

Queenstown Photography Club, Inc - Monthly Image Assessments and Annual Competition Rules (Rev 5)

1. Only financial paid members of QPC are eligible to enter club assessments.
2. Each member may enter up-to two digital images for the Monthly image assessment judged by a PSNZ recognised judge. The two assessments are for a SET SUBJECT and OPEN image. The SET SUBJECT will be advised in the club newsletter prior to the monthly assessment starting. An OPEN image may be submitted only if the member has also submitted a SET SUBJECT image. An OPEN image is entirely of the member's choice.
3. Images entered in previous QPC assessments shall not be re-entered unless they have been given a Not Accepted grade in which case they may be "re-worked" and re-submitted.
4. All images must be the photographer's own work at capture and post processing and can not be created under any professional guidance.
5. Digital Images may have post processing applied unless specified otherwise in the set subject title.
6. All submitted Digital Images must be in JPG format.
7. The filename of each digital image must be labelled according to the club formatting rules.

- Assessment being entered; the first two characters of the title shall represent the assessment entered as below

- SS - Set Subject
- OP - Open Subject
- FT - Field Trip

- Members Grade; the third character of the title shall represent the member's grade as below

- A - Advanced Grade
- B - B Grade
- N - Novice Grade
- J - Junior Grade

- the underscore character (_)
- the member's 3 digit membership number in the range 001 to 999 with leading zeros

- the underscore character (_)

- Image Description
this shall be no more than 30 characters. The forward slash (/) and backward slash (\)
must not be used as these are interpreted as folder marks within computers.

- a full stop to separate the image title from its extension

- Extension
- either JPG or jpeg, the extension is case insensitive

A simple example to show the above would be SSA_999_SetSubject.JPG
the SS would be replaced with OP for Open or alternatively with FT for a field trip image
the A would be replaced with B or N or J as appropriate for the member's grade
the 999 would be replaced with the member's number. (3 digits)
the text SetSubject would be replaced with a suitable title for the image

the extension can be either JPG or jpeg.

Note that titles that do not comply with the above requirements will not be accepted.

8. Image size

The image shape may be in any format.

For the square/rectangular format

the longer side of the image shall not exceed 1920 pixels

the shorter side of the image shall not exceed 1080 pixels

For any format the maximum size shall be less than 3M pixels

Note that images that do not comply with the above requirements will not be accepted.

9. Assessment entries are submitted using the online submission system by assessment closing which is midnight (New Zealand time) on the last day of every month a assessment is held. The ONLINE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM can be found on the club website under the "CLUB ASSESSMENTS" tab.

General:

1. Competition Year

The competition runs on a yearly cycle from images entered into the October assessment through to images entered into the following September assessment. The months of December and January are combined to form one assessment entry making a total of 11 assessments through the year. This allows for a total possible submission of 22 images if images are submitted every month.

2. Field Trips

Each member is also encouraged to participate in Club Field Trips and then enter images into the monthly FIELD TRIP assessment which will be judged by members present at the following months club meeting. The image must have been captured at the location and on the date of the official club field trip for that month.

3. Image age

Members are encouraged to submit images taken within the immediate 12 months of competition entry.

4. Competition trophies

Competition trophies are awarded for each competition at the Christmas meeting. The list of trophies and the criteria for obtaining the trophies are shown below. Where there is a tie then there will be joint or multiple winners for that trophy.

5. Judging Images

Judging of the SET SUBJECT and OPEN assessments is assigned to a PSNZ qualified judge. The images are graded one of

'Honours', 'Merit' , 'Accepted' and 'Not Accepted'.

Judging of the Field Trip images will be by the members present at the monthly meeting the images are judged. The images are ordered first, second, third and placed. There may be joint or multiple entries at any placing.

6. Image Points

6a. SET SUBJECT and OPEN images

Points are awarded to a set subject and open image depending on the grade the image achieved as follows

Honours	- 8 points
Merit	- 4 points
Accepted	- 2 points
Not accepted	- 1 point

6b. Field Trip images

Points are awarded based on the members' ranking of the displayed field trip images

(Joint or multiple) first place	- 4 points
(Joint or multiple) second place	- 3 points
(Joint or multiple) third place	- 2 points
unplaced entry	- 1 point

7. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded at the end of the competition year as follows

- Junior Open Subject - Highest point score Open Subject Junior grade
- Junior Set Subject - Highest point score Set Subject Junior grade
- Novice Open Subject - Highest point score Open Subject Novice grade
- Novice Set Subject - Highest point score Set Subject Novice grade
- B grade Open Subject - Highest point score Open Subject B grade
- B grade Set Subject - Highest point score Set Subject B grade
- A grade Open Subject - Highest point score Open Subject A grade
- A grade Set Subject - Highest point score Set Subject A grade
- Club Champion - Highest combined point score Open & Set

Subject

- Most Improved - The photographer with the highest increase in average score per image this year

compared to last year having entered
at least 10 Open &/or Set Subject images this

year.

- Field Trip - Highest point score for Field Trip photographs

Trophies may be held for 11 months and should be returned after this time.

8. Membership upgrades

Junior to Novice - this will occur automatically at the end of the competition year that the junior has achieved the age of 18. Members aged 17 at the start of the competition year can elect to remain as a Junior for the competition year or start the year as a Novice. There will be no Junior to Novice grade change through the year.

Junior aged 16 or under to Novice

You require two or more Honours images in the competition year
and scoring 63 or more points in the competition year.

Novice to B Grade

You require two or more Honours images in the competition year
and scoring 63 or more points in the competition year.

B Grade to A Grade

You require two or more Honours images in the competition year
and scoring 63 or more points in the competition year.

9. New Members

Members joining from a different camera club where images are judged by a PSNZ judge and their club has the same membership grading system as the QPC may transfer their grade into the QPC.

Members joining with no previous experience will be graded as Novice or Junior depending on their age at the start of the QPC competition year.

10. Image ownership

All images remain the property of the photographer; the photographer permits the club to display her/his submitted images at club meetings, club website, Facebook page, and newsletter. The images may also be transmitted or copied for judging purposes. Unless specifically requested not to be, any image submitted may be used in any inter-club competition.

10. Changes to the above rules

These rules may be reviewed by the QPC committee at any time. Any changes will be advised in writing to current financial members.