Competition Rules - 2020/21

Club Competitions

Throughout the season we host a number of Club Competitions as well as some Inter-Club Battles.

A range of images from both our own Club Competitions and the Inter-Club Battles can be viewed in our Galleries section along with our recent Club Competition Results.

Club Competitions are designed to allow members to pitch their best images up against other members. We hold five (5) General Competitions as well as one (1) Annual Competition per season.

These will be marked by a judge from outside the club who will be invited to comment and award the following positions and points:

1st Place	6 points
2nd Place	5 points
3rd Place	4 points
Highly Commended	3 points
Commended	2 points
All other acceptable entries	1 point

(Equal Places are acceptable where given)

President's Cup

Awarded to the member with the highest aggregate points in all classes of General and Annual competitions.

General Competitions:
- These are divided into four categories:
    a) Open Print, *see note below
    b) Open Digitally Projected
    c) Set Subject Print*see note below
    d) Set Subject Digitally Projected.
- Set Subjects are decided by the committee each season and can be found within the latest news section of the website.
- Members can enter 1 image per category.
- Entries to any competition may be colour or monochrome, unless otherwise stated.
- Entries are judged by an experienced independent judge who will provide a detailed critique on each image and award positions from Commended, Highly Commended, Third, Second and First place.
- Points are awarded for each position and the aggregate winner for each category will be calculated once all 5 General Competitions are complete.
- Winners of each category in the Regular Competitions are awarded with a trophy.

* Update for 2020/21 season due to Covid 19 Restrictions (Sept 2020)

Due to the government restrictions imposed in order to safeguard the public against the pandemic, we are currently unable to meet up in person as a Club.
All competitions until further notice will take place online and will only require submission of an Open DPI, and a Set DPI.

Annual Competitions:
- Annual Competitions are divided into a range of categories which can vary year to year. Details of the categories are published on the webpage at the start of each season.
- Members can enter 1 image per category.
- Entries are judged by an experienced independent judge who will provide a detailed critique on each image and award positions from Commended, Highly Commended, Third, Second and First place.
- Winners of the Annual Competitions are awarded with a trophy.

Inter-Club Battles:
(September 2020 - NB These will all be taking place online until further notice)

We currently participate in a number of Inter-Club Battles each season. These Battles give members the chance to pitch their best images up against members from other clubs in the surrounding area. Depending on the type of Battle images can be entered from as many as four clubs.

Images are judged by an experienced independent judge who awards a point score for each image (generally a score out of 20). At the end of the night the scores are totalled and the winning club announced.

Rules for General Competitions

1. Club members may enter one entry in each of the four classes i.e. 4 entries in all for any General Competition – this number can be varied by the Competitions Secretary, giving one week's notice prior to the closing date of the next competition. *** Update for 2020/21 season due to Covid 19 Restrictions (Sept 2020). There are currently only two classes currently; Open DPI and Projected DPI. In addition, images taken within 5 years of the submission date will currently be accepted, instead of the usual 3 years.**

2. All image Manipulation processes and techniques are eligible, provided that:
   - the image originates from a camera
   - entrants own the copyright to every element of their submissions the image, including its components,
   - the image is no older than **five** years on the date of submission
   - any modification of the original image must be made by the author or under his/her personal direction.
3. All entries to any General Competition should be handed to the Competitions Secretary by the date specified in the Club programme.

4. All digital images and digital images of prints entered for any competition must be available for use in inter-club competitions and for display on the club website. All prints must be available for inter-club battles and for publicity displays in Cirencester

5. The club reserves the right to maintain a catalogue of all images entered in competitions

6. A digitally projected image or print that has been awarded a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any class of General competition may not be entered into any Club competition again.

7. Entries cannot be submitted more than twice in any class.

8. Prints entered into competitions must have a mount size not exceeding 50cmX40cm

9. All prints must be mounted and clearly show the club member's membership number, the title of the image and the title of the competition for which they are entered.

10. Monochrome images must be any black and white image going from very dark grey (black) to a very clear grey (white) and containing only various shades of grey. A black and white work toned entirely in one colour will remain eligible for the monochrome class. However a black and white work modified by partial addition of one or more colours becomes a colour work, not Monochrome.

11. All prints must be mounted (max. 50cm x 40cm) and clearly show the author's membership number, the title of the image and the competition for which it is entered.

12. All digitally projected images must have a title and state the membership number and the competition for which it is entered.

13. A digital image of each print should be provided.

14. All images must be 1600×1200 pixels in size and in the sRGB colour space.

15. The digital filename should be in the format: Membership number, Competition, Image title, e.g. 13_A_set/open_title or 13_A_set/open_title – digitalprint. The file should be saved in the jpg format (NOT jpeg).

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Rules for Annual Competitions

In addition to the Rules for General Competitions the following conditions apply:

16. In the event that fewer than three members enter for any specific competition then that competition will be cancelled for that year.

17. Members may submit one entry in any Annual Competition (unless the competition rules state otherwise).

18. Entries can only be submitted once in any specific Annual Competition.

19. Entries for competitions that feature practical night/club outing activities must have been taken during the current season.

ANNUAL AWARDS COMPETITIONS 2021*

*SEPT 2020 - NB The format and dates of the competitions below may be subject to alteration if Covid 19 restrictions are still in place in 2021.

Members are eligible if they have entered two or more of the club's respective general competitions during the current season (with the exception of the competition for the Best New Member).

Submission Dates for the following awards are given in the programme.

President's Cup
Awarded to the member with the highest aggregate points in all classes of General and Annual competitions.

Award	Subject	Format	Notes
Pitchers Trophy	'An Iconic Cotswold's Location'	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB	Topic chosen by our Club President.
Dennis Moss Trophy	Open	Print 1600 x 1200, sRGB	If CV19 restrictions still apply, this will be DPI.
Leonard Jones Cup	Open	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB	
Black & White	Open	Print 1600 x 1200, sRGB	If CV19 restrictions still apply, this will be DPI.
Miles Shield	Open (Club outing)	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB	
Gladiator Trophy	Aviation	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB	
Pitchers Cup (new members)	Open	Either Print or DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB	Open to new members only. If CV19 restrictions still apply, this will be DPI only

Competitions will be judged and winners announced on the Club Awards Evening.