



# The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

## The Inter-Club Projected Digital Image Championship RULES

### 1. Event

The Inter-Club Projected Digital Image Championship is held each year.

The General Conditions for PAGB Competition Events are included in these Rules. A copy is at Appendix One.

### 2. Eligibility

#### 2.1 Entrants

The Entrant Clubs will comprise:

- All the Finalists from the previous year, and additionally
- Two Clubs from each Federation, chosen from amongst those Clubs affiliated to the PAGB via the Federation by any method that the Federation may determine.

Each Entrant Club is responsible for ensuring the eligibility of Photographers, Images and media as set out below and in the General Conditions.

#### 2.2 Photographers

A Photographer may only have Images entered by one Club each year.

A Photographer must be a bona fide member of the Entrant Club.

#### 2.3 Images

An Image by a Photographer, or an Image so similar as to be nearly identical, is not eligible if it has been entered previously to the Projected Championship.

For the avoidance of doubt, an eligible Image included as part of the Club's Image Bank but which is not then used, has not been entered and therefore remains eligible in a subsequent year.

#### 2.4 Image Files

Image files must be in RGB mode (even for monochrome images) and in the sRGB colour space. Files must be saved in JPEG format: saving at not less than quality 10 (80%) is sufficient.

The maximum image dimensions are 1600 pixels horizontal by 1200 pixels vertical. Images file with larger pixel dimensions than these limits, and any Image file larger than 2MB, will not upload.

### **3. Entries**

Any Entrant Club failing to meet the timescales for submitting Images and entry forms may be deemed to have forfeited the relevant part of the Event.

A nominated representative of each Entrant Club must attend the Event and be responsible for delivering the necessary completed entry forms.

The definition of Nature, as cited in the following sections, is at Appendix Two.

#### **3.1 Image Bank**

By a date to be advised, each Entrant Club must use the PAGB on-line Entries System to declare and upload a bank of 40 Images with associated Titles and Photographers' names.

#### **3.2 Round One**

By a date to be advised, each Entrant Club must provide its entry list of 8 Images for Round One, chosen from the Club's Image Bank.

There must be no more than 2 Images by each Photographer, and no more than 2 Nature Images.

#### **3.3 Round Two**

Following Round One at the Event, each Entrant Club must provide its entry list of 8 Images for Round Two, chosen from the Club's Image Bank. The Images must all be different from those entered for Round One.

There must be no more than 2 Images by each Photographer, and no more than 2 Nature Images.

Following Round Two, the scores for Rounds One and Two will be totalled. The top eight and equal Clubs may compete in the Final. The remaining Clubs may compete in the Plate.

#### **3.4 The Plate**

Each Entrant Club must provide its entry list of 8 Images for the Plate, chosen from the Club's Image Bank. No more than 4 of these Images may have been used in Rounds One and Two.

There must be no more than 2 Images by each Photographer, and no more than 2 Nature Images.

#### **3.5 The Final**

Each Entrant Club must provide its entry list of 20 Images for the Final, chosen from the Club's Image Bank. No more than 10 of these Images may have been used in Rounds One and Two.

There must be no more than 4 Images by each Photographer, and no more than 5 Nature Images.

## **4. Awards for Clubs**

### **4.1 The Plate**

The winning Club will receive the 'Don Morrison Trophy' to be held for a year, and a Silver Medal.

In the event of a tie, the Trophy will be shared, and all winning Clubs will receive a Silver Medal.

### **4.2 The Final**

The winning Club will receive the 'Darwin Clayton (UK) Ltd Trophy' to be held for a year, and a Gold Medal.

In the event of a tie, the Trophy will be shared, and all winning Clubs will receive a Gold Medal.

The Second, Third and Fourth placed Clubs will receive a Silver Medal. In the event of ties within the top four Clubs, the allocation of medals will be varied by the Chairman.

The other Finalists will receive a Bronze Medal.

## **5. Awards for Images**

The Judges will collectively award the 'Practical Photography Trophy' to be held for a year, and a Gold Medal for the Best Image.

The Judges will each award a Silver Medal to an Image of their choice.

## **APPENDIX ONE**

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR PAGB COMPETITION EVENTS**

The Rules, contact details, invitations, timetables and other information for each Event will be published by the Organisers.

Matters relating to interpretation of the Rules will be decided by the Chairman of the Organisers, subject only to the PAGB Breach of Rules Procedure. A copy of the Procedure is available from the PAGB website.

The Judges for an Event are not eligible to have any Images entered to that Event.

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.

An Image must not display to the Judges any of the Photographer's name, the Club or the Federation.

The PAGB cannot be held liable for the loss, misuse or non-entry of any Images or other material used for an Event, no matter how this loss or damage may occur.

By entering, the Photographer consents to the retention by the PAGB of information identifying the Photographer as the creator of an Image. Where a Federation or Club is the Entrant on behalf of multiple Photographers, then the Entrant warrants that each

Photographer has consented to the retention of identifying information as if the Photographer had entered in person.

The PAGB reserves the right not to exhibit an individual image, and delegates such decisions to the Chairman of the Organisers of each Event.

An entered Image may be used by the PAGB in any form to announce results and awards, to create catalogues, to create media circulated to participating Clubs including a PAGB Recorded Lecture, or for other PAGB related publicity. The Photographer of each Image will normally be credited with any use.

## **APPENDIX TWO**

### **DEFINITION OF NATURE TO BE USED IN PAGB COMPETITIONS**

**Note that images already meeting the separate FIAP Definition of Nature will satisfy this less restrictive definition.**

Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archaeology, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject material and certify its honest presentation.

The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than the pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality.

Scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals are permissible. Photographs of human created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, or mounted specimens are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement.

Processing of the captured image, by cropping, exposure adjustment, colour correction, noise minimisation, dodging/burning, HDR, focus stacking and sharpening, is allowed. Cloning of image defects and minor distractions, including overlapping elements, are permitted when these do not distort the truth of the photographic statement.

Images entered as Nature can have landscape, geologic formations, weather phenomena, and extant organisms as the primary subject matter. This includes images taken with the subjects in controlled conditions, such as zoos, game farms, botanical gardens, aquariums and any enclosure where the subjects are totally dependent on man for food.

Access to biological subjects may be restricted. By entering a PAGB event, Photographers warrant that they have followed relevant codes of practices and hold any necessary licences.

#### **Guidance**

Guidance on implementation and interpretation of the PAGB Definition of Nature is available separately, and may be read in conjunction with this Definition.

#### **Wildlife**

Images entered in Wildlife sections are further defined as one or more extant zoological or botanical organisms free and unrestrained in a natural or adopted habitat. Landscapes, geologic formations, photographs of zoo or game farm animals, or of any extant zoological or botanical species taken under controlled conditions are not eligible in Wildlife sections. Wildlife is not limited to animals, birds and insects. Marine subjects and botanical subjects (including fungi and algae) taken in the wild are suitable wildlife subjects, as are carcasses of extant species. Wildlife images may be entered in Nature sections.