

COMPETITION REGULATIONS  
8th International Kociewie Photographic Contest  
FOTO – TERMEDYJE 2026

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The organizer of the 8th International Kociewie Photographic Contest Foto – Termedyje 2026, hereinafter referred to as the “Competition”, is the Kociewskie Stowarzyszenie Fotograficzne (Kociewie Photographic Association), KRS No. 0000717871, with its registered office at ul. Ogrodowa 7, 83-220 Skórcz, hereinafter referred to as the “Organizer”.
2. The objectives of the Competition are:
  - a) to promote the natural and architectural values of Poland,
  - b) to stimulate interest among participants in the Polish region of Kociewie,
  - c) to develop the artistic sensitivity of photographers from around the world and to provide an opportunity to present their works depicting people, nature, and architecture from various parts of the world.
3. The subject of the Competition consists of photographs taken by participants registered for the Competition.
4. **The English version of these Regulations is provided for informational purposes only. In the event of any discrepancies, inconsistencies, or interpretative doubts between the Polish and English versions, the Polish version shall prevail. Any questions or uncertainties regarding the interpretation of the Regulations should be addressed directly to the Organizer of the Competition.**

THEMES

1. **Competition includes four themes:**
  - 1) The World's diversity and richness.
  - 2) Sports through a camera lens.
  - 3) Focus on Poland's beauty – from the Baltic Sea to the Tatra Mountains
  - 4) Under the inspiration of a women.
2. Awarded works will be published on the KSF website: [www.ksf.com.pl](http://www.ksf.com.pl).
3. The Organizer reserves the right to grant special distinctions.
4. The post-competition gala with the ceremonial award presentation will take place on May 30, 2026.

SUBMISSION OF WORKS AND ENTRY FEES

1. Participation in the Competition is subject to an entry fee of PLN 60 for adults and PLN 30 for youth under 18 years of age (with parental consent).
2. Works must be sent by email to: [kociewskie.sf@gmail.com](mailto:kociewskie.sf@gmail.com) (subject line: “Konkurs Foto – Termedyje, first name and last name”), together with:
  - proof of payment,
  - a completed and signed entry form,
  - consent for image publication (if a recognizable person appears in the photograph),

- parental consent for participation (if the participant is a minor).
3. Payments must be made to the following bank account: Bank Spółdzielczy w Skórczu Account number: 81 8342 0009 2103 0000 0301 0001.
  4. Each participant may submit one photograph per theme, in electronic form, for a total of four photographs. The file size must not exceed 3 MB and must not be smaller than 2 MB.
  5. Submitted works must be named according to the following format: LastName\_FirstName\_ShortThemeName
  6. Schedule:
    - submission of photographic works: until May 20, 2026,
    - appointment of the jury and evaluation of submitted works: until May 20, 2026,
    - award ceremony and closing gala: May 30, 2026,
    - awarded participants will be notified by email no later than May 20, 2026.
  7. Works must be submitted together with the entry form constituting Appendix No. 1.
  8. Photographs must be saved in JPG format.
  9. Photomontages involving the combination of elements originating from different image files are not permitted.
  10. **Photographs generated using artificial intelligence (AI) are not allowed to participate in the Competition. Participants may submit only photographs taken independently. Works that do not meet this requirement will be disqualified.**
  11. The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify works that do not meet the above-mentioned requirements.
  12. If a photograph contains the image of a person, the participant is required to attach a written statement from that person granting consent for free publication and dissemination of their image.
  13. By submitting a photograph in accordance with point 5 above, each participant grants a non-exclusive, free-of-charge license to use the photograph in the fields of exploitation specified in Article 50 of the Act of February 4, 1994 on Copyright and Related Rights, for the purposes of conducting and resolving the Competition and within the scope resulting from these Regulations.

#### JURY

1. The Organizer appoints the Competition Jury, hereinafter referred to as the "Jury".
2. All photographs submitted to the Competition are subject to evaluation by the Jury.
3. Decisions made by the Jury are final and legally binding for all participants.

#### GRAND PRIX AWARD

From among the 12 winning photographs, one Grand Prix award with a value of PLN 5,000 will be granted.

#### AWARDS

1. Twelve winning works will receive material prizes with a total value of PLN 15,000 (approx. USD 4,000). Additionally, a Grand Prix award of PLN 5,000 will be granted for the best photograph among all submissions.
2. Prizes are not exchangeable for cash.
3. The Jury reserves the right to distribute prizes differently and to grant additional prizes.
4. The Organizer reserves the right to publish the list of laureates (including first and last names) in promotional materials, press, media, and on the Internet.
5. Winners will be informed by email about the method of prize collection.
6. Awarded participants are required to sign a protocol confirming receipt of the material prize.
7. Prizes not collected by June 24, 2026 will be forfeited and become the property of the Organizer.

#### COMMITTEE

1. A Committee composed of representatives of the Organizer shall be appointed to supervise the proper conduct of the Competition.

2. The Committee shall oversee the Organizer's fulfillment of all obligations arising from these Regulations.
3. A report of the Committee's proceedings shall be prepared after deliberations.

#### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

1. These Regulations are available at the Organizer's registered office and on the website [www.ksf.com.pl](http://www.ksf.com.pl).
2. By completing the registration form, the participant declares that:
  - a) they are the author of the submitted photographs,
  - b) they hold exclusive and unlimited copyrights to the submitted photographs, which are free from any legal defects and third-party claims,
  - c) they consent to the publication of the photographs on [www.ksf.com.pl](http://www.ksf.com.pl) and on the Association's social media during and after the Competition,
  - d) they consent to the publication of the photographs during the post-competition gala solely for purposes directly related to the Competition.
3. Persons who fail to meet any of the requirements specified in these Regulations or provide false information shall be automatically disqualified.
4. The Organizer bears no legal responsibility for submitted works and reserves the right to immediately disqualify photographs in the event of suspected violations of these Regulations.
5. Matters not regulated herein shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Civil Code.
6. The Organizer does not claim transfer of copyright or economic rights to the submitted works; they remain the intellectual property of their authors.
7. Participants have the right to access their personal data, correct it, or request its deletion by contacting the Organizer, who acts as the data controller. Providing data is voluntary but necessary to participate in the Competition.
8. These Regulations enter into force on the date of publication.