



Appendix One

Competitions, Rules and Definitions

Each year The Society will hold a series of competitions. These competitions may include but are not limited to:

The **Action**
The **Abstract**
The **Autumn Open**
The **Scape**
The **Nature**
The **Portrait**
The **Spring Open**
The **Themed**

These will be a mixture of PDI and Print competitions.

These competitions will be referred to as the '**Primary**' competitions in these rules.

The Society may also hold the following competitions referred to as **Secondary** competitions:

The **Straight Out Of Camera**
The **Monochrome Open**
The **Print of the Year**
The **Projected Digital Image of the Year**
The **Image Of The Year**
The **Andy Abbott Photo Journalism Award**
The **Ron Newton**
The **Sweetman Diamond Trophy**

For **Primary** competitions **Advanced** and **Intermediate** entries will all be judged together. The "**Outright**" winners will be selected first from all the entries and then the top **Intermediate** entries will be placed. **Intermediate** entries may be selected as "**Outright**" winners.

Judging for all of the **Primary** competitions plus the **Print of the Year**, and the **Projected Digital Image of the Year** will be assessed by an independent judge who will be required to mark the entries as follows. All **Projected Digital Images** and **Prints** in each category must be given a mark out of **20**. Half marks are not permitted.

Each of the **Primary** competitions must have a clear **overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd** placement where the number of entries permits, which may include both **Advanced** members' work and **Intermediate** member's work where the print or image is deemed to be of such a standard that it rates among the entries from the **Advanced** section thus determining the "**Outright**" places. There must be a clear **1st, 2nd and 3rd** placement for the **Intermediate** section, where the number of entries permits. There cannot be any equal placing within each of the two sections. Where an entry from an **Intermediate** member is placed **1st, 2nd or 3rd Outright** that entry will also claim the appropriate place in the **Intermediate** section. For example, where an image is

placed **2nd Outright** that image will also take **1st** place in the **Intermediate** section assuming it is the highest placed image from the **Intermediate** section. In the unlikely event that entries from the **Intermediate** section are placed **1st, 2nd and 3rd Outright**, those entries will also get the **1st, 2nd and 3rd** places in the **Intermediate** section. The judge may also give one or more "**Highly Commended**" for image which score 20 but are not placed **1st, 2nd or 3rd**.

The **Print of the Year**, and the **Projected Digital Image of the Year** must have a clear **1st, 2nd and 3rd** place. There is no **Intermediate** section in these competitions.

The following definitions apply to the competitions:

Advanced: A member who has been placed **1st, 2nd, 3rd Outright** or has scored **20** points in any of the **Primary** competitions of the **Society** on 3 occasions in the current or previous season.

Any registered member can elect to compete in the **Advanced** section, without having first competed in the **Intermediate** section however having once competed in that section they cannot revert to the **Intermediate** section during the current year. Any member who has competed in the **Advanced** section in the previous year, can make a request in writing to the Executive Committee to compete for the following year in the **Intermediate** section if they feel the standard of the **Advanced** section is too high for them. Such a request must be made at the beginning of the season before the first competition. The decision of the Executive Committee is final.

Intermediate: A member who has not been placed **1st, 2nd, 3rd Outright** or scored **20** points in any of the **Primary** competitions of the **Society**, on 3 occasions in the current or previous season.

All new members to the **Society** will initially be invited to compete in the **Intermediate** section of the Society irrespective of any photographic qualifications.

The **Executive Committee** reserves the right to re-appraise the balance of **Advanced** to **Intermediate** members prior to the first competition of the Society's new season to determine which section a member competes in for the new season.

Portrait: A human subject or subjects, either indoors or outdoors, where the human subject(s) is/are the main interest.

Please refer to the guidance notes for Portrait photography available on the Society's website.

Nature: Nature photography depicts living, untamed animals and uncultivated plants in a natural habitat, geology and the wide diversity of natural phenomena.

Photographs of animals, which are domesticated and photographs of

cultivated or hybrid plants are ineligible. Minimal evidence of humans is acceptable for nature subjects, such as barn owls or storks adapting to an environment modified by humans, or natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves, reclaiming it. Any manipulation or modification is limited to minor retouching and must not alter the truth of the original scene.

Please refer to the guidance notes for Nature photography available on the Society's website.

Landscape:

Landscape is defined as an image depicting any **out of door** scenery in its entirety or a part of it. Pure landscape depicts the natural appearance of the surroundings, such as barren or fertile land, water scenes, like lakes, waterfall and rivers. Such motives may include the natural effects caused by the seasons and all kinds of climate such as storm, sunshine, and clouds. Landscape may include human element if its presence is of relevant importance. Human persons and the human influence may be present at a secondary and relevant level, for example ploughing and harvesting. This human element has to be included in a meaningful way, and not in a predominant way. Man made items such as bridges, villages, streets, groups of houses with or without persons are all eligible elements in the landscape image.

