

Photo Venture Nepal

Nepalese in Photography (NIP)

NIP is a community initiative operating under Photo Venture Nepal (PVN)

ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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1. Eligibility

- 1.1 The competition is open to all photographers, Nepalese only, with no restriction on age, nationality, equipment used, or number of entries submitted under the Open Categories.
- 1.2 Subscriber Exclusive Categories are open only to official paid subscribers for Nepalese only of the Nepalese in Photography (NIP) community.
- 1.3 All entries must be the original work of the participant.
- 1.4 Organizers, judges, sponsor representatives, individuals directly involved in administering the competition, and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

2. Competition Period

- 2.1 Entries must be submitted between 19 June 2026 and 5 August 2026 (inclusive).
- 2.2 Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- 2.3 NIP reserves the right to extend, amend, suspend, or cancel the competition schedule if necessary.

3. Submission Guidelines

- 3.1 Participants must comply with all announced categories, formats, and technical requirements.
- 3.2 Only digital files meeting the specifications announced by NIP will be accepted.
- 3.3 Late, incomplete, corrupted, or improperly submitted entries may be rejected.
- 3.4 Participants are solely responsible for ensuring the successful submission of their entries.
- 3.5 There is no restriction on the number of photographs, the subject matter, or the type of camera or device used, provided all entries comply with the categories, formats, and standards set out in this document.
- 3.6 Participants may submit an unlimited number of photographs under the Open and Exclusive Categories, regardless of the year in which the photographs were taken.
- 3.7 Participants may use any camera model, mobile device, or photographic equipment to take part in the competition.

3.8 To be eligible for the competition, participants must follow the official Facebook page and Instagram account of Canon Nepal.

How to Submit Your Photos

Follow the three steps below to submit photographs to the NIP Annual Photography Competition 2026.

Step 1 — Join the Facebook Group

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nepaleseinphotography>

Step 2 — Follow Canon Nepal

Canon Nepal Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100053486471695>

Canon Nepal Instagram Page: <https://www.instagram.com/cannonnepal.official>

Step 3 — Submit Your Photograph

Submission format and process differ slightly depending on the category. Follow the correct format below.

(a) Subscriber-Exclusive Category Submission

Once registration as a paid Subscriber is complete, follow the steps below:

File naming format: PhotographerName_Category_SubscriberID_TitleOfImage

Example: *Jam_DailyLife_NIP2026-0003_PhotosOfNepal*

Eligible categories: Nature, Culture, Daily Life, Mobile

Required hashtags: #napa2026 #exclusive

Approval time: Uploaded photographs are reviewed and approved within 24 hours.

(b) Open Category Submission

Post your best photograph directly to the Nepalese in Photography Facebook Group wall, following the format below:

File naming format: PhotographerName_Category_TitleOfImage

Eligible categories: Color, Black & White

Required hashtags: #napa2026 #open

Each post should also include the photographer's name, relevant social media handle(s), and an appropriate caption. Including EXIF details is optional but encouraged.

4. Image Authenticity and Editing

4.1 Submitted photographs must faithfully represent the original scene.

4.2 Basic post-processing is permitted, including cropping, exposure adjustment, white balance correction, colour correction, contrast adjustment, sharpening, and noise reduction.

4.3 AI-generated images, image composites, content-aware additions or removals, excessive manipulation, or any alteration that materially changes the content of the image are prohibited

4.4 Participants must retain the original RAW files, or the original unedited JPEG/HEIC files, for every submitted entry.

4.5 NIP may request RAW files, original JPEG/HEIC files, metadata, image sequences, or any other information reasonably necessary to verify authenticity, at any stage of the competition or after results are announced.

4.6 Failure to provide satisfactory proof of authenticity within the specified time may result in disqualification or revocation of an award.

4.7 Images containing watermarks, logos, copyright notices, photographer names, any identifying marks, or any frames will be disqualified.

5. Copyright and Usage Rights

5.1 Photographers retain full ownership and copyright of all submitted images.

5.2 By entering the competition, participants grant Nepalese in Photography (NIP) a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use submitted images for judging, exhibitions, publications, educational activities, competition catalogues, websites, social media, and promotional materials directly related to the competition, for a period of one (1) year from the date the results are announced.

5.3 Participants further grant Photo Venture Nepal (PVN), Routine of Nepal Banda (RONB), Canon Nepal, and Xiaomi Nepal a non-exclusive, royalty-free license for non-commercial use, solely in connection with the promotion and documentation of the competition.

5.4 Photographer credit will be provided whenever reasonably possible.

5.5 Entrants remain free to use, publish, license, or sell their photographs independently at any time.

6. Sale of Photographs

6.1 If a photograph is sold during a competition exhibition or official event organized by NIP, gross proceeds will be distributed as follows:

- a) 70% to the photographer.
- b) 30% to the organizing team.

