

Scottish Photographic Federation

Club Print Championship Rules 2017

1. The Scottish Photographic Federation Club Print Championship is open to all members of clubs whose SPF affiliation fees have been paid for the current year, January to December.
2. All entries must be submitted through a club. Clubs may submit **THREE prints per member** in each of the following categories: **monochrome** prints, **colour** prints. monochrome prints must comply with the Monochrome definition.
3. **NEW - All authors and titles must be completed online via the SPF Website by the Club organiser. A copy of the completed entry list must be printed off and included with your prints and cheque.**
4. **No club may enter more than 80 prints for the competition.**
 - a) No author may represent more than one club.
 - b) Prints entered in previous SPF club print championships (or those so similar as to be indistinguishable) are ineligible.
 - c) Trade processed prints are eligible for the competition.
 - d) All prints must be mounted on suitable card not exceeding 50 cm x 40 cm. Prints must bear the authors name, club represented, category entered, title, and if nature. All velcro tabs must be removed before submission.
 - e) There may be no more than **five nature prints in the club's top twenty**
 - f) **The winning club will be decided by the aggregate score of its top ten monochrome and top ten colour prints**, and will receive the John Logan Trophy. The Best Mono Club - the best scoring club from their ten counting mono prints - SPF Gold Medal; The Best Colour Club - the best scoring club from their ten counting colour prints - SPF Gold Medal
 - g) If there is a Tie-Break, the **SPF Tie Break Procedure** will be introduced (see below).
 - h) All prints gaining the qualifying points total will be submitted for selection for individual awards. The qualifying points total will be decided by the judges during the competition. SPF Gold Medals will be awarded for each of Best Mono Print and Best Colour Print; The Best Overall Print will receive the Esme Smythe Trophy. The Best Landscape Print will receive the Campbell McNair Trophy. **NEW – Best Portrait, Best Creative and Best Nature will be awarded SPF Silver Medals – Only prints that comply with the Nature definition are eligible for that award.** Each judge will award an SPF Bronze Medal to their personal choice. Commendations will be awarded at the discretion of the judges
5. Where the total number of prints exceeds **1200**, the SPF reserves the right to remove prints to a manageable level for judging equally across clubs e.g. to 75 prints per club. If necessary, the author's 3rd print in one or both of monochrome/colour sections will be the one(s) removed – You can add a note in the box if you have a preference of which ones are removed.
6. **Clubs are responsible for the collection of all entries on the day of competition** or after any exhibition which may immediately follow the competition. If clubs wish their entry returned by post, suitable packaging and postage must be sent with the entry.
7. **'Images entered must be entirely the work of the photographer. Composite Images are permitted provided all component images meet this requirement. For the avoidance of doubt, use of images from any source including, but not limited to, royalty free image banks, textures and clipart are not permitted'**. By virtue of submitting an entry, the entrant certifies the work as their own and permits the SPF to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication and/or display in media related to the competition. The Scottish Photographic Federation assumes no liability for any misuse of copyright by the entrant.
8. The organisers will take all possible care but cannot accept liability for damage to or loss of entries.
9. The Scottish Photographic Federation Club Print Championship will normally be held in February each year. Trophies must be returned to an SPF committee member, or the SPF Custodian, within two months of the Competition date that the trophy was received.
10. Any interpretation of the rules will be the prerogative of the Scottish Photographic Federation President or his nominees, and any decision will be final.
11. Submission of entries implies acceptance of all rules and conditions of entry.

SPF TIE BREAK PROCEDURE (Agreed 7 March 2010)

One - No tiebreak will be used in either of these competitions to decide position. If two, or more, clubs tie for first place they will be awarded the trophy equally and there is also no need to separate 2nd, 3rd or lower equal places.

Two - If it is necessary to decide between two or more clubs tied for the same position in order to say who will be invited to represent the SPF at a national PAGB Championship then this will be calculated as follows.

Where more than two clubs are tied then any Club which can be separated by that step will be dropped even if two or more have to proceed to the next step.

Step 1. Count the Awards made to each Club in the competition and choose the Club with the most – whatever value the awards are. I.E. 3 HC are better than 1 Gold medal plus 1 Silver medal. If this does not separate the clubs take the Club with most gold medals then most silver medals and so on until they can be separated.

Step 2. If Step 1 is inconclusive then count back the highest Scores. I.E. The Club with the most 15s followed by the most 14s, 13s, 12s etc until the clubs can be separated.

Step 3. If Steps 1 and 2 are inconclusive a Random Draw conducted by the President or his/her nominee will decide the issue.

Monochrome Definition - A work fitting from the very dark grey (black) to the very clear grey (white) is a monochrome work with the various shades of grey. A monochrome work toned entirely in a single colour will remain a monochrome work able to stand in the monochrome category. A monochrome image modified by a partial toning or by the addition of one colour becomes a colour work (polychrome) to stand in the colour category.