

Yeovil Camera Club Competition rules

Amended in accordance with the constitution 1 September 2011

The term 'image' is used to mean print or projected digital image (PDI)

General rules

1. Members are encouraged to enter images into competitions that are less than three years old. However, photos taken more than three years ago are allowed if they have not been previously entered in Yeovil Camera Club (the Club) competitions. Images entered must be significantly different from each other and those entered in previous competitions.
2. By choosing to enter any Club competition a member agrees to make any image entered available for selection for external competitions. This does not preclude members from using the image in any other way they choose. Members also agree to make any image they enter available for another club or inter-club event in which the Club is also involved during the same season. Breach of this rule would disallow any points the member had gained for the image during that season.
3. Submission of an image for competitions shall signify acceptance of these rules.
4. Only paid up members can enter Club or external competitions.
5. Images should be totally the author's own copyright.
6. Whilst third party printing and processing is allowed, any manipulation of images must be the work of the author (i.e. no clip art or parts of library images may be used).
7. The Officers of the Club will take every possible care of images entrusted to them for whatever purpose, but neither they nor the Club can accept any responsibility for damage or loss, which might occur to such images.
8. The date of submission for internal competitions will be two weeks before the date of the competition with the deadline for entries one week before the competition date. Acceptance of a late entry will be allowed in exceptional circumstances only and at the discretion of the Competition Secretary, which must be agreed prior to the deadline for submission.
9. The accepted format for PDI'S will be JPEG or TIFF. The image files MUST have a .jpeg or .tiff extension.
10. All internal competitions shall be judged anonymously and the member's name shall not appear on the print or PDI.
11. Every member shall be allotted a membership number which must be included with all competition entries.
12. All entries must be accompanied by a single completed entry form, one per competition. Entry forms are available from the Competition Secretary on request or downloadable from the link on the Club's website.
13. The points shield shall be awarded, based on an accumulations of points earned from four internal competitions designated as 1), 2), 3) and 4). Of these, three will be for 'themed' or 'open' categories, and for either prints or PDI's. The precise entry requirement will be defined in the Club programme. Colour or monochrome images may be entered into either print or PDI categories. One of the four competitions will be for monochrome images only. They may be entered into either the print or PDI category.

14. There will be a limit of four entries per member, with a limit of three in each category (print or PDI), for each internal competition.
15. Images are not to be entered in more than two separate competitions.
16. An image that has previously been placed in either a Club competition or Club trophy may not be entered into a Club internal competition for a second time. The exception to this rule is the Cave and Mockeridge entries.
17. Members agree to waive copyright to a submitted print or PDI solely for the purpose of copying them so that they can be projected during the competition and used on the Club's website.

Internal competition submissions (prints)

18. Prints are to be robustly mounted (window mounts should ideally also be backed to prevent damage).
19. To prevent possible damage to other prints all previous means of hanging or fixing (i.e. Velcro, double sided sticky tape etc.) is to be removed. The Competition Secretary will have the right to refuse any entry which they believe may cause damage to other entries.
20. The author's membership number and the image title (as recorded on the entry form), with the first entry date, must be recorded on the back of the mount.
21. Prints are to be limited to a maximum size of 500 mm by 400 mm or 20" by 16" which includes the mount.

Internal competition submissions (PDI's)

22. PDI's should be submitted on any suitable storage device (memory stick or CD) and at the current recommended resolution, colour space and format. If a virus is flagged as being present on a memory stick or CD that entry will be refused. Members should maintain up to date virus control software on their computers, any suspect file will be rejected outright.
23. Each image file must be named with the image title followed by an underscore '_' and the membership number e.g. All alone_123.jpeg. The image title can be in upper or lower case or a mixture of both and can include spaces.
24. For optimum results the following settings are recommended:
 - i) Image file size 1.5 – 3 MB
 - ii) Working colour space: sRGB
 - iii) Resolution: 200 – 300 dpi
25. PDI's must be a MAXIMUM width of 1024 pixels with a maximum height of 768 pixels. Images in a portrait format must be no larger than 768 pixels high. (Please note as technology changes higher resolution may be required so keep your original larger file).

Images which do not conform to these rules will be liable to disqualification. The Competition Secretary's decision will be final.

Scoring

26. Judges will be asked to award 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and highly commended, which will generate the competition certificates.
27. Points will be awarded as follows:

1 st place:	10 points
2 nd place:	8 points
3 rd place:	6 points
Highly commended:	4 points

In addition, each entry will be awarded 1 point. Points will accumulate over the year towards the annual awards. In the event of a tie the number of first places will be used as the decider, followed by second, third and highly commended as necessary.

Annual awards

28. Points will be accrued towards the Club Annual awards:
- i) Individual internal competition category winners.
 - ii) Highest cumulative points scored for the following:
 - Overall (Photographer of the Year)
 - Print
 - PDI

Other Internal Club competitions

29. Portfolio competition
- a) Limited to two entries per member of three prints for each entry. Members are to indicate on the reverse the order of displaying on the stand L, M and R meaning left middle and right as viewed from the front or T, M, B meaning top, middle and bottom for vertical display. Other derivations such as TL, MR and BL meaning top-left, middle – right and bottom-left can be used for diagonal or offset displays.
 - b) The prints should bear the theme title and membership number of the author on the reverse.
 - c) The theme of all three prints should be related in some way.
 - d) Prints should be mounted, the size for each print being no more than 500 mm by 400 mm or 20” by 16”.
 - e) Prints that have been entered into previous internal or annual competitions may be entered as part of a panel of three.
30. Cave & Mockeridge Cup
- a) Members may enter a total of three images overall, previously seen or otherwise, which may be either print or PDI. Points do not count towards the Club’s point trophy. Normal rules apply regarding submission of prints or PDI’s.
 - b) There will be an award made to the best overall image.

External competitions and Inter-Club competitions.

31. Entries to represent the Club shall in each case comply with the rules of the particular competition and shall be selected on each occasion by the Selection Committee whose decision shall be final.
32. Sufficient advance notice of each inter-club/external competition will be given by email and announced at Club evenings, along with details of the relevant rules or requirements.

33. The Competition Secretary shall have the right to call in entries from previous internal competitions to be considered by the Selection Committee for entry to external competitions.