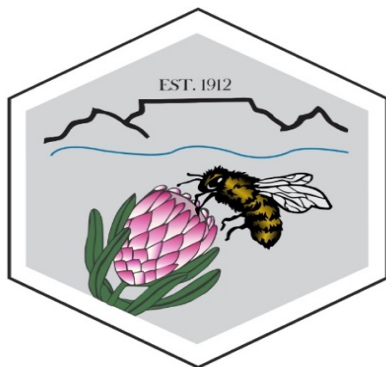


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Western Cape Bee Industry Association



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## **WCBA Photographic Competition 2023**

### **ENTRIES NOW OPEN**

2023 marks the Western Cape Bee Industry Association's inaugural photographic competition as part of its efforts to raise awareness about our special Cape honeybee, *Apis mellifera capensis*.

The top three images from each category will be printed and displayed alongside the WCBA's honey and mead competition at the NAMPO agricultural expo in Bredasdorp on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 2023.

The competition is open to anyone - not only beekeepers - and entry is free! The theme of the competition is all things related to bees and the beekeeping industry. Images submitted should be of bees or some aspect of the beekeeping industry.

### **CATEGORIES**

#### **Junior Mobile**

Photographs captured using a mobile device. Participants wishing to enter this category should be 18 years or younger.

#### **Amateur Mobile**

Photographs captured using a mobile device. Participants wishing to enter this category should be older than 18 years.

## **Junior**

Photographs captured using any camera excluding a mobile camera. Participants wishing to enter this category should be younger than 18 years.

## **Amateur**

This category is for enthusiasts who are not affiliated to any professional photographic body.

Photographs captured using any camera excluding a mobile camera. Participants wishing to enter this category should be older than 18 years.

## **Professional**

This category is for enthusiasts who are affiliated to professional photographic bodies.

Photographs captured using any camera excluding a mobile camera. Participants wishing to enter this category should be older than 18 years.

## **Competition Rules**

Entry is open to all residents of South Africa, except members of the WCBA executive committee, competition organisers and their families.

Images must be the work of the entrants themselves with the use of a camera.

All images must be original and should not contain elements made by others in part or entirely.

The use of Artificial Intelligence to create images is forbidden.

Images created up to 365 days prior to the competition will be accepted as valid entries.

All corrections and adjustments should be performed by the entrant him/herself.

The addition or removal of elements within an image is not allowed.

The following post-processing actions are allowed:

- Cropping and resizing
- Lens distortion, chromatic aberration, vignette correction and perspective adjustments
- Removal of dust spots and scratches
- Blending of different exposures of the same scene
- Adjustments to the exposure and contrast of an image, including dodging and burning

- Colour balance correction
- Adjustment of saturation and vibrance
- Sharpening of images
- The application of focus stacking

RAW images may be requested by the judges, failure to present the RAW file upon request will result in the image being disqualified.

The judges' decision is final.

Winning images may be used as marketing for future WCBA photographic competitions and to help promote awareness of the Cape honeybee and beekeeping activities in the Western Cape. All photographers will be duly credited when their images are used.

By entering this competition, you agree that all images submitted are your own and no laws have been broken in their creation.

### **How to Submit:**

To enter please submit your photos through WeTransfer to [photo.wcba@gmail.com](mailto:photo.wcba@gmail.com)

- Please put your name and surname in the title.
- In the message body, stipulate the categories and image names you are entering.

Images must be saved in the .jpg or .jpeg format and be no smaller than 1.5MB.

To ensure that all images are displayed correctly when judging, please use the sRGB colour space.

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> of August, 2023

All queries to: [photo.wcba@gmail.com](mailto:photo.wcba@gmail.com)