

LANCASHIRE and CHESHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC UNION



Annual Individual Print & Projected Image Competition And Young Photographer of the Year Competition Rules and Guidelines.

2015

The last day for all on line entries is
Prints must be taken to drop off points no later than
Prints can also be handed in at the L&CPUs A.G.M

14th February 2015.
20th February 2015
21st February 2015.

The competition judging will be over the weekend of
Held in camera

28th February and 1st March 2015.

The L&CPU Individual Competition Rules

1. This competition is open to ALL members of an L&CPU Federated Club
2. A photographer may only enter through one club
3. Images (or one significantly similar) must not have been entered into any L&CPU individuals competition.
4. A photographer may enter up to four images in each section.
5. An Image can only be used once in the competition
The sections are as follows

Open Monochrome	Prints
Open Colour	Prints
Nature	Prints
Open Monochrome	Projected Digital Image
Open Colour	Projected Digital Image
Nature	Projected Digital Image
6. A Gold Medal will be awarded to the Winner of Each Section.
Ribbons and Certificates will be awarded for first, second and third places,
The Judges will decide on Certificates of Merit for each section.
In addition to the section awards there will be a Gold Medal awarded for
Print Photographer of the Year
Projected Digital Image Photographer of the Year
The Young Photographer of the Year and
L&CPU Photographer of the Year
7. The overall result is based on the total score of all your images in the respective sections.
8. A league table of the results will be produced, and posted on the L&CPUs web site.
Individual scores can be down loaded by logging onto your club portal via the club competition secretary.
9. Print and Digital Entries, for practical reasons, should be handled by your club competition secretary. They can upload the entries through the L&CPU portal and arrange delivery of prints via the usual collection points.
10. Prints must be mounted on card and backed, 500mm x 400mm and be no thicker than 4mm.
11. Projected Digital Images must be 1400 Pixels (Horizontal) x 1050 Pixels (Vertical) in jpeg format in sRGB colour space.
Unused areas must be filled with black or dark grey if an image is less than 1400 wide 1050 high in any direction.
12. Entrants must own the copyright of all images used in their entry.
The Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union accepts no liability for any breach of copyright by an entrant.
Entries must be all the work of the stated Author.
The L&CPU reserve the right to use images for Folios and Exhibitions and PAGB competitions.
The L&CPU reserve the right to display digital versions of any images on their website.
Copyright remains with the photographer.
Prints will not be retained from this competition.
Competition Secretaries are to arrange to pick up returned prints from the drop-off point.

Judges:

Richard Speirs DPAGB, APAGB, BPE2*
Peter Gennard MFIAP, EFIAP/p
Roger Parry ARPS, DPAGB, EFIAP, Hon PAGB

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13. Entries are to be made through the L&CPU's portal (<http://lcpu.datascribe.co.uk/>) via your Club Secretary. Each Club Secretary has been provided with a Club Code and Password.
If you are unsure what to do will you please let us know by emailing: <mailto:Competitions@lcpu.org.uk>

14. **General**

Except for any final printing, images entered must be entirely the work of the stated author.

Composite images are permitted in all open categories (except in Nature) provided all components meet this requirement.

All techniques employed in the making of an image must have been carried out by the stated author.

More information can be found on the L&CPU Website www.lcpu.org.uk including FAQs and a link to ask further questions.

Print entries need to be delivered to the people listed on the website as drop-off/Collection Points by Friday 20th February latest, or at the L&CPUs A.G.M 21st February 2015

All entries must be submitted through the club competition secretary using the electronic entry form obtained from the L&CPU.

Print labels generated by the portal should be affixed to your print entries. These contain a barcode which is used in the administration of the competition.

A copy of your entry form should be included within your print box with the Prints.

The Club is responsible for ensuring that your entry is correct, and the rules are complied with,

15. **Prints**

The mount size is 50x40 cm ONLY. (Note that 20x16 inch is NOT the same and will be disqualified)

Maximum mount thickness must not exceed 4 mm.

No tape of any description on the back of the mounts.

Backing boards should be the same size as the front mount.

Each print must display on the back, the label generated by the portal, placed as near as possible to the top right hand corner of the mount.

Prints should be packed in section order.

Print boxes should be clearly marked with the club name (NOT INITIALS) and Code Number on both lid and base and return name and address.

Print boxes should be a maximum of 4in. deep or not filled more than 4in deep.

Please do not use heavy boxes or carrier bags.

Please do not use adhesive tape or staples or makeshift packaging.

If you wish your entry to be returned by post, send address labels and postage with your entry.

A list of persons who have agreed to accept print entries (Drop-off Points) will be available from the website.

YOU MUST RECLAIM THEM FROM THE SAME PERSON AFTER THE COMPETITION.

The L&CPU will not accept any responsibility for entries left with any person not included on the list.

16. **PDI's**

Images are uploaded to the Dataportal.

Projected Digital Images must be 1400 Pixels x 1050 Pixels in jpeg format sRGB

An image that is less than 1400 wide 1050 high in any direction, the unused areas must be filled with black or dark grey

Definitions of Categories

Monochrome

This definition has been taken from the FIAP definition for Monochrome and is used by the PAGB and the L&CPU Pictures entered must be monochromatic images (which may be singly toned in a single tone colour).

Monochrome prints, which have one or more added colours/dyes, must be entered in the Open Colour section. Nature subjects in monochrome should be in the Nature section.

Nature

This definition has been taken from the FIAP definition 2014 for Nature and has been adopted by the PAGB and the L&CPU

Nature photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archeology, 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. Human elements shall not be present, except where those human elements are integral parts of the nature story such as nature subjects, like barn owls or storks, adapted to an environment modified by humans, or where those human elements are in situations depicting natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves.

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.

No techniques that add, relocate, replace, or remove pictorial elements except by cropping are permitted. Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photograph without changing the nature story or the pictorial content, or without altering the content of the original scene, are permitted including HDR, focus stacking and dodging/burning.

Techniques that remove elements added by the camera, such as dust spots, digital noise, and film scratches, are allowed. Stitched images are not permitted. All allowed adjustments must appear natural.

Colour images can be converted to greyscale monochrome. Infrared images, either direct captures or derivations, are not allowed.

Images used in Nature Photography competitions may be divided in two classes: Nature and Wildlife. Images entered in Nature sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above can have landscapes, 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.

Images entered in Wildlife sections meeting the Nature Photography Definition above 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 of Exhibitions.

Note, the Annual Individual and Club Competitions are Nature competitions. There is no Wildlife Competition but this definition will be used where a specific Wildlife Award is made.

Open colour

Colour includes all other images not classified as Mono or Nature.

L&CPU Individual Annual Competition

Young Photographer of the Year

The Competition is Open (Monochrome / Colour) Prints or Digital

This competition is open to all members of an L&CPU Federated Club up to the age of 18 years on 31st May in the year of the competition.

Each member may submit up to three images in total. (Prints/Digital or a combination of both)

A winner will be determined by adding together the two highest marks from an individual's entry in all relevant sections.

The Young Photographer of the Year will be determined by judging the prints and digital together to arrive at one winner who will be awarded the Arthur Downes Trophy to hold for 12 months (or until the next competition) plus a L&CPU Gold medal. In addition, 2nd and 3rd positions will receive Certificates.

The author must own the copy right to all parts of the image.

These notes must be read along with the main Rules and guidelines of the Individual Competition.