

## **GENERAL RULES FOR ALL SCPF CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS**

1. All participating clubs must be paid-up members of the Southern Counties Photographic Federation (SCPF).
2. There will be two sections in the Print Championship and two in the PDI Championship. The Open Section is aimed at clubs with a large number of members actively participating in competitions. The Small Clubs Section is aimed at clubs with a small number of members actively participating in competitions. Clubs may choose which section to enter. The top two clubs of the Open Sections will be invited to represent the SCPF at the PAGB Inter-Club Print and PDI Championships.
3. Images entered must be entirely the work of the photographer. Composite images are permitted provided all component images meet this requirement. (PAGB wording.)
4. There must be no indication of the author or their club on the front of a print or on the PDI.
5. No image, or similar image as to be deemed the same, must have been previously entered in any SCPF Championship in any format: print, PDI or transparency.
6. A member may represent more than one club but may not submit images that are the same or so similar as to be deemed the same.
7. There will be three judges scoring electronically in a range of 2 to 5.
8. All sections of the Championship will be run as a straight battle between all participating clubs with all images contributing to the final score.
9. The winning club in each section will be determined by the highest total score. In the event of a tie for any of the awards a count back will apply: highest number of 15s, then 14s, etc.
10. In the event of a photographer being a member of both the first and second placed clubs (or a club that has pre-qualified) they will only be able to represent one club at the PAGB Championships. The photographer must therefore declare which club they will represent in accordance with PAGB rules. (In addition, no photographer may represent more than one federation at a PAGB Championship.)
11. Any Club representing the SCPF at a PAGB competition must abide by the PAGB rules including the restriction of natural history work.
12. The Council reserve the right to amend the rules for any specific event and in any dispute the decision of the SCPF Council will be final.
13. Entries will not be accepted after the closing date as determined by the Council.
14. The SCPF cannot accept liability for the loss or damage of any image.
15. All trophies must be returned.
16. Any breach of these rules may lead to disqualification at the discretion of the Council.

The Council reserve the right to use digital images entered into Southern Counties Photographic Federation competitions and Exhibition to produce a presentation CD, show on the web gallery and be considered for any PAGB digital competitions and exhibitions. If a photographer does not wish for their work to be used in this way, they must state so with their club's entry. The photographer's copyright will be observed.

## **PRINT CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIFIC RULES**

1. Clubs entering the Open Section shall submit 15 prints with no more than 3 per photographer. Clubs entering the Small Clubs Section shall submit 10 prints with no more than 3 per photographer.
2. The mount must be up to 50cm x 40cm but there is no minimum print size. Protective sleeves should not be used and all Velcro or fixings that may cause damage to other competitors' prints must be removed.
3. Prints must be identified by club name, author, title, and reference number. Titles and names of the photographers must be emailed to [championships@southerncountiespf.org.uk](mailto:championships@southerncountiespf.org.uk) by the closing date. The official SCPF Championship print labels, which should be downloaded from the SCPF Website, need to be attached to the BACK of the Print. This should be close to the top right hand corner when looking at the BACK of the print. Please use a permanent adhesive, not Blue Tac or "sticky backed plastic" (sellotape) as we need to write the score on the label. The print handler placing your work on the Easel will check the print being displayed tallies with the title read out and uses this label to ensure the correct orientation when placed on the Easel. It also assists the scorer to record the mark given. The print number on the label should correspond with that shown on your Entry form.
4. The winners of both Sections will receive a trophy.
5. There will be an award for the best individual image and three judge's awards.
6. The first and second placed clubs in the Open Section will be invited to represent the SCPF at the PAGB Inter-club Print Championships unless pre-qualified under PAGB rules.
7. If either the first or second placed club has pre-qualified or declines, then the next highest scoring club will be invited to represent the Federation.

## **PROJECTED DIGITAL IMAGE (PDIs) CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIFIC RULES**

1. Clubs entering the Open Section shall submit 15 PDIs with no more than 3 per photographer. Clubs entering the Small Clubs Section shall submit 10 PDIs with no more than 3 per photographer.
2. Entries must be submitted on PC format CD-ROM and sent with a copy of the entry form to the organiser by the closing date. The CD/DVD must be identified with the club name, contact information and the club's SCPF number printed on the disk. The media must be marked with indelible pen. Clubs are responsible for ensuring the disk is useable, in the correct format and with no errors or viruses. Appropriate postage should be applied: excess postal charges will not be paid and the entry rejected.
3. Images should be in .jpg format only (8 bit), maximum dimensions 1400 pixels wide x 1050 pixels high and sRGB colour space. Portrait images should be no larger than 1050 pixels high.
4. Image files must be named as: SCPF club number and image number, underscore, title, underscore and author (with distinctions) with a file extension of .jpg; An example for Club 07's 20th image: 0720\_The Rose\_Ann Other ABCD.jpg
5. The winners of both Sections will receive a trophy.
6. There will be an award for the best individual image and three judge's awards.
7. The first and second placed clubs in the Open Section will be invited to represent the SCPF at the PAGB Inter-club Digital Championships unless pre-qualified under PAGB rules.
8. If either the first or second placed club has pre-qualified or declines, then the next highest scoring club will be invited to represent the Federation.