

MARLBOROUGH CAMERA CLUB INC. COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL COMPETITION RULES:

2008

1. Entrants must be financial members of the Marlborough Camera Club Inc.
2. Members may enter up to **TWO** prints, and up to **TWO** slides each, per competition night, unless otherwise stated in the competition programme. (I.E. attached sheet)
3. **Prints** may be any size up to a **maximum** of **300mm x 250mm**, provided that they are mounted on a base with a **maximum** size of **300mm x 250mm**. The **maximum** thickness to be **not more than 12mm**. These dimensions to include over-mount if used. Framed and/or glass covered prints will **not be accepted**. **Slides** must be presented in **50mm x 50mm** mounts and be "spotted" at the lower left-hand corner when viewed by hand.
4. Prints may be "colour" or "black & white" format, and may be home or trade processed.
5. Entries may be titled, but **must not** include the entrant's name on any of the prints or slides. PRINTS and SLIDES are to be submitted under cover of suitable protective envelope or box, with the entrant's name, grade and photo titles clearly marked on the outer covering.
6. Entries must be handed in, on, or by the dates stated in the competition programme, and must be the original work of the entrant.
7. The judges will be appointed by the Club Committee, and the following award categories may be given by the judge(s): **NA - Not Accepted, A - Accepted (1 point), M - Merit (3 points), H - Honours (5 points)**.
8. Accumulated points will be totaled following the end of the competition year (**30th September**, annually) and trophies awarded as follows: PRINTS, SLIDES and ENLARGEMENTS. (Presented at the December meeting).
9. The Marlborough Camera Club Inc., its Judges, and the Competition Secretaries, will take all reasonable care with the entries, but cannot take responsibility for entries that are lost or damaged.
10. Entries which have received Acceptance, Merit, or Honours awards are not eligible for entry again, with the exception of the "Enlargement" and "Shot of the Year" competitions.
11. For the purpose of the accumulated points competitions, competitors have been graded into either 'A' or 'B' Grades. To progress from the 'B' Grade to the 'A' Grade, entrants must have gained a minimum of **THREE** 'Honours' awards during the period of any one-competition year. Grading does not apply to the "Enlargement" competitions. Acceptance into the 'A' Grade will take place at the **beginning** of the competition year only.
12. Optically created images, conventional or digital, manipulated or enhanced by either darkroom or electronic processing or art working, are acceptable for entry into club competitions with the **exception** of the **Natural History** competition and any others stated on the competition programme. Composite images must contain only original work by the author. **Images generated solely by electronic means (e.g. Fractals etc) ARE NOT eligible.**

ENLARGEMENT COMPETITION RULES:

1. Up to a maximum of **TWO** enlargements may be submitted, and will be "OPEN" subject, unless otherwise stated in the competition programme.
2. Prints must be mounted on suitable stiff card, and it is recommended that a Mat window surround be used to protect the face of the print.
3. Prints may be of any size, to a **maximum** of **510mm x 410mm**, provided that they are mounted on a base having a **minimum** size of **230mm x 180mm** and a **maximum** size of **510mm x 410mm**. The **maximum** thickness to be **not more than 12mm**. These dimensions are to include over-mount if used. Framed and/or glass covered prints will **not be accepted**.
4. Enlargements may be submitted in either "colour" or "black & white" format.

SHOT OF THE YEAR RULES:

1. There are three categories: **Colour Print, Black & White Print, and 35mm Colour Slide**.
2. **ONE** entry in each category may be submitted, and entries are to be handed in at the October meeting.
3. The subject in each category is: "OPEN", unless otherwise stated in the competition programme.
4. **PRINTS** are to be mounted to the dimension stated in the 'Enlargement' Rules. **SLIDES** should be in accordance with Rule 3 of the General competition Rules.
5. Previously entered photos in the 'Shot of the Year competition' are not eligible for entry again.
6. A Trophy will be awarded to the winner of each category.

OTHER CLUB COMPETITIONS: 4-shot Portfolios, 12-shot and 24-shot Assignment competitions are run periodically and the Rules will be clearly stated at the time these are run.

PLEASE READ YOUR COMPETITION RULES VERY CAREFULLY!! It is not nice to have your marvelous entry disqualified just because you did not read the rules properly!