



Gold Coast Open House Photography Competition 2026 Terms and Conditions

1 General:

- 1.1 These terms and conditions set out all the information regarding the Gold Coast Open House Photography Competition 2026 (the Terms and Conditions).
- 1.2 The Gold Coast Open House (GCOH) Photography Competition (the Competition) is promoted by Gold Coast Open House Limited ABN 53 479 401 965, whose principal office is at 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast, Queensland 4217.
- 1.3 Entry to the Competition is deemed acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.4 Information on how to enter the Competition and the Eligibility Criteria set out in clause 6 form part of these Terms and Conditions.

2 Entry Categories:

- 2.1 There are four entry categories in the Competition: People, Exterior, Interior and Detail.
- 2.2 Entrants may submit one entry per category, up to a maximum of four entries in total.
- 2.3 To be eligible for a Prize, entrants must submit the appropriate entry form on the GCOH website for the category they are entering.
- 2.4 Prizes are awarded from a shortlist of finalists selected across all four entry categories, as set out in clause 7.

3 Prizes:

There are three (3) prizes available to be won (each a Prize), with a total prize pool of \$800:

- 3.1 Overall/Open Winner will receive a cash prize of \$500 (five hundred dollars);
- 3.2 Second Prize Winner will receive a cash prize of \$200 (two hundred dollars);
- 3.3 Third Prize Winner will receive a cash prize of \$100 (one hundred dollars).

4 How to enter:

- 4.1 To enter a category of the Competition, entrants must fully and correctly complete an official entry form on the GCOH website for the category they are entering, follow all instructions on how to enter the relevant category, and meet the Eligibility Criteria.
- 4.2 Entrants may submit the same image (photograph) in more than one category if it meets the eligibility requirements for each category. To be considered in more than one category, the image must be entered into each category separately.
- 4.3 Only entries submitted via the GCOH Photography Competition page on the GCOH website will be eligible to be in the running for a Prize.

5 Entry period:

5.1 Entries in each category of the Competition open at 9:00am AEST on Saturday 10 October 2026 and close at 5:00pm AEST on Friday 16 October 2026 (the Entry Period). No entries will be accepted outside of the Entry Period.

6 Eligibility:

6.1 To be eligible to enter any category of the Competition, entrants and their images must satisfy the requirements in this clause 6 (the Eligibility Criteria).

6.2 For an image to be eligible for judging in any category of the Competition, it must be:

- (a) taken at, within, or adjacent to a building or place in the GCOH official program of events on 10 and 11 October 2026;
- (b) the original work of the entrant;
- (c) submitted with all watermarks removed;
- (d) submitted in JPG format (colour or black and white images are both accepted) with all metadata included, no larger than 5MB;
- (e) if applicable, submitted with the written, signed and dated consent of all people appearing in the image. More information regarding consent is available at <https://www.artslaw.com.au/infosheets/info-sheet/street-photographers-rights>; and
- (f) not generated, in whole or in part, by artificial intelligence (AI). Standard photo editing software, such as Adobe Photoshop or Canva, may be used to retouch images.

6.3 The following people are not eligible to enter the Competition: directors, committee members and staff of GCOH, members of the Judging Panel, and their immediate families.

6.4 Entrants under eighteen (18) years of age must have the consent of a parent or guardian to enter the Competition.

6.5 GCOH in its sole discretion reserves the right to deem any entry in the Competition ineligible. Reasons GCOH may deem an entry ineligible include that an image contains swearing, nudity, racist, sexist or political comment, unsafe or illegal behaviour, destruction and/or vandalism of public property, AI-generated imagery, or material that may otherwise be potentially detrimental to GCOH and its supporters.

7 Judging:

7.1 A panel of judges (the Judging Panel), appointed by GCOH, will review all eligible entries and select a shortlist of finalists from each category.

7.2 The Judging Panel will provide its recommended finalists to the Chair of the Judging Panel, who will decide the Overall/Open Winner, Second Prize and Third Prize winners.

7.3 All decisions made by the Judging Panel and the Chair of the Judging Panel are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

8 Winner notification:

8.1 The Chair of the Judging Panel or their representative will publicly announce the Prize winners in November 2026, in a manner at GCOH's discretion.

8.2 Prize winners will be notified by phone or email.

8.3 GCOH reserves the right to cancel the Competition at its sole discretion, for any reason.

9 Prize claim:

9.1 GCOH will provide each Prize winner with a form to be completed to claim their Prize, sent to the email address provided by the Prize winner.

9.2 The bank account nominated on the form must belong to the Prize winner, subject to clause 9.3.

9.3 If a Prize winner is under eighteen (18) years of age, the bank account details of their parent or guardian must be nominated to claim the Prize on behalf of the minor.

9.4 Upon return of the completed form to GCOH by email, payment of the Prize will be made to the bank account nominated on the form.

9.5 If the Prize winner does not return the form to GCOH within 30 days of receiving it, they forfeit their Prize.

10 Copyright and privacy:

10.1 By entering the Competition, the entrant, as the owner of the image, grants to GCOH a royalty-free, perpetual, non-transferable, irrevocable global licence to:

- (a) maintain, use and store a copy of the image for archival, publicity and promotion purposes; and
- (b) publish and use the image in GCOH's print and online publications, website, and social media platforms (including Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn).

10.2 The licence granted at clause 10.1 includes the right to sub-license third parties, and applies to GCOH's related entities.

10.3 GCOH will acknowledge and give attribution to the image owner in all reproductions of the image as the creator and owner of the image.

10.4 Whilst GCOH will take care to ensure the quality and integrity of the reproduced image, the entrant acknowledges that adapting the original image for presentation may result in enlargements and slight variations to the image.

10.5 The entrant consents to any acts or omissions of any person in connection with the image which might otherwise infringe the moral rights of the entrant, as conferred by the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth).

10.6 The entrant represents and warrants that:

- (a) they have the right and authority by ownership to provide the licence at clause 10.1; and
- (b) the exercise of the rights at clause 10.1 will not constitute infringement of any third-party intellectual property rights or other rights.

10.7 The entrant is liable for, and indemnifies GCOH from and against, all loss or damage (including legal costs) incurred or suffered by GCOH however caused in connection with a breach of these Terms and Conditions, and any claim or allegation that use of the image infringes the intellectual property rights or other rights of any third party.

10.8 By entering the Competition, each entrant acknowledges that their personal information will be collected, stored and used by GCOH and its related entities for the purpose of conducting the Competition in accordance with GCOH's obligations under the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld).

11 Force majeure:

11.1 If for any reason the Competition is not capable of running as planned (including due to infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of GCOH), which corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Competition, GCOH reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to take any action that may be available, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Competition. GCOH reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify all entries from any individual who tampers with, or benefits from tampering with, the entry process which as a result corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Competition.

11.2 In the case of the intervention of any outside agent or event which naturally changes the result or prevents or hinders its determination, including but not limited to vandalism, power failures, tempests,

natural disasters, acts of God, civil unrest or strikes, GCOH may in its absolute discretion cancel the Competition and recommence it from the start on the same or changed terms and conditions.

12 Changes or cancellation:

12.1 GCOH reserves the right to modify these Terms and Conditions at any time and to cancel or amend the Competition at any time without notice or further recourse to the entrants.