

Canadian Association for Photographic Art CAPA international Salon – Privacy Policy

Introduction

By entering this contest, you explicitly consent to the Canadian Association for Photographic Art (CAPA) collecting and storing your personal information (including your name, country of residence, number of images submitted, and titles of submitted images) for the purpose of administering the CAPA Salon. You also grant CAPA permission to publicly display your name, country, and images in the salon gallery and catalog, as well as in promotional materials for future CAPA salons.

None of your personal details contained in the CAPA membership database will be used nor transferred to the CAPA Salon.

The CAPA Salon uses the International Association of Art Photographers (IAAP) competition platform to manage entries. This secure online system, is hosted in Switzerland and administered by the IAAP President in North Macedonia. This platform is widely used by photography organizations worldwide for international competitions.

The IAAP platform follows the **European Union's General Data Protection Regulation** (GDPR) standards, ensuring your data is protected by one of the world's most comprehensive privacy frameworks. This includes strict adherence to:

- Data minimization (collecting only essential information)
- Purpose limitation (using data only for specified competition purposes)
- Participant rights (including access to and control over your personal information)

The IAAP server incorporates data encryption using 128-bit MD5 hashing with additional salting to enhance security. This ensures that stored data is not only hashed but also unique modified, making it more resilient against brute-force and rainbow table attack. All data transmissions occurs over a secure HTTPS (TLS 1.2/1.3) connection to protect against interception and man-in-the-middle attacks. With these configurations, any data exchange between users and the server remains encrypted and secure from unauthorized access.

For the CAPA Salon, all submitted personal data is restricted and accessible only by the CAPA Director of Competitions.

CAPA is legally required to comply with Canada's **Personal Information Protection Act**, which upholds privacy standards comparable to the EU's GDPR. This dual compliance ensures your personal information receives the highest level of privacy protection.

In Event of A Security Breach

In the event of a security breach, the CAPA President will oversee the incident response process. Once confirmed, immediate notifications will be sent to all affected participants and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. All security incidents will be thoroughly documented and managed according to Canadian privacy regulations.

Verification, Update & Withdrawal of Personal Details

The CAPA President is responsible and accountable for the Association's compliance with the Canadian **Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act**.

Salon participants may can contact the CAPA President (president@capacanada.ca) to:

1. request a copy of their personal details collected are correct and request changes to be made
2. withdraw their permission to have their personal details recorded, which will result in removing their image submissions from the salon
3. enquire about privacy-related questions or concerns or to request a copy of their recorded personal details relating to the CAPA Salon. The President will provide a response within 30 days after the receipt of their request.

Release of Personal Data Without Consent

Your personal details will be released without your knowledge or consent if CAPA is required to comply with a subpoena or warrant issues or an order made by a court, person or body with jurisdiction to compel the production of information.

Retention of Personal Data Provided For 2025 CAPA Salon

Personal details contained on the IAAP platform will be deleted five (5) months after the announcement of the CAPA Salon results.

Prior to the expiration of the five (5) months, all personal details and submitted images from the IAAP platform will be archived for CAPA archive purposes and this access will be restricted to the CAPA President and the CAPA Secretary.

These archive details are being retained in the event of a future investigation or complaint being initiated by either the CAPA President or the Office of the Privacy Commissioner.

Register A Complaint About Issues or Concerns Relating to Personal Details

You are within your right to submit a complaint, relating to the accuracy or handling of your personal details relating to the CAPA Salon to:

1. CAPA President (email: president@capacanada.ca or mailing address CAPA PO Box 231 Salmon Arm BC V1E 4N3 and/or
2. send a letter to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada – 30 Rue Victoria, Gatineau, QC J8X 2A1

This letter to the Office of the Commissioner should:

1. outline your issues or concerns with how your personal details were handled by the Canadian Association for Photographic Art.
2. include all copies of documents and email messages
3. return address and phone number.

The Officer of the Privacy Commissioner does not accept email messages.