Cityscapes and Seascapes are permissible within the Landscape definition providing they follow the same basic rules described above.

Please refer to the guidance notes for Landscape photography available on the Society's website.

Monochrome Image:

An image that contains a range of tones of a single Hue.

Colour Image:

An image that contains more than one colour or a single colour with more than one Hue.

Theme:

A subject relating to the theme specified for the competition.

Open:

Any subject.

Print:

A photographic image transferred to paper or similar surface.

PDI:

A Projected Digital Image.

Straight from the Camera

An image captured in camera as a **JPG** and where no post processing whatsoever, either in camera or external to the camera has taken place. This includes resizing. The only change permitted is to that of the filename to follow the Society's convention for **PDI** images.

Action

An image that displays sense of movement. Such image maybe a related to sports activities, a bird or insect in flight, an animal in a chase, a vehicle, locomotive, vessel or aircraft travelling at speed etc.

Architecture

is the photographing of buildings and similar structures that are both aesthetically pleasing and accurate representations of their subjects.

Rules

Primary competitions.

1. All **PDI's/Prints** will be judged by an independent judge.
2. All **Prints** from members in the **Advanced** and **Intermediate** sections will be judged together in the respective competitions.
3. All **PDI's** from members in the **Advanced** and **Intermediate** sections will be judged together in the respective competitions.
4. The highest scoring **Prints** or **PDI's** from members in the **Advanced** and **Intermediate** sections will be awarded **1st**, **2nd** and **3rd** places i.e. **Outright** placement, where the number of entries permit. Where there are **Prints** or **PDI's** with equal scores, the judge will be asked to specify which **Prints** or **PDI's** are to be awarded **1st**, **2nd** and **3rd** place. The judge may also award "**Highly Commended**" placement to a **PDI** or **Print which scores 20** in each competition.
5. The highest scoring **Prints** or **PDI's** from members competing in the **Intermediate** section will be awarded **1st**, **2nd** and **3rd** places (**Intermediate section**), where the number of entries permit. Where there are **Prints** or **PDI's** with equal scores the judge will be asked to specify which **Prints** or **PDI's** are to be awarded **1st**, **2nd** and **3rd** place (**Intermediate section**).
6. Where a **Print** or **PDI** from a member in the **Intermediate** section is judged to be **1st**, **2nd** or **3rd** **Outright**, or scores **20** points, on 3 occasions in the current or previous season that member will be promoted to the **Advanced** section and will be required to compete in that section for all subsequent competitions for current the season.

A member who is placed **1st**, **2nd** or **3rd** **outright** or scores **20** points whilst competing in the **Intermediate** section may make representation in writing to the Executive Committee to continue to compete in the **Intermediate** section if they feel the **Advanced** section is beyond their capability. Such request must be made within **14** days of the date of the competition that they gained the **1st**, **2nd** or **3rd** **Outright** placement or scored **20** points. If the Executive Committee approves such a request and that member is subsequently placed **1st**, **2nd** or **3rd** **outright** or again scores **20** points they will be immediately promoted to the **Advanced** section without option.

7. All **Prints** placed **1st**, **2nd**, **3rd** **Outright** or scoring **20** points will go forward to the **Print of the Year** competition.
8. All **PDI's** placed **1st**, **2nd**, **3rd** **Outright** or scoring **20** points will go forward to the **Projected Image of the Year** competition.
9. All **Prints** placed either **1st** **Outright**, or **1st** in the **Intermediate** section in any of the **Primary** competitions will go forward as entries into **The Ron Newton Trophy**.
10. All **Projected Digital Images** placed either **1st** **Outright**, or **1st** in the **Intermediate** section in any of the **Primary** competitions will go forward as entries into **The Sweetman Diamond Trophy**.

11. **PDI's** can be **Monochrome** or **Colour** and will compete equally in all **PDI** competitions unless otherwise stated.
12. **Prints** can be **Monochrome** or **Colour** and will compete equally in all **Print** competitions unless otherwise stated.
13. A **PDI** or **Print**, the same or similar, by the same author may only be used on two occasions in any of the **Society's Primary** competitions accept where that **PDI** or **Print** is placed **1st, 2nd, 3rd** either **Outright, 1st, 2nd, 3rd** in the **Intermediate** section or scores **20** points in which case it may only be used once.
14. The **Executive Committee** reserves the right to withdraw from any competition any **Print, PDI** where such **Print, PDI** is deemed to contain material that could be deemed to be offensive to a member or members of the **Society**. In such cases the **Executive Committee** will endeavour to provide the reason for the withdrawal to the author prior to the competition date giving time for that member to submit an alternative entry.
15. There must be five or more entries in an intermediate section for this competition to take place. If there are less than five then all entries submitted by intermediate members will be judged together with and jointly within the overall competition and there will be no intermediate section within that competition.

