

# Photographic Society of America –Projected Image Division



## Interclub Digital Projected Competitions

### Guidelines/ Procedures – 2018

This competition will be held four times each competition year, beginning in the fall. Judgings will be in November, January, March, and May. (The times and number of competitions may be modified in subsequent years by the Chair of PID Interclub Competitions.) Any club that is a PSA member may choose to compete as a club, with honors awarded to individuals, and to the top three clubs with the highest accumulated points for the year. The photographs will be digital only (traditional film images scanned into digital format or direct from digital cameras), and will meet PSA's general requirements for photographs entered into exhibitions. (The photographic work must be the maker's, commercial clip art is not allowed, etc.) The category is General, and includes Alterations.

Each club may enter up to 6 images per competition from 6 different makers. (A full complement for one season would be 24 images. Only one image from the same club maker per competition is allowed.) Make-up images are not eligible for honors. No more than one month's images may be made up in one season. Once an image has been entered into the Interclub PID Competition, it is ineligible for re-entry in this competition only, even from another club. No two clubs may submit images by the same maker. (The first club submitting an image by the same maker is considered the legitimate submitter for the season. If possible, the club in error will be given a chance to resubmit another image.)

A host club is defined as the club running one of the designated competitions. (Host clubs usually are participants of the PID competition.) Separate guidelines are available for Host Club duties.

One club member shall be designated as the club representative, and will be responsible for uploading the images to the web entry site, and receiving emails and ribbons from the chair. A secondary contact and email address is also required, in case problems develop with the first contact's email. Interested clubs can join the competition by providing the designated contact information to the Chair.

Depending on the number of participants, clubs will be divided into groups of 20-25, and a club will compete within its assigned group.

#### **Responsibilities of the Club Representative**

The club representative must be sure that any members belonging to more than one club only allow one of those clubs to use his or her images. Clubs may select the qualifying images by a method chosen by the club, such as picking the best of a local competition, or a selection committee. Confirming emails sent to the club rep should be saved to resolve future issues, and each club should maintain records of competition submittals to avoid future conflicts. These records must be passed onto succeeding designated reps, so that no image is ever used again. While we all tend to be procrastinators, avoid waiting until close to the submission deadline; temporary loss of an email provider may mean that

images are not provided in time and disqualified. Always check the spelling and filenames when uploading to the web entry site; titles will be read as submitted including errors in names. Any errors in competition results should be reported as soon as possible to the Chair, so that proper records are maintained.

Because the PSA must protect itself from unwanted claims about using the image on the web, the club representative will also need to collect signatures of those that wish their winning images to be posted on PSA's web site. The form is available on the interclub web page, and may be included with the entries, using the process during entry. This only needs to be done once a season, unless the club wishes to add more eligible members. Clubs that already have a web entry system in place for their members can choose to provide documentation of this and a signature from a club officer as an alternative to collecting individual signatures. This web entry system must either include permission to use the images on PSA directly, or allowing on other web sites of the club's choosing. If the club, or any individual does not wish to give permission, they can still enter the competition freely. However, the makers' winning images will not be shown on PSA web pages.

### **Qualifications for Images**

Each competing club representative shall upload the qualifying images to the designated website.

#### **Each image must have the following maximum size:**

Horizontal images will be no more than 1024 pixels wide or 768 pixels tall.

Vertical images will be no more than 768 pixels tall.

(Unless your image proportions are in the exact ratio of 4 to 3, one of these dimensions will be less than the maximum. The images will be projected as received, as long as not over the maximum.)

Save the file in jpeg format only. (There are no file size restrictions.)

sRGB color space is recommended for optimum results. File name restrictions are only those that are designated on the entry web page. The web site will send an automatic response back to the representative, confirming entry. If entries are submitted after the closing date for the competition, they may be refused acceptance.

### **Judging**

Images shall be scored from 1 to 5, with the maximum total score of 15 possible. 20% of the scores, excluding non-eligible make-ups, will be eligible for honors, based on highest scores. If required, from that lowest eligible score group only, entries in excess of the needed number shall be dropped using the standard "IN" and "OUT" voting method. (At least two judges must vote an image in.) Once the approximately 20% have been selected, the judges will select approximately one half for Honorable Mention, and one half for Award, again using "IN" and "OUT" method. Finally, from the awards only, one image will be selected as Best of Show. Scores are **not** to be readjusted, based on the honors level received. Judgings of one Group are by a Host club that belongs to another Group.