

# MLPOA 2026 Contest Rules and Regulations

The Moira Lake Property Owners Association (MLPOA) is pleased to sponsor the 2026 Photo Contest and invites photographers of all skill levels to showcase the beauty, wildlife, and community life of the Moira Lake area.

**1. Submission Period:** May 16 to July 24, 2026

## 2. Categories

Photos may be submitted in the following three categories:

1. **Scenery** – Landscapes, sunsets, weather, and other natural views around Moira Lake.
2. **Wildlife & Pets** – Animals, birds, insects, and other fauna found in and around the lake, including pets.
3. **People & Lake Life** – Community activities, events, cottages, and people enjoying the lake.

## 3. Eligibility

- Open to all ages. Entrants under 18 must have parent or legal guardian consent at the time of submission.
- Photos must be taken on or around Moira Lake.
- Photos may be from any date.
- Submissions must be original work by the entrant.
- There is no entry fee.

## 4. Submission Requirements

- Photos must be submitted in .jpg or .png format.
- Each submission must include the photographer's name, category, photo title, and email address.
- A maximum of 15 entries per participant is permitted, with no more than 5 per category.
- Each image must not exceed 6 MB in file size.

- Basic editing (cropping, exposure, color correction) is permitted. Composite or heavily altered images must be disclosed.
- AI-generated or substantially AI-assisted images are not eligible.

## **5. Entry Submission**

- Entries must be submitted using the MLPOA online photo contest platform. A link to the platform will be provided to all MLPOA members and anyone wishing to enter.
- Entries posted to the MLPOA Facebook Group will not be accepted.
- Participants do not need to be signed-in to upload or view photos.

## **6. Voting**

- People's Choice voting will take place on the MLPOA-designated online platform.
- Multiple votes from the same individual for the same photo, or automated voting, will result in disqualification at the discretion of MLPOA.
- Participants may not vote for their own submissions.
- In order to vote participants must sign-in using Facebook.

## **7. Judging & People's Choice**

- Submissions will be judged by a panel selected by MLPOA based on originality, visual impact, composition, and relevance to the category.
- All judging decisions are final.
- One People's Choice winner will be selected per category based on online voting.
- Ties in People's Choice voting will be resolved by the judging panel.
- Winners will be announced at the MLPOA Annual Meeting on **August 8, 2026** and notified by email. Failure to provide a valid email may result in forfeiture of the prize.

## **8. Prizes**

- Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category, plus the People's Choice award.
- Cash prizes: **\$100 (1st), \$50 (2nd), \$25 (3rd)**.

## **9. Usage Rights**

By submitting a photo to the MLPOA 2026 Photo Contest, entrants grant MLPOA a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to use the submitted images, with photographer credit, for promotional, educational, fundraising, and communication purposes in both print and digital formats, including websites, newsletters, social media, presentations, and calendars.

Entrants retain full copyright ownership of their images. No additional compensation will be provided beyond contest prizes. MLPOA will not sell submitted images to third parties.

## **10. Conflict of Interest Policy**

Members of the MLPOA Board of Directors and appointed judges are not eligible to win judged prizes in any category. They may participate in People's Choice voting.

## **11. Privacy Statement**

MLPOA respects your privacy. Email addresses and personal information collected through the Photo Contest are used solely for contest administration, including confirming submissions, contacting winners, and administering prizes.

Personal information will not be sold, shared, or distributed to third parties and will be retained only as long as necessary to fulfill contest and record-keeping requirements. By submitting an entry, you consent to this use in accordance with applicable Canadian privacy legislation.

## **12. General Terms**

- Photos containing offensive or inappropriate content will be disqualified at the discretion of MLPOA.
- Entrants must have permission from any identifiable individuals in their photos to share their image.
- Entrants must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to submit images of minors.
- MLPOA is not responsible for lost, late, or misdirected entries.
- MLPOA reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not comply with these rules.
- MLPOA reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the contest if circumstances require.

- By entering, participants release MLPOA from any liability related to participation in the contest or use of submitted images.
- This contest is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada.