9 of these Terms.
- 8.5 All content within the mandated associated Caption of any Entry must be truthful, complete and accurate, and must not mislead or omit details that may later be detrimental to the judging process

9. Disqualification

- 9.1 The Admin retains the right to disqualify at its sole discretion any Entrant, or Entry at any stage and for any reason. These reasons may include, but are not limited to, misuse or theft of intellectual property, antisocial, crude or abusive behaviour, dishonest representation, unethical treatment of animals, contravention of local/national laws and failure to abide by the Terms.
- 9.2 In the event of disqualification from the Competition, the Entrant will be offered no prizes or compensation.
- 9.3 A decision of the Admin is final in all matters pertaining to the Competition and no negotiation will be entered into with any Entrant or associated parties.
- 9.4 England Hockey reserve the right to waive a breach of the Terms, after considering the case in question.

10. Data Protection

- 10.1 All personal data, as defined under the Data Protection Act 2018, collected by the Admin will be managed and protected in accordance of the Data Protection Acts of 1998 and 2018.
- 10.2 Personal data will be collected in a way pertinent to the facilitating of the Competition, and event as laid out on the electronic submission form.
- 10.3 The Entrant's contact email addresses and name data will be stored and added to a mailing list that will solely involve the Competition itself and event activity.

- 10.4 Entrants may contact the Admin at any time to delete or update that Entrant's details on the Admin's record using SocialMedia@EnglandHockey.co.uk
- 10.5 If any Entrant wishes to unsubscribe from the mailing list, this facility will be made available to them and the Entrant should send this request to the Admin using SocialMedia@EnglandHockey.co.uk