



City of Belfast Photographic Society

CLUB COMPETITIONS AND NIPA INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS RULES

1. There will be five competition rounds with sections for monochrome prints, colour prints and projected digital images (PDIs).
2. The 'Subjects / Themes' of the five rounds will be made known in advance and will also be available on the society's website's 'Information' page.
3. Only current paid up members may enter.
4. A member will be assigned to either the 'General' or 'Advanced' section of the society and a 'competition number' will be given to you at the start of the season.
5. Monochrome and colour prints have separate sections for 'General' and 'Advanced'. PDIs have one section, with 'General' and 'Advanced' competing together.
6. Print sections:
 - (a) For all 5 rounds, prints may be any size on a **maximum** mount size of **40cm x 30cm**.
 - (b) Each print must show on the back of the mount the 'title' and your 'competition number' and not your name.
 - (c) Prints may be home or trade processed.
7. All projected digital images (PDIs) must conform to the following:
 - (a) Be in jpeg format and sRGB colour space.
 - (b) Be sized to a maximum of 1600 pixels wide and a maximum of 1200 pixels high.
 - (c) Each image must be titled (as the file name) with the following information in this order: 'Image Title_Competition No'. e.g. 'Evening Sunset_100'

N.B. A tutorial on resizing images for PDIs is available on the society's website's 'Information' page.
8. All images, including any photo manipulation, must be the entire work of the author. Composite images made by combining parts of other images are also permissible but each part must also be the work of the author.
9. There is no limit on the number of entries a member may submit.

10. (a) A print or projected digital image entered in a previous monthly competition and being **placed in the 'top three'** may not be re-entered in any future monthly competition.

(b) A print or projected digital image **NOT placed in the 'top three'** may be re-submitted in future competitions, but may be not entered more than twice in one season and no more than three times in total. The entrant may consider any advice or comments given and may make changes to improve or alter the image.
11. The Judge will make a selection of prints and PDIs from each round to represent the society at the NIPA inter-club competitions. Four monochrome, four colour and 4 PDIs can be selected for NIPA, **at least one** of the four in each category **must** be by a 'General' member.
12. Images that are 'Starred' by NIPA will be held and entered into the NIPA 'Top Print and PDI' competition later in the season. Some may be held in a NIPA portfolio. All other prints will be returned subsequently.

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NIPA DEFINITIONS (Abridged)

For full details of the 'NIPA Competition Guidelines and Rules' and the NIPA definition of a NOVICE (ie 'General' section in the society), refer to the NIPA website at: www.nipphoto.co.uk (*About > NIPA Competition Rules*)

1. IMAGES

No image may be entered which is essentially the same, or so similar as to be essentially the same, as any previous entry in any section of any inter-club competition round.

2. MONOCHROME prints:

- (a) All black and white and monochrome images are included.
- (b) A black and white image which has been modified by the addition of a **single** tone to the **entire** image is defined as a monochrome print.

3. COLOUR prints:

- (a) All images, other than those defined above are defined as colour images.
- (b) A black and white image which has been modified by the addition of **partial** toning, or by the addition of one colour to any **part** of the image is defined as a colour print.

4. **PROJECTED DIGITAL IMAGES (PDIs)**

- (a) Be in jpg format and sRGB colour space
- (b) Maximum file size of 2MB
- (c) Be sized to a maximum of 1600 pixels wide and a maximum of 1200 pixels high

Any image which does not match the above pixel dimensions will be displayed with a dark grey border

5. **The NIPA definition of a NOVICE** (ie 'General' section in the society), refer to the NIPA website at: <https://www.niphoto.co.uk/nipa-competition-rules> (*Annex B - NIPA Novice definition. Page 11*)