

## **PDI COMPETITION RULES and PROCEDURES**

### **General – applies to all PDI Competitions**

- Only Club members can submit entries.
- A member can submit a maximum of three entries to a competition.
- An image can be submitted to one competition only, and can not be submitted to both a PDI and a Print competition. The exception is for the Annual competition, as described below.
- The deadline for submission of entries will be announced for each competition. Normally this will be midnight on the Thursday before the competition.

### **Image Specifications – all PDI Competitions**

- Entries should be in jpeg file format (.jpg or .jpeg) – please don't send as .raw, .psd, .png, .tiff or anything else.
- Image sizes: no bigger than 1600 pixels wide and 1200 high (not even a little bit bigger). If your image is in portrait orientation, the maximum height is still 1200 pixels.
- Colour space: should be sRGB.

### **Submission of Entries – all PDI Competitions**

- Entries should be sent to our competition email address. This has been circulated via the groups.io email, and for security reasons is not published here. If you don't know it, please ask a Committee member.
- They can also be handed to the PDI Competition Secretary on a USB stick.
- Entries can be attached to the email, or as link(s) in the email to file sharing sites such as Dropbox.
- If you send an email, you will get an automated response. This does not mean your entries are OK. If there are any problems with your entries, the PDI Secretary will email you later.

### **PDI Merit Competitions**

There are three PDI Merit Competitions over the Club year. Members' scores for each Competition are added up to give final scores for the year, which are published as the Merit Tables.

Members compete as Beginners, Intermediate, or Advanced photographers. Judges take this into account when awarding scores to the images. Separate Merit Tables are published for each of these three classes.

- An image can only be used in one Merit Competition, and can not be used in both a Merit and a Set Subject Competition.
- File names: should be in the format: class\_title\_author. Only underscores should be used to separate the three parts of the file name, not hyphens.

for example: intermediate\_Worthing Pier\_Henry Talbot.

Please don't use additional underscores or commas in the file name, as the software we use to project the images does not like it.

Note also that spaces can be used in titles and author name.

### **Scoring**

The Judge awards a score out of 20 for each image, and is asked to choose an image as 'Best in Class' for each class, and one of these as 'Best in Competition'.

If an image is chosen as 'Best in Class', it is given one bonus point. The image chosen as 'Best in Competition' is given another bonus point.

If a member has entered three images, only the highest two are counted to give the total score for the Competition.

For example:

A member submits three images, which are awarded 18, 15, and 20 points. The image scoring 20 points is also awarded 'Best in Class', so one bonus point making 21. The member's score for the Competition is 39 (18 + 21).

### **PDI Set Subject Competitions**

There are usually two Set Subject Competitions in the Club year. The Subjects for each Competition are announced at the start of the year. Each Competition is separate, and scores are not included in the Merit Tables.

In Set Subject competitions members do not compete as Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced, all entries are judged on the same basis.

- An image can only be used in one Set Subject Competition, and can not be used in both a Merit and a Set Subject Competition.
- File names: should be in the format: subject\_title\_author.

for example: abstract\_Starburst\_Henry Talbot, abstract being the Set Subject.

See also the notes in Merit Competitions above.

### **Scoring**

The Judge awards a score out of 20 for each image, and is asked to choose an image as 'Best in Competition'.

### **PDI Annual Competition**

This is held towards the end of the Club year. Scores are not included in the Merit Tables.

Members do not compete as Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced, all entries are judged on the same basis.

Members submit entries under the categories: General, Landscape, Nature, Portrait, Monochrome. A member can submit all three entries in one category, or distribute them over two or three. A monochrome image can be submitted in any category.

- An image may have been entered in either a Merit or a Set Subject Competition during the year, or may be entirely new.
- File names: should be in the format: category\_title\_author.

for example: nature\_Bird on a Twig\_Henry Talbot

See also the notes in Merit Competitions above.

### **Scoring**

The Judge awards a score out of 20 for each image, and is asked to choose an image as 'Best in Category' for each category, and one of these as 'Best in Year'.