



The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

Avoiding Image Repetition at Events

Guidance for Entrants

All PAGB Events include the principle that an Image, once entered to an Event, is not eligible to be entered again to the same Event. The definition and boundaries of each PAGB Event are stated in the respective rules. For example, the Inter-Federation Competition is one Event with four categories, while the GB Cups are three separate Events.

The PAGB is building an archive of entries made via its on-line system, with validation software which can warn Entrants of possible eligibility errors. The check can only be an estimate based on the combination of the Title and the Photographer's name.

- The same Title by a different Photographer is always a different Image.
- Any change between Events in typing either the Title or the Photographer's name may mean that a warning is not given.
- The system may give a false warning where two Photographers share the same name, or have very similar names.

It is highly desirable, and is best practice, for the Photographer to give each Image a unique Title, and for that Title never to be changed. A different Title by the same Photographer will be assumed to be a different Image. However, it is the Image which matters, and a review of image files may reveal an ineligible entry.

An Image, which is sufficiently similar to another previously entered to an Event by the same Photographer, may be ruled ineligible as being effectively the same Image. Monochrome and Colour versions from one original are likely to be considered the same image, unless the artistic treatment is significantly different. Similarity may also arise where elements are repeated in different composite Images. The PAGB delegates decisions on eligibility to the discretion of each Event Organiser. Photographers and Entrants should be aware of the similarity issue, even if two entries have been given different Titles.

For clarity, the following are examples where an entry to a PAGB Event is always eligible:

- An Image, in either medium (print or projected), entered to one Event remains eligible for a different Event in the same or a subsequent year.
- An Image included in a selection bank eg, for either of the Club Championships, but which is not then used, has not been entered and remains eligible for the same Event in a subsequent year.
- As each APM session is a new Event, an Image submitted for one Awards session remains eligible for a subsequent Awards session.