



## Crustacean Compassion Day 2026 Competition: Rules / terms and conditions

### General

- **Organiser:** The competitions are organised by Crustacean Compassion.
- **Communication:** All communication regarding the competition should be sent via email to: **info@crustaceancompassion.org**
- **Eligibility:** This competition is free to enter and open to all.
- **Closing Date:** Entries must be received by **23:59 on 22 May 2026** (the "Closing Date").

By submitting an entry to the competition, you confirm that you have read and understood these rules and agree to comply with them.

**Animal welfare is of the utmost importance and takes precedence over any competition entry.**

Entrants must not injure, distress, or harm an animal for the purposes of this competition; nor should they intentionally disturb or spook animals, their habitat, or environment.

Images that involve the use of live bait, or are AI-generated or non-original, are strictly prohibited and will be disqualified.

### Rules

1. Entry is free and open to all.
2. Entrants can enter as many times as they like, in any of the competition categories.
3. **Entrants under 18** must have permission from a parent or guardian to enter. A parent or guardian must submit the entry on their behalf and, by doing so, is deemed to have consented to these Rules.
4. All entries must be the original work of the entrant. In the case of under-18s, the work must be created by the young entrant, submitted on their behalf by a parent or guardian.
5. **Entries must be digital**, submitted via the **online entry form**. File formats and limits vary by competition category and must be followed as stated on the relevant competition section / page
6. **No printed entries or postal submissions** will be accepted. Crustacean Compassion accepts no responsibility for lost, delayed, or damaged entries. Submission is by **email or form submission only**.
7. **AI-generated content or AI-altered images** are not permitted. Entries found to contain AI-generated elements will be disqualified.
8. All entries must be original and must not infringe the rights of third parties, including copyright, trademarks, or privacy rights. Entries must be obtained **legally**, without trespassing, and must not result in any harm or undue disturbance to wildlife or the environment.



9. By entering, you grant Crustacean Compassion the **right to use your image(s), content, or written word for free** to promote the competition and the organisation's mission, in both digital and print formats. Where possible, entrants will be credited.
10. Crustacean Compassion reserves the right to **update or amend** these Rules and Terms and Conditions at any time. Any changes will be effective immediately upon publication.
11. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Crustacean Compassion accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, or disappointment suffered by any entrant as a result of entering the competition or accepting a prize.
12. If identifiable individuals appear in an entry, the entrant confirms that they have obtained all necessary permissions for the image to be submitted and used in accordance with these Rules. For images of children, consent must be obtained from a parent or legal guardian.
13. Copyright remains with the entrance. By submitting an entry, you grant Crustacean Compassion a **perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive, worldwide licence** to use, reproduce, modify, publish, distribute, and display the image in connection with the competition and Crustacean Compassion's mission. Use may include media, promotional content, and communications. This will be subject to our [Privacy Policy](#).

#### 14. Art entries

- a) **Each entrant may submit up to 5** images, in landscape or portrait orientation in JPEG format.
- b) Any entry must be your original work and it must not infringe the rights of third parties including copyright, trade mark, trade secrets, privacy, publicity, personal or proprietary rights. In addition, all entries must be produced legally without trespassing on any land and no wildlife or habitats should be harmed, put at risk or unduly disturbed in the process.
- c) **Animal welfare remains the top priority.** No art piece should come at the expense of animal safety or wellbeing. Entrants must not cause distress or harm, nor disturb the natural habitat or behaviour of the animals.
- d) Entrants must be respectful of wildlife and the environment. **Do not damage habitats or ecosystems** in pursuit of an art piece.
- e) Entrants must not submit in art pieces that have been created by AI, they must be original.

#### 15. Photo entries

- a) **Each entrant may submit up to 5** images, in landscape or portrait orientation in JPEG format.
- b) **Post-processing** is allowed, provided it does not deceive the viewer or misrepresent the natural scene.



- c) **Animal welfare remains the top priority.** No photograph should come at the expense of animal safety or wellbeing. Entrants must not cause distress or harm, nor disturb the natural habitat or behaviour of the animals.
- d) **Live baiting is strictly prohibited.** For this competition, live baiting refers to providing a live animal as prey to elicit a response or behaviour from another animal. Any other form of luring must be disclosed in the image caption.
- e) Entrants must be respectful of wildlife and the environment. **Do not damage habitats or ecosystems** in pursuit of a photograph.

#### 16. Poetry and Prose entries

- a) Poetry submissions have a length limit of 2 A4 pages.
- b) Prose submissions have a length limit of 1,000 words.
- c) Entries must be submitted in PDF format.
- d) Swearing, curse, explicit or offensive language will not be accepted.

#### 17. Joke entries

- (a) Entries must be submitted in PDF format.
- (b) Swearing, curse, explicit or offensive language will not be accepted.
- (c) Crustacean Compassion does not take responsibility over ownership of the joke, the entrant is submitted on their behalf as part of this competition.

#### 18. Pincer movement entries

- (a) **Each entrant may submit up to 5** images, in landscape or portrait orientation in JPEG format, or a video MP4 format will be accepted with a length limit of 20 seconds.
- (b) **Animal welfare remains the top priority.** No photograph should come at the expense of animal safety or wellbeing. Entrants must not cause distress or harm, nor disturb the natural habitat or behaviour of the animals.
- (c) Entrants must be respectful of wildlife and the environment. **Do not damage habitats or ecosystems** in pursuit of a photograph.

#### Judging and Prizes

- 15. Winning images will be selected by a member of the Crustacean Compassion team.
- 16. All decisions made by the judges are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 17. Winners will be contacted shortly after **Crustacean Compassion Day on 10 June 2026.**
- 18. Winners must **not publicly disclose** their success until Crustacean Compassion officially announces the results on social media. This ensures other finalists are informed respectfully.
- 19. Crustacean Compassion reserves the right to disqualify any entry that, in its opinion, does not comply with these Rules, contains offensive or inappropriate material, or is deemed contrary to the values or mission of the organisation.



20. If a winner is found to have breached the rules, Crustacean Compassion reserves the right to revoke the winning status of the entrant. Notification will be sent electronically and will be deemed received the day after transmission.

#### **Publicity and Privacy**

19. By entering, you agree that Crustacean Compassion may use your name, likeness, and submission(s) for the purposes of promoting the competition, without additional compensation.
20. Winners may be asked to participate in publicity relating to the competition, which could include publication of their name and photograph in any media.
21. You agree that Crustacean Compassion may, but is not obliged to, display your entry on its website, social media, or in promotional materials aligned with its mission and values.
22. **Your personal information will not be shared** with third parties without your permission. Images will not be shared with third parties unless prior consent is obtained from the entrant.
23. Crustacean Compassion is a registered charity in England and Wales (1215720)
24. If an entrant donates, either previously or at time of competition, they must be aware that this is voluntary and does not affect chances of winning.
25. The Charity reserves the right not to use or publish any entry that it considers inconsistent with its values or charitable objectives