Other Rules

16. A member submitting work into any competition must be the originator of the image or print and hold the copyright to it, except where otherwise stated.
17. Images can be home or commercially printed.
18. The number of images, either printed or digital, that can be entered into a competition will be specified by the Executive Committee and published at least two calendar months in advance of the competition
19. **PDI Competitions.** Digital images for the PDI competitions must be submitted a minimum of seven days prior to the date of the competition for which they are to be entered or as amended by the Executive Committee. Digital images for projection must be submitted via the photo entry website at <https://compent.photoentry.uk/compent/> signing in with your user name and password. User names will be issued by the Internal Competition Secretary.

All PDI's will be projected in landscape format and should be of maximum resolution 1600 pixels wide and 1200 pixels high or as amended by the Executive Committee. Portrait format images must, therefore, not exceed 1200 pixels in height or as amended by the committee. Any unused image area may be filled with a colour, design or texture to form the border. Any PDI that is submitted that does not meet the specification above will be projected in the resolution submitted. The Society does not accept any responsibility for the quality of an image that is not submitted in accordance with the above stated resolution or as amended by the Executive Committee.

Entries must be submitted in jpg file format and should be set to a quality of 100% with sRGB colour space.

The naming convention for PDI's will be specified and published by the Executive Committee at the

start of the season.

Where the author of a PDI is a junior, the Society recommends that the author places a “ (j) ” at the end of the title in the file name. This can be used to notify the judge that the image is from a junior member.

The Internal Competition Secretary may disqualify a PDI if it is not named in accordance with the file naming convention.

20. **Print Competitions.** The **Title, Competition, Section** and **Author’s** name of the Prints that the author intends submitting into print competitions must be provided to the **Internal Competitions Secretary** or a member acting in place of that Officer, a minimum of seven days in advance of the published print competition date together with a **PDI** version of the print. The resolution and naming of such image should follow that for **PDI** competitions.

All entries for internal print competitions must be submitted and on show by 7.30pm on the evening of the competition unless otherwise stated by the Executive Committee. The **Internal Competition Secretary**, in exceptional circumstances, has the discretion to accept entries after that time if it can be done conveniently. The **Internal Competitions Secretary** may disqualify a print on the competition evening if that print is not the same or similar in content and name to the **PDI** version previously submitted.

Prints must be mounted for display. Print mounts in all print competitions must be a minimum of 228mm x 152mm (9” x 6”) and a maximum of 500mm x 400mm (20” x 16”), including the mount. The recommended mount size is 500mm x 400mm (20” x 16”). They must not be framed or glazed.

The **Title, Competition, Section** and **Author’s** name must be displayed clearly on the back of all prints or print mounts e.g.

Title: The Old House
Competition: Autumn Open Print
Section: Intermediate
Author: John Smith

Where the author of a print is a junior member, a small coloured clip will be provided by the Society and should be placed on the top right hand corner of the mount, to indicate to the judge that the author is a junior member.

21. Only fully paid up **Members, Honorary Members** and **Junior Members** of the **Society** are eligible to enter the **Society’s** competitions.
22. The **Internal Competition Secretary** may disqualify entries submitted if they are not submitted in accordance with these rules or the rules for the competition and shall notify the member concerned of any such decision. If the member so wishes the entry may be exhibited for comment by the Judge, who should be informed of the disqualification.
23. Any queries relating to a **Print** or **PDI** in any competition **must** be taken up with the **Internal Competitions Secretary**, or a member acting on their behalf. Members under no circumstances should discuss any of their entries into a competition with the judge for that competition prior to the end of that competition unless the judge specifically requests some clarification on the **Print** or **PDI**. Failure to adhere to this rule **will** result in disqualification of that member from the competition.

Competition Details

Autumn and Spring Open Competitions – Print & PDI

*Maximum submission: 2 entries. Separate competitions for **Print**, and **PDI's**. **Monochrome and Colour** images will be judged together. Please refer to 20) above for the **Print** competition rules and sizes etc. and 19) above for the **PDI** competition rules, image resolution, colour space and file details etc. Please refer to the Open definition above. Separate sections for **Advanced** and **Intermediate** members.*

Nature Competition.

