

## **Competition Rules - 2019/2020**

### **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:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	6 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	5 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Regular and Annual competitions.

### ***General Competitions:***

- These are divided into four categories:
  - a) Open Print,
  - b) Open Digitally Projected,
  - c) Set Subject Print and
  - 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.

***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:***

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.
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 three 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 prints may have one colour added.
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).

### ***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**

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 Date for the following awards are given in the programme.

#### **President's Competition**

Any format on the subject. Announced by the President at the AGM.

#### **Open Print Competition - Dennis Moss Memorial Trophy**

Print on any subject

#### **Open Digitally Projected Image – Leonard Jones Cup**

DPI on any subject

#### **Black and White Print Competition - Cavendish Cup**

Print on any subject

#### **Club Night or Outing Competition - Miles Shield**

DPI taken on a Practical Night or Club Outing

#### **New Member Competition - Pitchers Cup**

Any format from member joining for the first time in the current season

#### **Gladiator Trophy**

Any format on the subject of "Aviation"

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