

## A Judges Guide

1. Is the image sharp where it needs to be unless the image is meant to be soft?
2. Does the image require cropping to improve?
3. Are your horizons and verticals straight?
4. Is there detail in the sky?
5. Do you need to adjust colours for more punch in your image?
6. Have you tried turning the image into black and white?
7. Are there bright spots or objects that spoil the look of the image?
8. Does the imageless you in and not out of the picture or have you got leading lines which help the image?
9. When taking people and animals, make sure there is light in the eyes.
10. Make sure there is detail in dark and shadow areas of your image.
11. Try taking night pictures in blue hour or just before dark and avoid having a black sky.
12. Have you left room at the front of the image for vehicles and animals to move and not cropped too tight?
13. Would the image look better in portrait or landscape?
14. Good titles will help when in competitions except in natural history where the precise titles are required.