



Alba Photographic Society

Competition Rules 2023-24

Competition Secretary: **Sadie Paterson**

There are **8 Championships** throughout the season, from September to April, which will be held over 4 club nights: with all competitions contributing to the overall club league scores,

- 4 Digital Open Competitions [**Digital Open1**] [**Digital Open2**] [**Digital Open3**] [**Digital Open4**]
- 4 Digital Theme Competitions [**Digital Theme1**] [**Digital Theme2**] [**Digital Theme3**] [**Digital Theme4**]

There are also an additional 3 competitions which do not contribute to the club championship scoring and are run separately. These 3 competitions are 'Non League'

- **Annual Club Theme Competition**
- **Club Annual Digital Competition & Club Annual Print Competition which take place on the same night.**

Hand-in dates and themes for all competitions can be found on the club website within the **<Competitions>** section. In all matters regarding competitions, the decision of the Competition Secretary is final.

General Rules

- All images must have been taken within 3 years of the competition hand-in date. For example, if the hand-in date is 30th October 2023, any images submitted must have been taken between 30th October 2020 and 30th October 2023.
- Members can enter up to 3 of their own images per **Championship** competition and up to 4 entries for the **Annual Club Theme** Competition. The **Club Annual Digital & the Club Annual Print** competitions, which are held on the same night, are a maximum of 3 entries in each. If there are too many entries, the Competition Secretary will remove your lowest ranked image to produce a more manageable amount for the judge.
- **League 1 / League 2** images scoring 17pts or less may be reused in a later **Championship** competition, once only. Images scoring 18pts or more cannot be reused in any later **Championship** competition.
- Regardless of score in any of the **Championship** competitions a maximum of 2 entries which have already been submitted may be used again in the **Club Annual Digital**, or, the **Club Annual Print** competitions.
- Previous images used in the **Championship** competitions may not be used in the **Club Annual Theme** competition.
- It is the responsibility of members to ensure images comply fully with club rules before submitting entries. If you have any difficulty with this, please speak to the Competition Secretary, who will be glad to help.

Digital Competitions

- Digital images are to be submitted by the **PhotoEntry Uploader** up to 23:59hrs on the closing date for each competition. There is a link to the **PhotoEntry Uploader** within the **<Competitions>** section on the club website. Please select the current season folder to access it.
- Digital images should not exceed **1600 pixels** horizontally and should not exceed **1200 pixels** vertically.

Print Competitions

- Print size, **including mount**, should not exceed **500mm X 400mm (20 x 16in)**. Prints outwith this size will not be accepted.
- **A digital image** of any submitted print must also be registered in the **PhotoEntry Uploader** by the closing date shown. This is a requirement of the system to register your entry, even though it is a Print Competition.
- All print images should be marked on the back of the mount with the following information only:

Title_Reference Number (1-3) Please do not write your name, or, membership number

1 being your first choice and 3 being your last choice, for example:

Rainy Day_1

- Prints should be placed in the Competition Secretary's portfolio case and must be removed from all plastic bags or packaging.
- **Please ensure that any velcro tabs are removed from the back of prints so as not to scratch any other member's prints. Any prints with loose mountings or masking tape may be removed from entering or returned to member for fixing.**

League Structure, Rules and Scoring

The 2023_24 season is the 2nd year of our new 2 league structure with promotion and relegation between **League 1** and **League 2**.

Leagues

- There is now only **League 1** and **League 2**. There is no 'Beginners' section.
- **League 1** will comprise of a maximum of 14 members.
- **League 2** will comprise of all other members.
- All new club members will join in **League 2**.
- All club members from both **League 1** and **League 2** will compete together in the **Club Annual Theme** and **Club Annual Digital & Print** competitions, as they do not contribute to the overall league scoring.

Scoring

- All **8 Championship** competitions contribute to league scores.
- A member's final score will be a total of their 2 highest scores from all **8 Championship** competitions. The member scoring the highest amount of points in both **League 1** and **League 2** will be awarded a trophy, with the title of '**Club Champion**' going to the winner of **League 1**.
- All images will be scored out of 20. For example, in a competition we could have two images scoring 20, three images scoring 19 and two scoring 18 etc.
- The **Club Annual Theme** and **Club Annual Digital & Print** competitions will receive certificates for 'WINNER', 'HIGHLY COMMENDED' and 'COMMENDED' as awarded by the judge.
- The Winner in each of these 3 Annual Competitions will also be awarded a trophy.

Promotion and Relegation

At the end of each season there will be promotion and relegation between **League 1** and **League 2** based on league scores.

- The 2 lowest scorers in **League 1** will be relegated to **League 2**.
- 1st and 2nd in **League 2** will be promoted to **League 1**.

Tie Breaks

- If there are any ties (for promotion / relegation or League Winners / Runners Up), the higher placing would go to the member with the most 20's. If that is tied, then the most 19's and so on.

All members are encouraged to enter these competitions whether or not they have an expectation of winning; the emphasis in ALBA PS is on participation and learning. Judges are usually quite happy to discuss your entry and answer questions at the break, or end of night.

Permissions

- Images submitted for competitions may be used by the club for external competitions, eg. GDPU and for publication on the Club Website, Shutterbug (our members only facebook page), or Alba Photographic Society (our public facebook page).
- **Members who are also a member of another club can enter our competitions, but their images can only be used externally by one club. Please notify the competition secretary if this affects you.**
- Copyright of images must be that of the photographer who has entered the work. **Anyone found infringing copyright shall be disqualified from all remaining competitions of the season and results already entered shall be nullified.**