



OLYMPIC / PARALYMPIC PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011/12

There are 7 different classes, reflecting the three Olympic and four Paralympic values:

There are two distinct age groups – Under 16 (must be aged 16 years or under on the date the competition is launched) and 16 and over.

The photo the judges declare best in each class and age group, in each of Lincolnshire's 7 Districts will be displayed at a local venue. Each winning district entry will then be judged by a panel and overall Lincolnshire winners will be declared and the photographs put on display at a venue in Lincoln. You can enter up to four photos in total but you must declare which class you want each photo to be judged in. Each photo can only be entered in one class. The closing date for entries is 31 December 2011. The persons who take the winning photos, in each District will have their photograph printed and framed in A3 size. The overall County winners will receive a framed A1 photograph.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION RULES

1. There are 7 different classes you can enter photos in, which are::

Olympic Values

- respect
- excellence
- friendship

Paralympic Values

- courage
- determination
- inspiration
- equality

2. The theme of each class is open to individual interpretation but entries must have the Olympics or Paralympics values at their heart.
3. Photographs entered must be taken in Lincolnshire and feature Lincolnshire people.
4. Entrants can submit up to **four** photos in total either as electronic images or prints, in colour or black and white.
5. Entrants **must** state which class each photo is to be judged in.
6. Each photo can only be entered in one class.

7. Images may be digitally enhanced to remove spots or scratches, but not manipulated. Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter, clearer etc, but not manipulate the content. The judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.
8. The competition is open to **Lincolnshire residents only** (those that reside within the area covered by the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership). Employees of the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership or sponsors of this competition, as well as their immediate families are not eligible to enter.
9. Entrants must not be professional photographers and, for the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes income from the sale of their photographs.
10. Entrants **must** mark any prints submitted with their name, address, age, contact telephone number (both daytime and evening) and which class it is being entered for.
11. Entries should be sent to: Lincolnshire Sports Partnership, Unit 9 Allenby Business Village, Crofton Road, Lincoln LN3 4NL and should be clearly marked **'Photographic Competition'**
12. The competition closes at **midnight on 31 December 2011** . Entries received after this date will not be considered.
13. The Lincolnshire Sports Partnership cannot accept any responsibility for any problem with the postal service which may result in any entry being lost or delayed. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.
14. Entries will not be returned so please remember to keep a high resolution copy. Unsuccessful entrants will not be contacted and no feedback on any entry will be provided.
15. All photographs will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Composition
 - b. Technical ability
 - c. Originality

The photographs will be judged through the following process:

Stage One

A local judging panel will review all entries and select a list of their favourite photographs They will then review all the entries on the list and select the best photo in each of the 7 classes based on the above criteria. These will be deemed to be the District winners

Stage Two

All district winning photographs will then be judged by a separate panel and the overall County winners chosen. All winners will be contacted by telephone and confirmed in writing. .

All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured. Further, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.

Prior to submission, entrants must not have offered any of their entries for sale, been paid for any publication of any of their entries or won or been a runner up in any other photographic competition with any of their entries.

Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit. By entering the competition all entrants grant the right to publish and exhibit their photographs

No fees will be payable for any of the above uses. Entrants whose photographs are one of the finalists also agree to take part in post-competition publicity. While we make every effort to credit photographers, including in printed reproductions of their work, we cannot guarantee that every use of the photographs will include the photographers' names.

By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if we have reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules.

The Lincolnshire Sports Partnership reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.

These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales. This competition is administered by the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership.