



SHOALHAVEN PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB ASSESSMENT RULES

ASSESSMENT MEETINGS

Assessment meeting nights are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Photos are appraised by a guest judge and points are awarded at the judge's discretion. Details of the entries and awards received should be completed on the form provided and handed to the Assessment Coordinator after the judging. Remember you will get some points for entries even if they have not received an award. No points will be awarded if the Entry Form has not been handed in or if the member has not paid their annual fee.

ENTRY CATEGORIES AND REQUIREMENTS

A maximum of two photos may be entered into any of four categories. The categories are:

SET SUBJECT - Colour, Monochrome

OPEN SUBJECT - Colour, Monochrome

Monochrome refers to images comprising of a single hue. Examples are B&W and Sepia.

Creative or 'altered reality' images are allowed in any of the four categories.

A maximum of **three (3) prints** in total can be entered on each assessment night. Photographs must be mounted. There are no size restrictions, however prints are typically sized A4 to A3 (but no larger than A3), plus mount.

Prints must be original images photographed by the entrant. They should have been photographed within the last five years before assessment.

All prints must have the author's name and the title of the photograph written on the back of the submission and should also indicate the correct orientation (e.g. "TOP"). Names should not be printed on the front of the photo.

For new members and visitors within their first competition year an optional Mini-Print section exists for the same four categories as above. Entries in this section should either be 6" x 4" or 5" x 7" and need not be mounted. If a new member or visitor presents a mini-print, they may not enter another image in the same category on the night.

Photographs which have previously **won an award (Merit or Credit)** at a club assessment meeting **are not eligible to be entered again** at any other assessment meeting. They are, however, eligible for entry into the Annual Club Dinner and Awards Presentation Night for the club competition year in which they won their award.

Photographs which have not won any award may be entered again in a club assessment meeting.

POINT SCORES AND AWARDS

Photos on assessment nights receive the following points:

Set Subject

Merit Award - 6 points

Credit Award - 4 points

2 points are awarded for every set subject entry not earning a Merit or Credit.

Open Subject

Merit Award - 5 points

Credit Award - 3 points

1 point is awarded for every open subject entry not earning a Merit or Credit

Photograph of the Month: 8 points

These points are awarded in the Mini-Print section as well.

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER AND AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Points are accumulated for each member's yearly total for the **competition year which runs from October 1 to September 30 each year**. Annual prizes are awarded for members achieving the highest point scores in Colour and Monochrome sections as well as the highest overall pointscore.

All prints receiving a Merit or Credit will have an acknowledgement label supplied.

Only prints that have received awards will be accepted for judging at the Annual Club Dinner and Awards Presentation Night. Images entered into a **digital assessment** night that have been awarded a Merit or Credit can be entered as a **printed entry**. Three (3) prints with a maximum of two entries per category may be entered for **Photograph of the Year** awards. The entries will be assessed by a guest judge. In addition, members present will vote for a People's Choice Award. The categories are: Colour and Monochrome. Entries must have been entered and received awards in the club **competition year of October 1 to September 30**. Entries may be brought in on the night of the dinner or submitted to the Assessment Coordinator before or at the club meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in October.