6.2 Copyright ownership remains with the photographer unless otherwise agreed in writing.

7. Participant Responsibilities

7.1 Participants are responsible for obtaining all necessary model releases, property releases, permits, and permissions for their submitted work.

7.2 Entrants warrant that their submissions do not infringe any copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity, or other legal right of any third party.

7.3 Participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless NIP, its organizers, sponsors, partners, and affiliates against any claim arising from a submitted work.

8. Ethical Standards

- 8.1 Wildlife and nature subjects must be photographed without causing harm, stress, baiting, trapping, or disturbance to their natural habitat.
- 8.2 Cultural, religious, and heritage sites must be photographed respectfully and in accordance with local customs and regulations.
- 8.3 Documentary images must faithfully represent reality.
- 8.4 Drone photography must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
- 8.5 Offensive, unlawful, deceptive, defamatory, or unethical content will be disqualified.

9. Judging

- 9.1 Judging criteria may include originality, creativity, technical excellence, storytelling, visual impact, and relevance to the category or theme.
- 9.2 Judges' decisions are final and binding.
- 9.3 No correspondence or appeals regarding the results will be entertained.
- 9.4 NIP reserves the right not to award any category if the standard of entries is insufficient.
- 9.5 Judging will be conducted anonymously.

10. Awards and Recognition

- 10.1 Winners and finalists receive prizes, certificates, exhibition opportunities, equipment, or other forms of recognition.
- 10.2 Major prizes involving cameras or equipment awarded during the Annual Competition may not be sold, transferred, or otherwise disposed of within two (2) years of receipt.
- 10.3 Awards may be withdrawn and prizes reclaimed if a participant is found to have violated these Terms and Conditions.
- 10.4 Prizes are non-transferable and may not be exchanged for cash unless otherwise determined by the organizers.

11. Disqualification

NIP reserves the right to disqualify any entry that:

- Violates these Terms and Conditions;
- Contains false or misleading information;
- Is plagiarized or is not the original work of the entrant;
- Attempts to improperly influence the judging process;
- Fails authenticity verification;
- Contains unlawful, offensive, or unethical content;
- Uses AI-generated imagery or prohibited image manipulation;
- Infringes upon the rights of any third party.

Disqualification may occur before or after winners have been announced.

12. Publicity and Privacy

- 12.1 Participants agree that their names, biographies, and submitted competition images may be used for publicity and promotional purposes relating to the competition.
- 12.2 Personal information collected will be used by PVN and its sponsors solely for competition administration and photography-related activities.
- 12.3 Personal data will not be sold to third parties.
- 12.4 By entering the competition, participants expressly consent to the sharing of their personal information with the competition sponsors and partners — namely Canon Nepal, Xiaomi Nepal, Routine of Nepal Banda (RONB), and Moonstone — solely for non-commercial purposes connected with promoting and documenting the competition.

13. Liability

- 13.1 NIP is not responsible for technical failures, lost submissions, corrupted files, network interruptions, or other circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
- 13.2 Participants enter the competition entirely at their own risk.
- 13.3 NIP, its organizers, sponsors, partners, and affiliates are not liable for any loss, damage, injury, or claim arising from participation in the competition.

14. Amendments and Cancellation

- 14.1 NIP reserves the right to modify rules, categories, timelines, prizes, judging procedures, or any other aspect of the competition without prior notice.
- 14.2 NIP may suspend, postpone, or cancel the competition where circumstances beyond its control make such action necessary.

15. Acceptance and Governing Law

- 15.1 Submission of an entry constitutes full acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- 15.2 By submitting an entry, participants acknowledge and agree to the collection, processing, and limited sharing of their personal information with competition sponsors and partners for non-commercial and promotional purposes, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
- 15.3 These Terms and Conditions are governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Nepal.
- 15.4 Any dispute arising in connection with the competition is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Nepal.

16. Right to Verify and Revoke Awards

- 16.1 NIP reserves the right to request original RAW files, metadata, image sequences, or any other information necessary to verify the authenticity of an entry, at any time.

16.2 Failure to provide such information within the specified period may result in disqualification.

16.3 If evidence of plagiarism, manipulation, misrepresentation, or breach of these Terms and Conditions is discovered after results have been announced, NIP reserves the right to revoke any award, title, certificate, prize, or recognition already granted.

17. Statement of Commitment

17.1 Nepalese in Photography (NIP) is committed to conducting a fair, transparent, and ethical competition that promotes photography, visual storytelling, and the appreciation and preservation of Nepal's rich cultural and natural heritage.

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