*Maximum submission: 2 entries. Please refer to 20) above for the **Print** competition rules and sizes and 19) above for the **PDI** competition rules, image resolution, colour space and file details etc. Please refer to the **Nature** definition above for what is eligible and what is not. **Monochrome** prints or images are not eligible the **Society's Nature** competitions. The rules will be strictly enforced. Separate sections for **Advanced** and **Intermediate** members.*

Scape Competitions - Print & PDI

*Maximum submission: 2 prints. Separate competitions for **Print**, and **PDI's**. **Monochrome and Colour** images will be judged together. Please refer to 20) above for the **Print** competition rules and sizes etc. and 19) above for the **PDI** competition rules, image resolution, colour space and file details etc. Please refer to the **Landscape** definition above for what is eligible and what is not. Separate sections for **Advanced** and **Intermediate** members.*

Action Competition.

*Maximum submission: 2 entries. Separate competitions for **Print** and **PDI's**. **Monochrome Prints** are eligible in the **Action Print Competition** and will be judged equally with colour prints. **Monochrome** images are admissible in the **Action PDI Competition** and will be judged equally with colour **PDI** images. Please refer to 20) above for the **Print** competition rules and sizes etc. and 19) above for the **PDI** competition rules, image resolution, colour space and file details etc. Please refer to the **Action** definition above. Separate sections for **Advanced** and **Intermediate** members.*

Themed Competition.

*Maximum submission: 2 entries. Separate competitions for **Print** and **PDI's**. **Monochrome Prints** are eligible in the **Themed Print Competition** and will be judged equally with colour prints. **Monochrome** images are admissible in the **Themed PDI Competition** and will be judged equally with colour **PDI** images. Please refer to 20) above for the **Print** competition rules and sizes etc. and 19) above for the **PDI** competition rules, image resolution, colour space and file details etc. Please refer to the Themed definition above. Separate sections for **Advanced** and **Intermediate** members.*

Portrait Competition.

*Maximum submission: 2 entries. Please refer to 20) above for the **Print** competition rules and sizes etc. and 19) above for the **PDI** competition rules, image resolution, colour space and file details etc. Separate competitions for **Print** and **PDI's**. **Monochrome and Colour Prints** will be judged together in the **Portrait Print competition**. **Monochrome** images are admissible in the **Portrait PDI Competition** and will be judged equally with colour images. Please refer to the **Portrait** definition above for what is eligible and what is not. Separate sections for **Advanced** and **Intermediate** members.*

“Straight out of the Camera”.

*Maximum submission: 2 digital images. As per the definition the competition does not permit any post processing whatsoever. The image(s) **must** be taken as a **jpg** and **must** only be resized to enable uploading to the photoentry system.*

*The image(s) must be taken in the previous **12** months leading up to the competition date.*

*Where the author of the **PDI** is a junior, the **Society** recommends that the author places a “**(j)**” at the end of the title in the file name. This can be used to notify the judge that the image is from a junior member.*

*It is in order to set the camera up for a specific effect so long as that effect is applied as the image is taken. It is not permitted to use ‘in camera’ post processing on the image. Once the shutter button has been pressed, that is it. No changes other than renaming are permitted. Separate sections for **Advanced** and **Intermediate** members.*

The Ron Newton Trophy.

*The entries for this competition will be those **prints** adjudged to have been the winning prints from the **Primary** competitions for the **Advanced** and **Intermediate** sections held by the **Society** during the year prior to the **AGM**. **Monochrome** and **Colour Prints** will compete equally. The entries will be displayed at the **AGM**. All members of the **Society** present on that occasion will be given a voting form to complete in order to determine the winner. The **Internal Competitions Secretary** will be responsible for arranging the ballot.*

The Sweetman Diamond Trophy.

*The entries for this competition will be those **PDI's** adjudged to have been the winning images from the **Primary** competitions for the **Advanced** and **Intermediate** sections held by the **Society** during the year prior to the **AGM**. The entries will be projected at the **AGM**. All members of the **Society** present on that occasion will be given a voting form to complete in order to determine the winner. The **Internal Competitions Secretary** will be responsible for arranging the ballot.*

Projected Image of the Year.

*This is an Open subject competition to determine a **1st**, **2nd** and **3^d** place for the **Projected Image of the Year** trophy. The qualifying entries will be those **PDI's** judged **1st**, **2nd** or **3^d** **Outright** or scoring **20** in any of the **Primary** competitions for **PDI's** held by the **Society** during that year. All images will compete equally.*

Print of the Year.

*This is an Open subject competition to determine a **1st**, **2nd** and **3^d** place for the **Print of the Year** trophy. The qualifying entries will be those prints judged **1st**, **2nd**, **3^d** **Outright** or scoring **20** in any of the **Primary** competitions for **Prints** held by the **Society** during that year.*

The Society Photographer of the Year.

*This will be open to all members of the **Society** and will be awarded to the person who has accumulated the highest number of points in all of the **Society's** internal **Primary** competitions held during the year.*