

Chertsey Camera Club – Competition Rules

Quarterly Competitions

- There will be two competitions for Printed Images and two competitions for Projected Digital Images (PDIs) in each season.
- Each club member may submit two images into each Quarterly Competition.
- All image content must be the sole work of the club member.
- There is no theme for photo content. Images may contain any subject matter and may be colour or monochrome.
- Each image will be critiqued by a guest judge and awarded a score out of ten (half marks are allowed).
- Each image must be given a title, which will be read aloud as the image is presented before the judge.
- Judges are selected from a pool of judges made available via the Surrey Photographic Association.
- At the end of the season, scores will be added up and awards presented for the top three in both Printed Images and Projected Digital Image categories.

Printed Images

- Printed Images must be mounted but not framed or under glass.
- Mounting can be done by simply sticking the printed image to a piece of card, or by using more professional mounting borders and backing card.
- The mount must be 50 cm x 40 cm.
- There is no restriction on the colour of the mount being used.
- The minimum size of the printed image is 10 inches x 8 inches, except for 'letterbox' format images where the longest side should be a minimum of 10 inches.
- Images may be printed by the author or by a commercial printer.
- Any printed image can only be submitted into one Quarterly Competition. Repeat entries are not allowed. (However, an image which was previously submitted as a digital image, can be submitted as a printed image).
- The members name and the image title should be written on the back of each mounted print in the top left hand corner.
- Titles, together with a JPEG of the image, must be submitted to the Competition Secretary by the SUNDAY EVENING before the competition. Email is the preferred method.
- The JPEG may be shown on the club website if the corresponding print scores 9 or above.

Projected Digital Images (PDIs)

- Digital images must be in JPEG format with a maximum resolution of 1600 pixels wide by 1200 pixels high. (This is to conform to the SPA PDI Competitions format that came into effect on the 1st January 2017).
- Files should be named "INITIALS_Image Title.jpg"
eg. 'PH_Windsor Great Park.jpg'
- Any digital image can only be submitted into one Quarterly Competition. Repeat entries are not allowed. (However, an image which was previously submitted as a printed image, can be submitted as a digital image).

- The JPEG images and confirmation of the titles must be submitted to the competition secretary by the SUNDAY EVENING before the competition. Email is the preferred method.
- The JPEG may be shown on the club website if it scores 9 or above.

Set Subject Competition

- Members may submit one Printed Image, one PDI, or 'one Printed Image & one PDI' into a Set Subject Competition.
- Interpretation of the theme is up to the entrant.
- All image content must be the sole work of the club member.
- PDI naming convention & resolution rules are as per Quarterly PDI Competitions.
- Printed Image & mounting size rules are as per Quarterly Print Competitions.
- Any images entered into a Set Subject Competition can be entered into the Image of The Year Competition for that season.
- The JPEG images and confirmation of the print title must be submitted to the competition secretary by the SUNDAY EVENING before the competition. Email is the preferred method.
- A guest judge will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
- The JPEG may be shown on the club website if awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.

Image of the Year Competition

- At the end of the season there will be an evening where each member may submit one Printed Image, one PDI, or 'one Printed Image & one PDI' into the Image of the Year Competition.
- Any print or PDI entered must have been previously entered into one of the Quarterly Competitions or into a Set Subject Competition during that season. The images must not be edited, updated, or changed in any way between competitions.
- A guest judge will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category (print & PDI) and may also make "Commended" awards to other images.
- The judge will also select one image, from the combined print & PDI pool, which they consider to be the 'Image of The Year'.
- Print and PDI titles are to be submitted to the competition secretary by the SUNDAY EVENING before the competition.
- The JPEG of the winning image may be shown on the club website.