

# **Manukau Photographic Society**

## **Monthly Competition Rules**

### **General**

- Competitions are open to paid-up members only.
  - People who are considering membership may enter images for comment on up to two occasions. Points and grades will not be awarded.
  - Submitting an image for comment grants MPS permission to publicly display that image at MPS meetings for the purpose of allowing a judge to make comments.
  - The competitions held on the second Tuesday of the month normally have two categories, which are Open Subject and Set Subject. Images portraying any subject can be submitted in the open category.
  - A total of up to three images may be submitted each month in any combination of set and open subject. The entered images may be print only, digital only, or a mixture.
  - Digitally enhanced images are acceptable provided they originate from a photograph taken by the author and the enhancements are undertaken by the author.
  - Titles for images are optional.
  - Images are judged and given awards as shown below. Points gained are accumulated during the year and go towards the Set Aggregate Points, Open Aggregate Points and Overall Aggregate Points trophies awarded at the end of the year.
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| • Awards: | Honours          | 10 points |
|           | Highly Commended | 8 points  |
|           | Merit            | 6 points  |
|           | Acceptance       | 4 points  |
- An extra point is awarded if two or more images are submitted in the set subject category of a particular month.
  - A judge's award is final unless the judge chooses to change the award.
  - Certificates are awarded for the Set Subject Image of the Night and the Open Subject Image of the Night. A bonus point is awarded for each one.
  - An image can only be submitted once in a monthly club competition unless it has been passed in, in which case it may be submitted in a subsequent competition.
  - Images by the same author which differ only slightly from one another will

be regarded as being the same image e.g. slightly different content or crop, converted to b&w. Final determination regarding the similarity of images will be made by the MPS committee.

- The MPS committee may declare ineligible for entry an image that it deems to be inappropriate. Images should be suitable for a family environment. The committee's decision will be final.

### **Digital and Print Registration**

- Digital images must be emailed to digital.manukauphoto@gmail.com by midnight two Sundays before Club night on the second Tuesday of the month. The email's subject line should read:  
MPS Competition – MMMYY\_Digital
- Print images must be emailed to digital.manukauphoto@gmail.com by midnight two Sundays before Club night on the second Tuesday of the month. The email's subject line should read:  
MPS Competition – MMMYY\_Print
- The author must include “**COMPETITION USE ONLY**” in the body of the email if he or she does not want the image(s) to be displayed on the MPS website and in the club's newsletter.  
See “Use of Members' Images” below.
- The author must include “**Newcomer**” in the body of the email if he or she is a Newcomer.
- Colour Space: sRGB
- File Type: JPEG
- Image size:  
No more than **1920 pixels wide** and no more than **1080 pixels high**.
- The file name of each entry must be in one of these formats:
  - Set Subject: S\_MMMYY\_Number\_Name\_Title
  - Open Subject: O\_MMMYY\_Number\_Name\_Title
  - E.g., if two images are being entered into the Set Subject competition they must be named in this manner:
    - S\_MAR19\_1\_Joe Bloggs\_Black Sky
    - S\_MAR19\_2\_Joe Bloggs\_No Title

### **Print Submission**

- Print must be submitted by 7:30pm on the Tuesday club night.
- Prints are to have a minimum size of 200 x 150mm (A5) and a maximum size of 500 x 400mm.

- Prints are to be mounted on firm card or similar material having a minimum size of 200 x 150mm (A5) and a maximum size of 500 x 400mm. Framed and/or glass covered prints are not acceptable.
- Prints may be professionally or home processed.
- Print Naming: Prints must be clearly labelled on the back with the following;
  - Author's name
  - Grade if "Newcomer"
  - Category: Set or Open
  - The chosen title or "No Title"

### **Use of Members' Images**

- Entering an image (print or digital) into an MPS competition or into an external competition via MPS grants the club permission to publicly display that image at MPS meetings for the purposes of competition and recognising good work.
- MPS wants to display those images which are awarded Honours and Highly Commended on the MPS website and in the club's newsletter. Submitting a digital competition entry or a digital version of a print entry to MPS grants the club permission to display that image on the MPS website and in the club's newsletter unless the member opts out by including **"COMPETITION USE ONLY"** in the body of the email that submits the image.
- Any other use of a member's image will only occur with the prior permission of the author, e.g. club representation in external competitions.
- Images will remain the property of their author at all times and the author will be acknowledged on the MPS website and in the club's newsletter if his or her images appear in those publications.

### **Contact**

- Members who have questions should contact [digital.manukauphoto@gmail.com](mailto:digital.manukauphoto@gmail.com)
- Further information can be found on the club website: <http://manukauphoto.org.nz/>