

Entering Competitions – Reminders

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Read and Follow the Rules

Failure to do so at best reduces your chance of winning, at worst means that the image never gets judged!

Subject – does your image clearly conform?

Presentation – have you...

➤ **Digital Images**

- Submitted the right size image (pixels)?
- Set the right colour space? (sRGB usually)?
- Given the image an appropriate file name/title?
- Followed the file naming rules carefully (to retain anonymity)?
- Followed the rules on image manipulation?
- Followed the rules on image taking (location, date, captive/wild animals....)?
- Removed unnecessary metadata?

➤ **Prints**

- Submitted the right size image (as large as possible within the rules if appropriate to the image)?
- Provided a mount (if required) of the right type and size?
- Given the image an appropriate title?
- Followed the image naming rules carefully (to retain anonymity)?
- Followed the rules on image manipulation?
- Followed the rules on image taking (location, date, captive/wild animals....)?
- Removed any stickers that identify you, your organisation or previous competitions entered?

Get the Best Possible Image

- Is the printed exposure correct?
- Have you cropped the image to show at its best?
- Have you removed artefacts, inclusions etc. (if allowed)?
- Are the colours what you wanted (white balance, tints etc)?
- Have you reduced image noise adequately? Too strongly?
- Have you sharpened the image adequately? Or too much?
- Have you removed lens aberrations if possible? (Distortion, fringing?)
- Does the mount/border enhance the image?
- Does the image say what you want it to say, and match the title?