



# Monthly Competition Rules

## General information

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When	<p>Monthly competitions are held from February through to November (10 times each year).</p> <p>Judging is held on the 1st Monday of each month, except for public holidays. Check the club calendar for updates: <a href="http://aspleycameraclub.org.au/events">aspleycameraclub.org.au/events</a></p>						
Eligibility	All financial and life members are eligible to enter. Associate members are ineligible to enter.						
Categories	<p>Each monthly competition has two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SET subject</li><li>• OPEN subject</li></ul> <p>The Set Subject topics can be found on the club website.</p>						
Grades	<p>These monthly competition rules apply to all grades/all members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gold</li><li>• A</li><li>• AB</li><li>• B</li></ul> <p>See below for further information regarding grading.</p>						
Types	<p>Images may be entered either as DIGITAL entries or PRINT entries or combinations of both.</p> <p>For a greater appreciation of the current creative skills of our members, it's preferable for members to be seen to be entering their most recent work in the monthly competitions rather than earlier work from past years.</p>						
Cut-off dates	The cut-off date for entries to be submitted in any monthly competition is the Monday evening one month prior to the judging evening for that competition. For dates, refer to the ACC website's events calendar: <a href="http://aspleycameraclub.org.au/events">aspleycameraclub.org.au/events</a>						
Cut-off times	Images must be submitted prior to 11:59 pm on the closing date. Logging on to MyPhotoClub at 11:59 pm will not give enough time to upload and submit your images. If you miss the cutoff time, unfortunately your images will not be considered for judging.						
Number of entries	<p>Each member may submit a maximum of 4 images each month:</p> <table><tr><td>2 x digital</td><td>2 x print</td></tr><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 x set</li><li>• 1 x open</li></ul></td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 x set</li><li>• 1 x open</li></ul></td></tr><tr><td>If a member submits only 1 image, it may be either Set or Open.</td><td>If a member is submitting only 1 image, it may be either Set or Open.</td></tr></table>	2 x digital	2 x print	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 x set</li><li>• 1 x open</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 x set</li><li>• 1 x open</li></ul>	If a member submits only 1 image, it may be either Set or Open.	If a member is submitting only 1 image, it may be either Set or Open.
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Submitting entries	<p>All entries are submitted through the Aspley Camera Club MPC Entries portal. The link "Competitions MPC" is on the top menu of each page on the Aspley Camera Club's website and will take you to the Entries portal.</p> <p>Important: This includes a digital version of any print entry. The digital version of your print entry is required for projection at the judging evening. Judges do not receive the digital version; judging is done from the print.</p>						

Judges' marks and points

Judges will mark each image, in all grades, as either a Not Accepted, Acceptance, a Merit or an Honour.

- Not Accepted = 0 points
- Acceptance = 5 Points
- Merit = 10 points
- Honour = 15 points

Images can be given "Not Accepted" for the following reasons.

- Prints that do not meet the physical size requirements.
- Prints that are not mounted correctly and in a condition that may damage other members prints if stored together.
- Images (print and digital) in the Set Subject category that do not meet the definition of the Set subject.

No points will be awarded for images that are not accepted. We encourage all members to read carefully the Set Subject criteria and to adhere to the print specifications (see page 3 for print specifications).

Re-entering images

- An image (or substantially similar image) having gained two Acceptances or one Merit or Honour may not be re-entered in another monthly competition.
- An image may be entered in the End of Year competition.
- This ineligibility extends to monthly competitions in subsequent years regardless of the grade entered.
- The same image (or substantially similar image) may not be entered into more than one category or medium in any one competition

## For all entries, Digital and/or Print...

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- No late entries can be accepted.
- You must be logged in to the website to enter.
- The entry must be the exclusive work of the member. AI generated images are not permitted. ACC abides by the PSQ Guidelines which state "Images using AI-generated technology are not to be used in club competition."
- This applies to the set-up, shooting and post processing of the entry. This does not apply to the printing of an entry. The print may be made by commercial printing services providing no interpretive changes are made to the image.
- An entry will be received into the competition in the belief that these expectations have been met by the member.

## Digital Specifications

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This includes the digital version of any print entry.

Digital format	.jpg (not .jpeg)
Digital size	must not exceed 1920 pixels wide and 1080 pixels deep when resized and must not exceed 2 mb.
Naming convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• name your image with a concise but descriptive title prior to submission, e.g., Just passing time.</li><li>• Do not include in your title any “special characters” such as ? / “ ‘ ; ( ) ! % # \$ &amp;.</li><li>• Spaces are ok, no need for _ or - between words</li><li>• Do not include your member number or grade in the title of your digital file. The website automatically appends this information.</li></ul>

## Print Specifications

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Minimum print size	8” x 10”
Maximum mount size (including mount)	16” x 20”
Mounts	Prints must be mounted, e.g., window mount, matboard, foamcore, coreflute.
Protecting yours and others’ work	To avoid damage to the prints of others, all potentially damaging materials must be removed e.g., Velcro, sticky tabs, badly adhered tape. If your entry can damage the work of others, it may be disqualified.
Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Place a self-adhesive label provided by the club on the reverse side of your mounted print.</li><li>• Place in the top left-hand corner (note: the placement of the label indicates to the judge the correct orientation of your print)s</li><li>• Include<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ your member number (either ACC or MPC membership number)</li><li>○ your grade</li><li>○ category (eg: “set” with the set subject name or “open”)</li><li>○ and the title</li></ul></li></ul>

Adhesive labels are available at the door at Club meetings, just ask.