

R03 – Photo of the Week (Entry Rules)

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These rules explain how the weekly Sydney Outfielders photo competition operates. The competition celebrates the people, games and community moments that make up the season.

1. Who can enter

Any current Sydney Outfielders member may enter. Photos must relate to Sydney Outfielders activity from the relevant competition week.

Each person may submit up to **three** photos per week. The entrant must have taken the photo or have the photographer's permission to submit it.

2. How to enter

Rounds take place on Tuesdays. Email a maximum of three photos per person for each round to info@sydneyoutfielders.org.au by Wednesday at 6:00 pm, following that Tuesday's round.

Use the subject line "Photo of the Week" or "POTW". Include your name, team if applicable, the photographer's name if different, and a short caption if you would like one used.

Only entries received through the competition email address are treated as official submissions. Posting or sending a photo in a team chat, WhatsApp group or social-media message does not enter it in the competition.

3. Photo requirements

Entries should capture Outfielders softball, sideline, team or community moments and must be suitable for publication on official Sydney Outfielders channels.

Do not submit content that is humiliating, invasive, discriminatory, sexually explicit, unsafe, or inconsistent with the Association's Codes of Conduct. Photos must not expose private member information, team lists, score sheets, contact details or other personal data.

Entries must be genuine photographs. Ordinary photo edits, including cropping and colour, exposure or contrast adjustments, are permitted. AI-generated images, synthetic images and materially altered composites are not eligible. Photos must not include borders or frames.

4. Privacy, consent and publication

Before submitting, entrants must obtain consent from every identifiable person depicted for their image to be submitted and published through the competition. By submitting a photo, the entrant confirms that they have obtained this consent. Respect the wishes of anyone who does not want to be photographed or published. Any photography or media opt-out notified to Sydney Outfielders takes priority over a competition entry.

Photos featuring a child or young person under 18 will not be published through the competition unless appropriate parent or guardian consent has been confirmed.

By submitting a photo, the entrant gives Sydney Outfielders non-exclusive, royalty-free permission to reproduce, crop, resize and publish the image on the Association's official channels and materials for community, promotional and competition purposes. Copyright remains with the photographer.

Sydney Outfielders may withhold or remove an image if a privacy, consent or welfare concern is raised. The Privacy, Member Data and Surveys Policy, Social Media & Digital Communications Policy and applicable Codes of Conduct continue to apply.

5. Weekly shortlist and voting

The Communications team will select the top 10 eligible photos as finalists, or fewer if there are insufficient suitable entries. An entrant may have more than one photo in the top 10. Selection may consider photographic quality, humour, action, community spirit, inclusiveness, originality and whether the photo represents the week well.

Finalists will be published on the official Sydney Outfielders Instagram account. Vote by commenting the number of your favourite photo on the competition post. Voting closes the following Tuesday, with any closing time specified in that post. The photo receiving the most valid votes by the deadline will be named Photo of the Week. If a vote is tied, Sydney Outfielders may run a short tie-break vote. The Association may also choose not to run a weekly vote if there are too few suitable entries.

6. Fair play

Sharing the official poll and encouraging genuine supporters to vote is allowed. Fake accounts, automated voting, vote buying or other deliberate manipulation is not.

Sydney Outfielders may disregard suspicious votes or remove an entry where there is reasonable evidence that the competition has been manipulated.

7. Winner and season recognition

The weekly winner will be announced through official Sydney Outfielders channels and receives a free drink at Watsons. Each weekly winner is eligible for Photo of the Season at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Details of the Photo of the Season voting process at the AGM will be announced separately.

8. Administration

Sydney Outfielders may reject an ineligible or unsuitable entry, amend the weekly timetable, suspend a round or make reasonable administrative changes where required. Decisions about entry eligibility and competition administration are made by the Association.

Questions about the competition can be sent to info@sydneyoutfielders.org.au.

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