



# WORLD BONSAI PHOTO CONTEST

## Terms and Conditions

The WBFF Photo Contest begins on January 1, 2025, and ends on March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the rules of the contest.

### Who may enter:

The award is open to all bonsai enthusiasts worldwide, with no restrictions on the number of photographs submitted. Please note that each photograph requires an entry fee of **USD \$50**, payable once the photograph is accepted. Each accepted photograph will be registered in the WBFF 2026 ebook and will be displayed during the World Bonsai Convention.

### Ethics:

If the judges determine that a photograph has been altered beyond the realistic presentation of the bonsai, they reserve the right to disqualify the photographer.

### Copyright and Usage Rights:

The copyright of the photograph belongs to the photographer, but WBFF reserves the right to use the photographs for publicity and publications.

### Theme:

This is a photography competition for bonsai. The category is open to any style or size of bonsai.

### Judge:

The judge, Mr. Kimura Masahiko, is one of the most renowned bonsai masters of our time. His judgment will be final.

### About the Awards:

**First place:** Travel and registration paid

**Second place:** Event registration

**Third place:** Paid hotel accommodation during the event

Awards will be presented at the final party of the event, and prizes will be awarded by the judges.

Each region will also have an additional recognition award for the best 3 bonsai of the region.

## • **What to submit:**

- Photos should be no older than two years and must reflect the current appearance of the tree.
- Specimens submitted may be subject to inspection if required by the contest organizers. Contestants must respond to inspection requests within 5 to 15 working days. Additionally, the organizers may request a joint photo of the plant and its designer.
- Photographs should be in focus, with a background that is not distracting. A flat, light-toned, or white background is preferred. Patterns that could affect the evaluation of the tree design should be avoided. Minor fairness alterations such as removing sensor dust or scratches, adjusting sharpness, contrast, toning, and slight color corrections are allowed as long as they reflect the tree's true appearance. The photo will be judged in its original format.
- Photographs must exclusively feature bonsai. Photos that include inappropriate people, objects, or subjects will not be accepted.
- The minimum resolution is 300 dpi, with a minimum size of 15 cm horizontally.
- Photographs must be submitted in TIFF, JPEG, or GIF format. Each photograph should include the entrant's name and the species name of the bonsai.
- No images generated or altered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) are allowed.
- The entrant certifies that they are the creator of the bonsai design, the owner of the bonsai, and the copyright holder of the submitted photograph.
- The submission of a photograph does not guarantee its acceptance. If a photo is not accepted due to ethical concerns, theme, or characteristics, the entrant will be notified and given the opportunity to resubmit with the necessary corrections. Participants will be supported in obtaining the best possible photos and are invited to view the Bonsai Photography Tutorial.
- Violation of any of the above points will result in non-admission of the photo to the contest and may lead to disqualification of the entrant.

- Entry at [WBFF | World Bonsai Friendship Federation](#)

- <https://bit.ly/3DcR5HV>

## • **Information:**

- **Payment to the WBC 10th World Bonsai Convention**

Bank: CIMB BANK

Account Holder: Persatuan Bonsai Dan Suiseki Malaysia

Account Number: 8011179529

SWIFT Code: CIBBMYKL