

## **ASPLEY CAMERA CLUB – PROMOTION TO A HIGHER GRADE**

### **The promotion system:**

1. A member shall only be in one grade at any time. Members are eligible to compete in either or both print and digital competitions in that same grade.
2. At the conclusion of each year's monthly competition, members who achieve the required number of awards (merits, honours and acceptances), in either print or digital competitions, will be promoted automatically to the next higher grade. Such promotions will occur from B Grade to AB Grade; from AB Grade to A Grade; and from A Grade to Gold Grade.
3. Any member who fails to meet the promotion criteria and who considers that their photographic work is of a standard that merits promotion, can apply to the Entries Officer to have their request considered. A Selection Committee will review the member's request and will require a minimum of ten images to assess. These images may be made up of digital images, prints or a combination of both. The images should demonstrate not only the skill of the photographer but also a breadth of subject matter.
4. Members who are to be automatically promoted will be announced at the Club's end of year function. Members who submit images to a Selection Committee for assessment will be notified of the outcome of their request prior to the commencement of the following year's competition, provided that they submit their images to that committee in time for the decision to be made.
5. Any decision to award a promotion after the following year's monthly competition has commenced and where that member has entered one or more images into the monthly competition, will be deferred to the following year.

### **The criteria for promotion are:**

1. The assessment of a member's results will be based on their performance in either print or digital media during a calendar year of the Club's monthly competitions.
2. Where a member has entered both print and digital competitions, the assessment will be made on the medium where the member has scored the best. So, for example, where a member has achieved the criteria for promotion in prints but not in digital, the member will be promoted (and vice versa). A member cannot take partial results from one medium and use them toward the other.
3. The member must have submitted at least 15 images during the year in print (to be assessed for promotion based on their print work), or at least 15

images during the year in digital (to be assessed for promotion based on their digital work). Print scores and digital scores will be assessed separately and cannot be combined.

4. The assessment requires a member to have gained awards in both open and set subjects.
5. Of that minimum of 15 images, the member must gain at least two honours (at least one in open and at least one in set subjects).
6. The member must also gain at least six merits (of those six, at least two in open and at least two in set subjects).
7. The member must also gain at least seven acceptances (of those seven, at least two in open and at least two in set subjects).
8. Any honour awarded in excess of the required two will count toward the merits required.
9. Any merit awarded in excess of the required six will count toward the acceptances required.
10. Any remaining honours and merits in excess of the required two and six respectively will count toward the acceptances required.

Award	Minimum Total Awards required (Open and Set Subjects combined)	Minimum Open Awards	Minimum Set Subjects Awards
Honour	2	1	1
Merit	6	2	2
Acceptance	7	2	2
Minimum entries required	15		
Notes (for clarity):			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The requirement for 'honours' will be met by one honour in open and one in set subjects. The mix of merits to achieve the required six can be: two in open and four in set subjects; three in each; or four in open and two in set subjects. The mix of acceptances to achieve the required seven must include at least two in open and two in set subjects (two open and five set; three open and four set; four open and three set; or five open and two set).</li> <li>2. An honour achieved in excess of required two will be converted to a merit in the same category, i.e. set subjects or open.</li> <li>3. A merit achieved in excess of the required six will be converted to an acceptance in the same category, i.e. set subjects or open.</li> </ol>			