



Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques
World Underwater Federation

CMAS GENERAL RULES
On-Line Photo Battle
and
Video Battle

VERSION 2020/1

General Rules of Underwater Photo Championships / BOD XXX. XXXXX

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. These General Rules, specifically relating to Underwater photography and videography, complete and specify the procedures and obligations applicable to all CMAS On-Line International Competitions.
- 1.2. The photo and video competitions will be held on-line and they will be named “CMAS Photo Battle” and “CMAS Video Battle”.
- 1.3. The frequency of the BATTLE will be determined by CMAS and start date of the next competition will be announced on the CMAS web page and CMAS Social nets.

2. PARTICIPATION and ENTRY

- 2.1. Competition is open to all participants of all ages and all nationalities.
- 2.2. A 3 Euros fee is to be paid online to join each “BATTLE”.
- 2.3. The registration form <https://www.sportdata.org/cmas> must be filled before entering the “BATTLE”.

3. HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO/VIDEO

For photo submission just go to battle categories section and click on “Submit your photo/video” icon for those categories you want to submit a photo. In order to submit a photo/video, you need an account and be logged in. If you have already an account on Sportdata, just log in with your Username and Password.

If you don't have an account yet, please use Option 1 or 2 in order to create a new account.

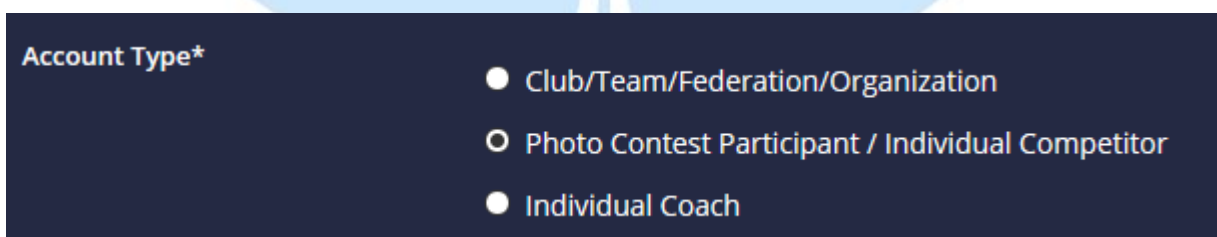
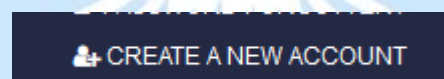
a) *Option 1:*

The easiest way is to use the social login buttons.



b) *Option 2:*

Alternatively you can click on “Create a new account” and fill out the registration form in order to create a new account. Make sure to select the account type “Photo Contest Participant”

A dark blue rectangular form with the text "Account Type*" in white. Below the text are three radio button options: "Club/Team/Federation/Organization", "Photo Contest Participant / Individual Competitor", and "Individual Coach". The "Photo Contest Participant / Individual Competitor" option is selected.

Account Type*

- Club/Team/Federation/Organization
- Photo Contest Participant / Individual Competitor
- Individual Coach

After creation of your new account, please check your email and click on the activation link in the activation email in order to activate your account. Log in now with your Username and Password and start uploading your photos.

4. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- 4.1. CMAS is free to organize more than one “BATTLE” every year.
- 4.2. Beginning and the end of the “BATTLE” will be announced on line at <https://www.sportdata.org/cmas>

- 4.3. Competition applications and image submission will be done on line.
- 4.4. After the voting final standings will be announced on the same web address.

5. RULES

- 5.1. All photos/videos submitted must be shot and edited by the competitor.
- 5.2. Photos/videos must be in digital format and can be shot with all kinds of digital cameras.
- 5.3. Only one photo/video can be submitted to each category by each competitor.
- 5.4. Photos/videos can be shot both above and underwater, half and half photographs/videos are also permitted.
- 5.5. Photos/videos won other competitions (national or international) and photos/video that were published on major magazines or online magazines can not join the "BATTLE" (this rule does not restrict social media and photo sharing platforms like Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest etc. publications)
- 5.6. Photos/videos, submitted to the "BATTLE" will be the property of CMAS and will be used freely without payment but under the name of the artist for promotional/official activities of CMAS or affiliated associations.

