

General Competition Rules 2012

1. The Committee is empowered to vary the competition rules as and when considered necessary in the interest of the Society.
2. Open slide, digital image and print competitions shall be judged by an independent judge.
3. The Prints Progress Competition shall be in two classes: Section A for the more advanced members, Section B for the less advanced members. Each member will be free to decide whether he/she competes for the year in Section A or Section B.
4. Members may submit up to three entries per competition with the following exceptions:
 - 4.1. The Digital Trophy: only one set of three digital images may be entered.
 - 4.2. The Valente Cup: only one entry of three prints may be entered.
 - 4.3. The Hon. Members' Cup: only one set of five or six prints may be entered.
 - 4.4. Iris Trophy: up to three sets of images may be entered; each set consisting of five or six images.
 - 4.5. Trio Print Competitions: a total entry of up to six prints is permitted, but no more than three prints may be entered for any one trophy.
5. A member's number and competition being entered must be on all slide and print entries (on the back of prints) and entries may be titled. The member's name must not appear on the entry. Refer to the back cover for the format for entering digital image competitions.
6. Members shall present slides, prints and digital images for competitions to the respective competition secretaries for collection at the Society on or before the closing dates advised in the Programme: only under exceptional circumstances will an extension of the closing date be waived. Members shall provide digital images on CD or other storage device, or sent by email to the competition secretary (projected images) at the email address advised in the Programme.

The competition secretary reserves the right to resize any image file where necessary.
7. In Progress Competitions, the judge is to select the top five entries, from 1st to 5th (no joint placings). Any number of highly commended placings may also be awarded. "Place points" will be allocated on the following scale: 1st, 10 points; 2nd, 8 points; 3rd, 6 points; 4th, 4 points; 5th, 3 points; and highly commended, 2 points. Points awarded to entries shall count towards a member's aggregate over the season
8. * In Progress Competitions, an image can only be entered in the form of a slide; or projected digital image; or a print. Images derived from a picture which has previously been entered in a progress competition cannot be used in subsequent progress competitions. Images (or variations of an image) used in progress competitions may be entered into other competitions. In Print Progress Competitions, a previous Section B entry may be used in a Section A competition.
9. ** In Trio Competitions, an image derived from the initial capture cannot be entered in another format (digital image or print) in the corresponding trophy: eg., the same image cannot be entered in the Sterling Award (PDI) and Sterling Award (Prints) or vice versa.

Images derived from a picture which has been entered in any Trio Competition cannot be entered in subsequent years in the corresponding competition.
10. Entries to all competitions shall not have been entered in the same competition in previous years.
11. All image content should be derived from the members own original material. Use of images or part images from third party sources is not permitted.
12. Prints must be mounted with a maximum mount size of 500mm x 400mm (20" x 16"). The top of the print shall be indicated on the back of the print.
13. Slides may be colour or monochrome and mounted in 50mm x 50mm standard sized mounts and between glass.

Slides must be spotted and will be shown as spotted. A spot must be placed in the bottom left hand corner of the mount when the slide is viewed normally by hand.
14. Projected Digital Images (PDIs) are those that are to be shown via a digital projector. The source of the image may be from film, print or digitally captured. They should have maximum dimensions of 1400 pixels wide and 1050 pixels high. The file should be saved as a medium JPEG file.