

Sutton Coldfield Photography Club



INTERNAL COMPETITION RULES *Revised: 10/10/2015*

1. During the club year there will be five open competitions (any subject acceptable) and three specialised competitions; **Three Related Images**, **A Set Subject** and **Manipulated Files (Fiddle a File)**. The later competition (**FAF**) is purely for fun and does not count towards the "**Photographer of the Year**" award. The events will be programmed prior to the commencement of the club year, taken as AGM to AGM. Points awarded for entries (see below) will count towards "**Photographer of the Year**" in two categories.
2. **Prints** must be mounted; maximum size of mount is 50cms (20 inches) x 40cms (16 inches) and should carry the title and author's name on the reverse side of the mount. Prints can be 'Home' or 'Trade' processed.
3. **Projected image files** must be jpeg and compression to between 9 and 12. Maximum image size is a width of 1400 pixels and maximum height of 1050 pixels. Images sized to the previous maximum size of 1024 pixels wide x 768 pixels high will still be accepted, but may be at a disadvantage if used in external competitions.
To enable the competition software to properly sort and display the images, please rename file before submission to include your full name and image name, separated by the percent (%) symbol (e.g. **Fred Bloggs%My Picture.jpg**) This allows the software to hold back the names and display images randomly. It also allows it to announce winners on the screen at the end. Please advise the number of times the image has been submitted in internal competitions with email entries. A maximum of 3 submissions is allowed for each digital projected image and printed entry.
4. **Entries** - Each internal competition allows a maximum of three entries in both prints and projected images. Prints should be brought on the competition night and titles added to the appropriate entry list. Projected images should be entered as email attachments and must be with the Internal Competitions Secretary one week before the competition date. Email entries should currently be sent to fentham.comps@gmail.com.

Alternatively images can be handed to the Internal Competition Secretary, on CD, flash drive or memory card **one week before** the competition date. Label with name for return.

The "**Three Related Images**" competition allows a maximum of three sets of three related prints and/or three sets of three related projected images. For projected images, the three images must be arranged into one single JPEG file.

Work may be submitted up to a maximum of three times providing it has not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any internal club competition. All work may have been or, can still be used as part of a three related competition entry.

5. Points will be awarded as follows:-

SUBMISSION	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
First Submission	2	First	6	Highly Commended	3
Second Submission	1	Second	5	Commended	2
Third Submission	0	Third	4		

Entries to Three Related and Set Subject competitions will receive double entry points

6. Entries receiving a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Highly Commended or Commended awards in the individual competitions, are eligible for entry into the **Print / Image of the Year Competition**. Entries from the three related images and fiddle a file competitions do not qualify.
7. The Committee cannot under any circumstances accept liability for loss of, or damage to an entry.
8. The Internal Competitions Secretary's ruling on any matter(s) arising regarding a Competition is final.