6. PHOTO and VIDEO JURY

- 6.1. Photos/Videos will be submitted through <https://www.sportdata.org/cmas> web page.
- 6.2. Photos/Videos will be available for public voting as soon as they are approved by CMAS.
- 6.3. Public is the jury of this competition.
- 6.4. Top 20 Photos/Videos receiving the highest vote on-line will be carried to the next round of the "BATTLE"
- 6.5. On the second round first round winners will be opened to public vote again and at the end of this round winners will be announced.

7. PHOTO RULES and CATEGORIES

- 7.1.1. Finswimming : Photo/Video of a finswimmer or competition (Pool)
- 7.1.2. Finswimming : Photo/Video of a finswimmer or competition (Open Water)
- 7.1.3. Free-Diving : Photo/Video of a freediver in competition (Pool)
- 7.1.4. Free-Diving : Photo/Video of a freediver in competition (Open Water)
- 7.1.5. Underwater Hockey : Photo/Video of an Underwater Hockey player or team.
- 7.1.6. Underwater Rugby : Photo/Video of an Underwater Rugby player or team.
- 7.1.7. Orienteering : Photo/Video of an orienteerer or competition (Open Water)
- 7.1.8. Spearfishing : Photo/Video of spearfishing competition (on surface dead fish photos are not allowed)
- 7.1.9. Target Shooting : Photo/Video of underwater target shooting athlete or action.
- 7.1.10. Aquathlon : Photo/Video of two wrestlers in competition (Pool)
- 7.1.11. Sports Diving : Photo/Video of sports diver,
- 7.1.12. Visual : Photo/Video of photographer/videographer in competition
- 7.1.13. Creative category, a free category that is limited to the artists imagination.
Open to any kind of CMAS underwater sports.
- 7.2. **Photo rules** : All photo formats allowed provided that minimum resolution of the long side of the image must be minimum 2000 pix. And can not exceed 3 Mb.
- 7.3. Manipulations increasing the quality of the image but not deforming its originality is allowed; all kinds of digital manipulations, backscatter or dust removal, sharpness, colour correction, exposure, crop, white balance etc. are allowed. However, adding images, texture of any kind from other sources is not allowed except for creative category.
- 7.4. **Video Rules**: An unedited movie/clip is required: A min 15 seconds and max 60 seconds (included) clip, without any sound, music, credits, animations, subtitles or effects.
- 7.5. Participants agree the above terms by sending the application form.

8. DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 8.1. Primary objective of this competition is to promote CMAS Sports. Action against the protection of underwater world will be punished by disqualification of the photographer from all CMAS activities.

Photographers must pay attention and respect the underwater life, fair play etc. hence photos/videos representing the opposite will be disqualified from the competition.

- 8.2. Photos/videos proved to be shot or edited by others will be disqualified.
- 8.3. Failing to submit the original high resolution (raw or else) file of the photos of the top 15 is a reason for disqualification of the photo.
- 8.4. Photos/videos of athletes or others must have a written and signed consent form stating that he/she (model/athlete) allows the photos to be used as stated on above article no 4.4. It is the responsibility of the photographer/videographer to present this form if requested.

9. HOW TO VOTE

Once the voting has started you can vote for your favorite photos in each category gallery by clicking on the "VOTE FOR IT" Icon in the left top corner of a photo and confirm your vote:

In order to vote for a photo you can use your **social account**, with your **email address** or if you are logged in with your **CMAS Sportdata account**.



10. FINAL PLACING

- 10.1. For each BATTLE, the CMAS will establish and announce the categories on which the judgment will be done.
- 10.2. The first ten photographers/videographers with the highest score in all the categories will be announced on the web-page.
- 10.3. The first three Photographers/videographers will get prizes.
- 10.4. There is no appeal against the decisions taken by CMAS.
- 10.5. Final standings are only valid when they are approved by CMAS. Valid standings will be announced on competition web site.