

Locksheath and Sarisbury Camera Club

LHSCC Competition Rules

1. Club Internal Competitions.

1.1 Competition Entries

Fully 'paid up' Members may submit 2 PDI files (to be projected) and 2 Prints for each internal club competition.

PDI files and Print details (title/pdi copy of the print) are to be emailed to the Competition Secretary/Representative via the pdi@lhscc.org.uk mailbox no later than midnight on the Thursday before the Monday evening competition.

Prints are to be with the Competition Secretary/Representative in time for the competition to commence at 7:45pm on the Monday evening.

Late entries or entries that do not adhere to the above will not be accepted into either competition.

A Print or PDI file may be entered into a subsequent internal competition as long as it has not received an award (i.e. First, Second, or Third) or a score of 9 points or higher in a previous LHSCC internal competition.

Any recognised photographic process can be used to produce Prints and PDI files, but all work entered must be the copyright of the photographer and contain no imported artwork other than borders.

1.2 PDI entries:

Digital image files are to be submitted in the following format:

Mode – RGB, 8 bits only

Colour space – sRGB

File Format – Jpeg. The image must be 'flattened' prior to submission and any alpha channels must be removed.

Image Size – A maximum of 1400 pixels wide and 1050 pixels high.

The picture area itself (including any border) must not display the title or author name.

Note: Any PDI files not meeting this format will be rejected by the Club's Competition Scoring software.

PDI file-naming:

The PDI 'filename' should comprise:

Club membership number followed by number 01 or 02 followed by an 'underscore' and the title of the image (maximum of 20 characters, with no special characters such as /, *, ?).

For example: The filename for the 2nd image, 'A Day at the Races' an entry from LHSCC member 498 would be "49802_ A Day At The Races.jpg"

You should also ensure that there are no 'viruses' present within the image file. All PDI files will be checked when submitted and any found with a virus will not be accepted.

1.3 Print entries:

Prints must not exceed 500mm by 400mm including mount. Framed prints will not be accepted.

Mounts can be 'surface mounted', 'flush mounted,' or 'cut-out', at the discretion of the club member.

Print entries should have the member's club number and the print title on the reverse side of the mount.

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A pdi copy of the Print should be sent by email to the pdi@lhscc.org.uk mailbox by the Competition deadline (see Section 1.1 above).

The Print pdi format and file-naming convention is as per Section 1.2 above, except that the Print pdi filename should be preceded by “p”.

For example: The filename for the pdi copy of Print ‘A Day at the Races’ by LHSCC member 498 would be “p49802_ A Day At The Races.jpg”.

Note: A Print may be submitted without a pdi copy, but in this case it will not be eligible for selection to represent the Club in external competitions such as the SCPF League and Exhibition.

1.4 Judging:

Judges will be requested to review each entry in turn and award a mark out of 10, including half marks.

Judges to award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category and Merits for any highly commended work.

When there is a set subject for a competition, it must be adhered to. The set subject must be the dominant feature, and not just suggested or implied. The judge may, at their discretion, decline to review or mark an image that they feel does not fit the set subject.

1.5 Divisions and End of Year Awards:

There will be two divisions for internal club competitions; an upper division and a lower division. All members will be given the option of joining the upper or lower division at the start of each year. Once chosen the member cannot change division within that year.

Members scores in the relevant internal leagues are a total of their best 12 (or less) individual scores, thus allowing members to miss 2/3 events and still remain competitive throughout the season.

Members with the same cumulative score in a particular league will be separated by the numbers of 10's they have had throughout the season and if still tied, then the number of 9.5's will be the tie breaker.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the year for the best Print score upper division, best Print score lower division, the best PDI score upper division, the best PDI score lower division, and the best overall (Print and PDI combined) score.

1.4 The Huxford Trophy

This is the first internal competition of the new season (September to June).

The Judge will allocate 1st, 2nd, 3rd and also award merits to any other work he/she feels deserve acknowledgement, for both the Print and PDI sections of the competition.

The Judge will then decide between the winning Print and winning PDI file to determine the overall winner, which will be awarded the Huxford Trophy. The trophy to be held for one year and returned to the Club in time for the next Huxford Trophy competition.

Normal Print and PDI entry rules to apply.

Although new work is encouraged, members may enter any Print or PDI file, as long as it has not gained 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or a merit in a previous Huxford Trophy competition.

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2. Print Portfolio of the Year.

A Portfolio consists of a minimum of 3 related prints on an 'open' theme.

All Prints to be mounted on ONE mounting board, not to exceed A1 in size.

Only ONE entry per Member.

Entries to be judged by Club Members present on the evening of the Competition.