

Yeovil Camera Club Competition Rules

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The term "image" is used to mean Prints or Projected Digital Images (PDIs)

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 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 not to make any image they enter available for another club for inter-club events in which Yeovil Camera 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. Only paid up members can enter Club or external competitions.
4. Images should be totally the author's own copyright.
5. 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).
6. 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.
7. The submission deadline for internal competitions will be two weeks before the date of the competition.
8. The only accepted format for PDI's will be JPEG. The image files MUST have a .jpg extension.
9. Each image file must be named with the image title followed by an underscore (_) and a membership number with (e.g. all alone_184.jpg). The titles can be in upper or lower case or a mixture of both and can include spaces.
10. All internal competitions shall be judged anonymously and the member's name shall not appear on the print or PDI.
11. Every member has a membership number which must be included with all competition entries.
12. The points shield shall be awarded, based on an accumulations of points earned from the internal competitions designated as 1), 2), 3) and 4). Of these, three will be for 'themed' or 'open' categories, and for either prints or PDIs. . One of the four competitions will be for monochrome images only.
13. There will be a limit of five entries per member, with a limit of three in each category (print or PDI), for each internal competition.
14. An image that has previously been placed in a Club competition may not be entered into a Club competition for a second time.

Internal Competition Submissions (Prints)

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

Internal Competition Submissions (PDIs)

19. PDIs should be submitted on any suitable storage device (Pen Drive or similar) and at the current recommended resolution, colour space and format. If a virus is flagged as being present on stick or CD that entry will be refused. No entries via email will be accepted.
20. Each image file must be named with the image title followed by an underscore ' _ ' and the

membership number e.g. All alone_123. The image title can be in upper or lower case or a mixture of both and can include spaces.

21. For optimum results the following settings are recommended:
 - i. Image file size 1.5 – 3MB
 - ii. Working colour space: sRGB
 - iii. Resolution: 200 – 300 dpi
22. PDI's must be a MAXIMUM width of 1400 pixels with a maximum height of 1050 pixels. Images in a portrait format must be no larger than 1050 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

23. Judges will be asked to award 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and highly commended, which will generate the competition certificates, marking out of a possible 20 points.
24. 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

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

Other Internal Club Competitions

26. Portfolio/Triptych 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.
 - 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 of mount for each print being no more than 20" x 16".
 - e. Prints that have been entered into previous internal or annual competitions may be entered as part of a panel of three.

External Competitions & Inter-Club Competitions

27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. Submission of an image for competitions shall signify acceptance of these rules.