



34TH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS OF SRI LANKA

GUIDELINES FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION -2026

Ophthalmology Category – Any ophthalmology-related photograph.

Non-Ophthalmology Category – Any photograph on a theme other than ophthalmology.

1. Photos should be contestant's original work
2. Participating photographer must be the sole author and owner of the copyright and publishing rights of submitted images.
3. Can be taken by smart phone /camera / fundus camera
4. Maximum 2 entries per contestant
5. Should be in JPEG / PNG format
6. Maximum width should be 1920 × 1080 pixels
7. Maximum size of each image should be 2MB
8. Images with water marks, symbols and names which are not relevant to the content are rejected
9. Basic digital manipulations should be limited to brightness / contrast / levels / curves / colour and noise correction/ burn or dodges. These should not alter the genuineness and authenticity of the photo
10. Photos can be monochrome or colour
11. If a person is photographed or is recognizable or in medical photography an entry must be made that appropriate consent obtained from the person or the patient
12. In addition to the rules specified above, A faithful representation of what was captured at the time of the shot being taken is expected as the entry to the competition. Any entry suspected not to be a faithful representation will be rejected by the judges.
13. The decisions by panel of judge on all matters relating to the competition will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the competition's judging and organisation. Should the quality of entries fall below the standard required, the judges reserve the right not to award prizes.
- 14. If you present photographs from the Colombo Retina Meeting, they will not be accepted**

Submission Process:

- Only eye surgeons, postgraduate trainees in ophthalmology, and medical officers working in eye units are eligible to submit photographs.
- All submissions must be submitted via the online platform on the www.cosl.lk website.
- Should accompany the online submission form with key message of maximum 50 words preferably and a title relevant to content in less than 5 words
- Can be submitted for either of 2 categories or for both.
- Photos that portray or otherwise include inappropriate and or offensive content, including violence, human rights violation, environmental violation and or any other content deemed to be contrary to law, cultural, religious or moral traditions are rejected from competition

Prizes:

- Best Photograph (Ophthalmology Category) and Best Photograph (Non-Ophthalmology Category) will each receive a valuable cash prize and a certificate.

Submission Deadline:

- All submissions must be received by **10th September 2026**. Submissions after this deadline will not be accepted.