

Rules for Club Competitions

Navan Camera Club

2022 - 2023

There will be a total of six competitions in the club year. The committee reserves the right to change this number during the year. Ample notice of changes will be given to the membership. There will one End of Year competition: "Print Of The Year".

The Theme for each competition will be indicated in the club programme.

Closing dates for submission of images and judging dates will be as in the Club Programme.

Categories

Club members will have their entries judged in one of three categories; Novice, Intermediate or Senior, depending on their membership category.

Submissions to the "Photo of the year" will not be judged separately in different categories.

Image format

The format for all competitions will be a combination of Print and Digital. The committee reserves the right to change the format at any time depending on circumstances.

Monthly Competition Entries

All images must be the original work of the entrant.

Members can enter up to four images ... A maximum of 2 digital images and a maximum of 2 printed images (see below for Photo of the Year - Only 2 printed images).

Prints must be mounted, with only the Image Title written on the back.

Prints must be a minimum of 10" (250mm) on the longest side eg: 8" x 10", 8" x 12", A4 or larger.

Maximum mount size not exceeding 20" x 16" (508mm x 406mm). A digital reference file for each print must also be uploaded into the PhotoEntry Competition software.

Submitted images can be either colour or Black & white/monochrome, or a combination of both. Only B&W / monochrome images can be submitted to a competition designated as such.

Images should be submitted via the Navan Camera Club Competition software portal (<https://compent.photoentry.uk/compent/>). DO NOT SUBMIT images to the club email addresses as they will not be entered into the competition.

The image must not have been entered in any previous NCC club competition

Images used in demonstrations of processing during the club programme cannot be used in competition

Digital images should be submitted as JPG or JPEG format, maximum of 1920 pixels on the longest edge, high resolution 300dpi and a maximum size of 3MB.

The competition software will resize large / small images to meet the club requirements, however image quality cannot be guaranteed by this process.

Print entries will be collected from 7:30pm on the night designated in the club programme (this is usually 2 weeks prior to the judging night), and a digital reference file (for each print) must also be submitted via the competition software portal. No Late entries will be accepted

There should be no watermarks or any other identification marks on the digital image. Digital files should include the image title ONLY (see notes on labelling images)

Judging

Judging will be in person on the date specified in the club programme. The judge will give comments on the images and mark each one out of 20 points (10 points for technical ability and 10 points at the judge's discretion)

In each category the judge will designate 1st, 2nd & 3rd and at their discretion may designate Honourable Mention as well.

Results will be posted on the members WhatsApp group and Club website

There will be a photographer of the year in each category. This will be determined by the total of **the best scores for each member in each of five of the six competitions.**

Photo of the Year Competition

Members can enter two Printed images into the "Photo of the Year Competition".

These images must have been previously entered into the club competitions in the current year. No new images will be accepted

NOTE

By submitting entries to the club competitions, you are giving permission to have the images posted on the club website and Facebook pages. If you do not wish your images to be posted in this way, please advise the club on navancc@gmail.com

Note on Labelling images

This year we are using a cloud based competition software package called PhotoEntry. The software identifies members via the titles of the images entered into competition, but hides all other member details from the judges.

Please label your INDIVIDUAL images with a title only as shown below.

e.g Boyne Bridge.jpg
 Storm in a teacup.jpg

Please remember to label your entries with Title Only

Do not add other information to the title

e.g Incorrect: membership no 67 Boyne Bridge.jpg
 Correct: Boyne Bridge -1.jpg

Do not leave the numerical title on the image

eg Incorrect: IMG2003 Boyne Bridge.jpg
 Correct: Boyne Bridge.jpg

For Print Entries, you must upload a digital reference file and include the word Print before the title

eg Print Boyne Bridge

Try to use original titles. Avoid the use of common titles that could be duplicated by another member eg "Flower", "Bridge", "Solitary Tree".

The use of original titles can actually convey a message to the judge and may benefit when being scored