Monthly Competition Guidelines

The monthly competition is ran over 8 months of the club season. All members are encouraged to participate. Images are judged and scored by Judges from outside the club. If you are a new member of the club, it's a great way of getting some valuable feedback from experienced judges. On any of the monthly competitions, you can enter 1,2 or 3 images. There are Print categories (Mono and Colour), and there is a projected section. If you don't print images, why not enter the projected section.

The league competition is typically run on the last Tuesday of every month, there may be exceptions to this , and dates for each round are published on the calendar on CCG website.

There are eight rounds . Four rounds have themes, the other four are open – any subject matter . There are three sections to each round:

1. Colour print
2. Monochrome print
3. Projected image .

You may enter maximum of three images in each round, with a maximum of two per section.

For example, two projected images & one colour print. Each image is scored out of 20

Penalty system: If a judge feels that an images does not strongly meet theme in themed round, they write an 'x' beside the score to indicate to the scorer to deduct two points. Result sheet will indicate if this has occurred.

The Themes for this years competitions are :

➢ The Natural World
➢ Environmental Portraiture
➢ Texture
➢ Emotion

Judges are briefed and will preview all images before scoring commences. The images will be displayed or projected as appropriate and the judge will score silently by indicating score to competition organizer. A brief but constructive comment will be given on each image. The winning images only from each grade and each section will be announced at the end of the night. Full results and standings will be distributed by email at earliest convenience All Images from each round will form part of a digital slide show each month. This slide show will include details about the photographer and the image score. Members who do not wish their images to be included must contact the competitions committee in writing requesting to be excluded.

This year we are using a different Competition Software than before. Because of this , Each member will be given a competition Identification Number. There are a couple of reasons for this The main one being to hide Competitors Id from Judges, and secondly it will aid me when it comes to assembling a scoresheet.

The ID Numbers will be similar to what we have used in the past. Eg CCG10

I will issue each member with a <u>NEW</u> id number in time for the start of the season.

Images will be uploaded to a Google Drive folder, and will be available for viewing by all competitors.

Image File size is being restricted to 1 MB, and will need to resized to 1080px on the longest side.

I will issue a separate instruction on how to Resize images for competition later, for anyone who is unsure.

Images will need to be labelled as in this example

CCG01%Ballycotton Lighthouse

The "CCG01" will be your assigned Comp ID Number (each number will be unique to each competitor).

The "%" symbol is needed to allow the Comp Software create an effective spreadsheet,(_I cannot change this_).

The "Ballycotton Lighthouse" will be your image name, obviously, your filename will be unique to your image

Image uploads will be via Google Drive, I will send a link to each member by Email for each Competition. As before , Midnight on the Sunday before the Competition will be the cutoff for entries.

Further details on competitions can be found on the Cork Camera Group website