



# Carnkie Camera Club

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## Rules for Monthly Club Photo Competitions

We have attempted to keep the rules for competitions to a minimum. If there is any ambiguity, dispute or challenge to any rules then the Committee will rule on the matter.

1. All Images submitted to club competitions must be the work of the person who submits them and they must also own the exclusive copyright to the images submitted.
2. Images for monthly competitions can only be submitted in person and by the owner. If you cannot attend the competition, then you cannot submit image for it.
3. Images submitted must relate to the theme. The Interpretation of the theme is up to the individual photographer but do bear in mind that if the relationship of an image to the theme is not immediately obvious, it will affect how it is seen and judged.
4. All Images must have been created within 24 Months of the competition date unless specifically stated otherwise.
5. All Images must be printed - home or commercially made prints are acceptable. Prints can be submitted on any paper or card stock that the photographer deems suitable. Prints cannot be accepted however if they are printed on other materials such as fabric, acrylic, aluminium and glass etc.
6. The MAXIMUM size for all prints is A4 or 210x297mm (portrait or landscape). Bear in mind that prints will be displayed in an A4 mount that may obscure around 5mm on each side of the print. Take this into account especially if you have detail on the edge of the images that could be cut off.
7. If a print is smaller than A4 or is not the standard A4 rectangular format then please mount your image on A4 card or paper for easy display and framing.
8. Other than in 7 above, all prints must be unframed and unmounted.
9. Unless specified otherwise in the theme, prints may be in colour or black and white.
10. Members can enter up to TWO images for each competition unless specifically specified otherwise.
11. The same, or very similar image or must not have been previously entered for any club competition.
12. Unless specified otherwise, images must not be watermarked and must not include any added text.
13. If there is any possibility of doubt regarding the orientation of the image, please clearly indicate the top of the image on the back (eg a LARGE Arrow) so it can be displayed properly.
14. Images which make the 'Top 5' will be retained for display at the POTY event at the end of the year

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15. Judging will be by a secret ballot of members, a random selection of members, or by a judge or Judges appointed by the committee. Where a ballot is used members are trusted not to vote for their own images
  16. Persons judging images will do so by considering a number of factors including
    - Relevance to, and Interpretation of, the theme
    - Creativity
    - Composition
    - Impact
    - Story Telling
    - Technical Quality
  17. Where a ballot is used judges will rank their top five images. The votes will be totalled up with the top five images overall gaining points which will count towards the Photographer of the Year awards. Where multiple images achieve the same totals, then two persons will be empowered by the committee to decide the final placement.
  18. Points that will count towards the PotY awards at the end of the year will be awarded to the five 'top' images with
    - 5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place
    - 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - 2 points for 4<sup>th</sup>
    - 1 point for 5<sup>th</sup>
    - In addition, 1 additional point may be given to up to two images for the 'judges choice' or 'highly commended' images. The additional point may be given to any image whether it was in the 'top 5' or not
  19. Carnkie Camera Club is committed to the principle that images should be the original photographic work of the creator and with this in mind the submission of images that have been entirely computer-generated or have material elements generated with AI or similar technologies will not be accepted for club competitions.
  20. The club will largely trust in the integrity of its members but in certain circumstances may request further evidence which may include original (RAW/JPG) files and/or EXIF data, accepting that such evidence may in itself not be definitive. The final decision in any case of dispute will be made by the committee.

**Carnkie Camera Club does not encourage or condone risk taking in any form. Please consider all risks and take all reasonable precautions when taking photographs. Anyone who takes part in any club promoted activity does so entirely their own risk.**