

Professionals in Cardiac Sciences Australia Inc (PiCSA) & Structural Heart Disease Australia (SHDA)

Rules of Entry: Cardiac Case Challenge 2026

1. Eligibility

- The competition is open to **Cardiac Physiologists working in cardiac sciences in Australia.**
- Each individual may submit **one entry only.**
- PiCSA membership is encouraged but is **not required to enter.**

2. The Case

Entries must present an **interesting, educational or unusual cardiac case** from any Cardiac Physiology modality, including but not limited to:

- Echocardiography
- Electrophysiology
- Cardiac Devices/Pacing
- Cardiac Catheterisation
- Electrocardiography and ambulatory monitoring

Cases may focus on an interesting diagnosis, clinical finding, challenging case, unusual image or an aspect of Cardiac Physiology that demonstrates the role and expertise of the profession.

3. Submission Requirements

Entries should be **less than one page in length** and include:

- **Case title**
- **Entrant's name and professional title** (e.g. Cardiac Physiologist)
- Workplace/organisation
- A brief case presentation (1 page or less)
- Relevant images and/or supporting material
- Key learning points

Further submission requirements will be outlined on the competition entry form.

4. Patient Confidentiality and Consent

All cases must be **fully de-identified.**

Entrants are responsible for ensuring that appropriate **patient consent and any required institutional permissions** have been obtained before submitting a case.

No patient-identifiable information may be included in the submission.

5. Use of Submitted Material

By entering the competition, entrants agree that PiCSA and SHDA may use their submitted case, images and associated material for educational, professional and promotional purposes.

This may include publication in PiCSA or SHDA newsletters, social media, PiCSA Case Files, educational presentations, webinars, SHDA educational activities and future conference or symposium presentations.

PiCSA and SHDA may also work with selected entrants to develop their case for **presentation or potential publication**.

6. Judging

Entries will be assessed by a judging panel selected by PiCSA and SHDA.

Cases may be judged on:

- Educational value
- Clinical interest
- Quality and clarity of the case presentation
- Key learning points
- Demonstration of the role and expertise of Cardiac Physiology

The judges' decision will be final.

7. Prizes

Two major winners (one **Open To All** category and one **Rural/Regional** category) will each receive:

- Up to **\$1,000 reimbursement** towards registration, travel and/or accommodation to attend the **SHDA Symposium in Sydney**.
- **One year PiCSA membership**.

Five runner-up prizes will each receive:

- **One year PiCSA membership**.

8. SHDA Symposium

The two major prize winners will be invited to attend the **SHDA Symposium in Sydney**, with their prize providing up to \$1,000 towards the costs of registering for and attending the conference. Each prize winner will be required to submit a short SHDA symposium review/summary of the PiCSA newsletter. The prize money will be reimbursed to the winner upon receipt of documents of expense to attend the symposium and review/summary article for the PiCSA newsletter.

9. Competition Dates

Entries open: 20th September 2026

Entries close: 16th October 2026

Winners announced: 18th October 2026

10. Acceptance of Rules

Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of these Rules of Entry and agreement to the use of submitted material as outlined above.