

# Macarthur Photographic Society Inc

## Competitions Information Sheet

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The competitions held by Macarthur Photographic Society are the Monthly Photographic Competition Nights and Top Shot of the Year. For precise details regarding the club's photography competitions, refer to the Competition Rules document. Always ensure you have the club's most up-to-date competition rules. The edition is clearly marked on the rules. A brief summary of our club's competitions, and other relevant information, are listed below in this document.

### MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

Monthly competitions are held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Wednesday of each month (except December and January). The competition categories are Colour Images in print, Monochrome Images in print, Colour Digital Image, Monochrome Digital Image and Themed Digital Image. The first four categories are Open meaning any subject matter may be submitted. And the last category is set and announced for each month by the Club Committee. Members can check the annual Programme for details. A judge reviews the images exhibited on the night and awards merits (either a Credit or Distinction) to deserving entries in each image category, namely: **Colour Prints, Monochrome Prints, Colour Digital Images, Monochrome Digital Images & Themed Digital Images.**

### TOP SHOT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Unlike Monthly Competitions, this annual event is not judged on the night of the competition. Entries are submitted by the closing date and sent to a judge who determines the awards at their leisure. Images eligible for entry into the Top Shot Competition do not need to have earned a merit in previous competitions, in fact they do not even need to have been entered into a previous Club competition the only criteria is the following condition be met: *to be eligible for this competition, the image must have been taken and created within the year since the closing date of the previous Top Shot of the Year Competition.* Awards are given for the best image in each category and the image judged the best overall from all categories is declared Top Shot of the Year. Top Shot is held on the second Wednesday of December each year.

### FEES

Each image entered into monthly competitions attracts a \$1 entry fee for prints and a \$2 fee for electronically submitted Digital images. There are no entry fees for Top Shot competitions.

### INTER-CLUB COMPETITION

The FCC (Federation of Camera Clubs NSW) hosts two competitions per year. One is 'Top Shot' for all NSW Camera Clubs members to enter, the other is 'The Inter Club challenge' where members enter under their Club banner and compete as a club. These competitions are usually held in May and September

## CASUAL COMPETITIONS

From time to time the Club will run once-off competitions. For example, they may follow an organised club photography trip or rally. For more details, visit websites of the FCC at <http://www.photographynsw.org.au/> and the <https://www.a-p-s.org.au/> which have a host of links to many such competitions.

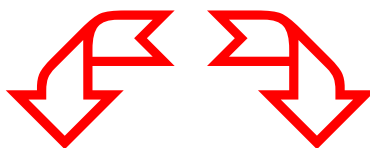
## COMPETITION PRINT SIZES:

Image Size:

- a) Entries in the **Colour Prints** and **Monochrome Prints** categories:
  - i. Rectangular images, Landscape or Portrait must not exceed **51cm by 41cm (20" by 16")** including any mount or border.
  - ii. Square images must not exceed **46cm by 46cm (18" by 18")** including any mount or border.
- b) Digitally Presented Images shall have:
  - i. maximum dimensions of **3840 pixels (wide) by 2160 pixels (high)** with a suggested resolution of **300 dpi**, and image and file name saved as a **JPEG** file with a **maximum file size of 4.0 MB**.
  - ii. **Naming Convention:** It is important that entries when submitted are named correctly. Only correctly named images will be accepted for competition. The following example is of a member by the name of 'John Smith', who is submitting five (5) entries and those entries being a combination of 'Colour', 'Mono' and 'Themed'. The example names in the order of 'Colour / Mono / Themed', however, you may choose to name in an alternative order viz: 'Mono / Colour / Themed' etc. It would be appreciated that you keep your images grouped together, namely, 'Colour' together, 'Mono' and 'Themed', this expedites the organisation and preparation for the competition night.

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1	Colour	1JohnSmith_Colour_MagicHourSun.jpg
2	Colour	2JohnSmith_Colour_MacarthurSunset.jpg
3	Mono	3JohnSmith_Mono_Waterfall.jpg
4	Themed	4JohnSmith_Themed_CircularQuay.jpg
5	Themed	5JohnSmith_Themed_CricketSCG.jpg

*Please read printable summary below*



## IN SUMMARY:

### Images Submitted on Competition Night

- *Up to five (5) images per competition night.*
- *The five (5) Categories: Colour Print (\$1/entry), Monochrome Print (\$1/entry), Colour Digital (\$2/entry), Monochrome Digital (\$2/entry) & Themed Digital (\$2/entry).*
- *A maximum of two (2) images per category only.*
- *Your five (5) images can be spread across any combination of the five (5) categories. **Print entries must be submitted by 7:35pm on competition night.***
- *Colour/Monochrome Prints must contain your full name and Image name (Optional) on the rear panel.*
- *Ask yourself the following questions when entering competitions:*
- *Do your **Colour Prints/Monochrome Prints** satisfy the following criteria:*
  - Rectangular prints must not exceed*
    - a) Landscape: 51cm (horizontal ~ top) by 41cm (vertical ~ side) (20"H by 16"V) including any mount or border.*
    - b) Portrait: 41cm (horizontal ~ top) by 51cm (vertical ~ side) (16"H by 20"V) including any mount or border.*
  - Square prints must not exceed 46cm by 46cm (18" by 18") including any mount or border.*
- *Do your **Digital (Monitor Presented) images** satisfy the following criteria:*
  - a) **must be submitted the Sunday Evening before competition night.***
  - b) maximum pixels: 3840 pixels (wide) by 2160 pixels (high).*
  - c) suggested resolution of 300 dpi.*
  - d) saved as a JPEG file with a maximum file size of 4.0 MB.*

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### Images Judged on the night

- *Three outcomes can occur on the night...*
- *A Distinction carrying a value of 5 points.*
- *A Credit carrying a value of 3 points.*
- *Or the Judge will offer constructive advice about your images.*



## **What happens to the points you earn**

- *Your points accumulate across the year (February to November), within each of the four categories you earned them in.*
- *The members scoring the three highest aggregate scores within each category win the years accolade of excellence for that specific category.*
- *At particular times throughout the year members will also be rewarded for achieving 10, 25, 50 or 100 merits in each category. The Competition Secretary keeps records of this and rewards members accordingly as they reach the milestones.*