

Enniskillen Photographic Society

Competition Rules

The five competition dates and Themes/Genres for each are aligned to the Northern Ireland Photographic Association (NIPA) calendar.

- Images must be entirely the work of the Photographer. In composite images, all component images must meet this requirement. For the avoidance of doubt, use of images from any other source including, but not limited to, royalty free image banks and clipart are not permitted. This includes the use of AI to generate backgrounds, elements, or enhancements that were not originally captured by the photographer
- In the case of portraiture or any photograph featuring identifiable individuals, it is the photographer's responsibility to obtain a signed model release form from each subject. The release must grant permission for the use, publication, and distribution of the image(s) for the intended purpose(s).
- Changes to competition rules shall be made at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

MONTHLY COMPETITION RULES

1. Each member may enter up to two colour prints, two Mono prints and two digital images in each section.
2. Prints must be mounted. Maximum size of mount is 40cm x 30cm. Mount colour can be white, cream or black only. The print can be any size within the mount.
3. The name of the author must not appear on the front of any submission.
4. Title of the image must be written on the back along with your name and class (i.e. Advanced or Novice).
5. The points awarded to any novice will be totalled over the monthly competitions throughout the year and a 'novice of the year' trophy awarded in each section.
6. At the end of the season, trophies will be awarded to members scoring the highest number of points in each section.
7. Points in each section will be awarded as follows:
 - 1st – 3 points
 - 2nd – 2 points
 - 3rd – 1 point
8. Four winning images in each section will be forwarded to the Northern Ireland Photographic Association (NIPA) inter club competition. The selection process is at the discretion of the competition secretary or committee.
9. 'Starred' prints both mono and colour will be retained by NIPA to form a portfolio which will be available on loan to club members. (Starred prints are entries which receive 13 points or more in the NIPA inter club competitions).
10. Entries which have been exhibited in previous Annual Exhibitions or Monthly Competitions are not eligible for entry in the Monthly Competition.

NOVICE

A novice is someone who does not meet the criteria set out below.

1. Achieved two first placed images in any section in up to two previous Annual Exhibitions.
2. Won the 'novice of the year trophy'.
3. Achieved success in the relevant section of any open exhibition or competition organised by a recognised photographic society.
4. Produced work in the relevant section which is obviously of an advanced standard.
5. Obtained two 'Starred' images in any NIPA Competition.
6. Obtained a 3rd level academic photographic qualification.
7. Obtained a distinction from a National or International photographic body.
8. Obtained two acceptances in Salons, Open Exhibitions or the PAGB Inter-Federation Annual Print and PDI Competition.
9. Offer their photographic services, training or skills development for remuneration.

The Committee reserve the right to review the status of any member whose work is considered by the committee to be clearly of an advanced standard.

E.P.S. novice definition is not aligned to NIPA/any other organisation.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION

(Members only) – Awards

Cups will be awarded to the winning entry in each of the following classes:

Class 1. Black and white print	Portraiture
Class 2. Black and white print	Pictorial (open)
Class 3. Colour print	Portraiture
Class 4. Colour print	Pictorial (open)
Class 5. Projected Digital Image	Portraiture
Class 6. Projected Digital Image	Pictorial (open)
Class 7. Black and white or colour print	A series of at least 4 images mounted on a single board depicting a theme.

NOVICE ONLY CLASSES

Class 8. Black and white print	Open
Class 9. Colour print	Open

OTHER AWARD

The Fermanagh District Council cup will be awarded to the best overall entry in the above classes 1 to 9.

MEMBERS ANNUAL EXHIBITION RULES

1. All prints to be mounted on 50cm x 40cm or 40cm x 30cm only. Size will be announced in advance depending on venue and space allocation.
2. Members may submit a maximum of 2 images per section.
3. Neither title, description or name of entrant may appear on the front of the mount.
4. Title, name of entrant and class must appear on the reverse of the mount.
5. Monthly competition entries may be submitted.
6. Prints and images from previous annual exhibitions shall not be eligible.
7. Every due care will be taken of entries but E.P.S. disclaim liability for any loss or damage.
8. Cups awarded will be tenable for eleven months only.
9. Cups shall only be engraved with winners' names by the E.P.S.
10. In the event of the exhibition being oversubscribed a selection committee shall select the entries, in such an event each entrant is assured of having one entry included in the exhibition.
11. Members are required to return cups won from the previous exhibition to the society before the judging of the current Annual Exhibition.

Advanced members who were moved from novice status as a result of winning one first in a previous annual exhibition may be eligible to return to novice status.

If this applies to you, please let us know.

Each request will be considered individually by the Committee.

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