

# Monthly Competition Rules

Monthly competitions are held from February through to November, 10 in all, on the 1st Monday of each month, with the exception of public holidays. Check the club calendar for updates.

All financial and life members are eligible to enter. Associate members are ineligible to enter.

Each monthly competition has a SET Subject category and an OPEN Subject category. The Set Subject topics can be found on the club website.

Images may be entered either as DIGITAL entries or PRINT entries or combinations of both.

For a greater appreciation of the current creative skills of our members, it's preferable for members to be seen to be entering their most recent work in the monthly competitions rather than earlier work from past years.

The cut off date for entries to be submitted in any monthly competition is one month prior to the judging evening for that competition. For example, if the judging evening is the first Monday in June then the cut off date for your June entries to be submitted is Midnight on the first Monday in May.

All entries are submitted through the Entries Portal on the Aspley Camera Club's website. This includes a digital version of any print entry. The digital version of your print entry is required for projection at the judging evening. Judges do not receive the digital version, judging is done from the print.

## All Members - All Grades B - AB - A - Gold

Each member may submit a maximum of two DIGITAL images per month. If submitting two digital images, then one must be in the SET Subject category and one must be in the OPEN Subject category.

If submitting only one digital image, the member may choose which category to enter.

Additionally, each member may submit a maximum of two PRINT images per month. If submitting two print images, then one must be in the SET Subject category and one must be in the OPEN Subject category.

If submitting only one print image, the member may choose which category to enter.

Judges will mark each image, in all grades, as either an Acceptance, a Merit or an Honour. An Acceptance scores 5 Points, a Merit scores 10 points and an Honour scores 15 points.

## For all entries, Digital or Print...

- No late entries can be accepted.
- You must be logged in to the website to enter.
- The entry must be the exclusive work of the member.
- This applies to the set-up, shooting and post processing of the entry. This does not apply to the printing of an entry. The print may be made by commercial printing services providing no interpretive changes are made to the image.
- An entry will be received into the competition in the belief that these expectations have been met by the member.
- Digital images (including the digital version of any print entry) must be in JPEG format and must not exceed 1920 pixels wide and 1080 pixels deep when resized.
- Rename your image with a concise but descriptive title prior to submission, e.g., **Just passing time.**
- Do not include in your title any “special characters” such as ? / “ ‘ ; ( ) ! % # \$ &.
- Spaces are ok, no need for \_ or - between words.
- Do not include your member number or grade in the title of your digital file. The website automatically appends this information.
- An image (or substantially similar image) having gained two Acceptances or one Merit or Honour may not be re-entered in another monthly competition. It may be entered in the End of Year competition. This ineligibility extends to monthly competitions in subsequent years regardless of the grade entered.
- The same image (or substantially similar image) may not be entered in more than one category or medium in any one competition.

## More specifically for Print entries...

- Minimum print size is 25cm x 20cm. Maximum print size is 50cm x 40cm.
- Prints must be mounted, e.g., window mount, matboard, foamcore, coreflute.
- Maximum mount size is 50cm x 40cm.
- To avoid damage to the prints of others, all potentially damaging materials must be removed e.g., velcro, sticky tabs, badly adhered tape. If your entry can damage the work of others it may be disqualified.
- Place a self-adhesive label provided by the club on the reverse side of your mounted print in the top left-hand corner with your member number, grade, category (set or open) and the title. The placement of the label indicates to the judge the correct orientation of your print.
- Adhesive labels are available at the door, just ask.

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