

## INTER CLUB DIGITAL BATTLE RULES

**PARTICIPANTS:** Western Photographic Society, Isle of Man Photographic Society, Southern Photographic Society. Other photographic societies may be invited to participate at the discretion of a panel of representatives from the above clubs.

The winning club each year is responsible for organising the following year's competition. The competition is usually held in November (but may float to suit the visit of a high-calibre off-island judge). The venue is determined by the organising club. The date is to be fixed by August in the preceding year and circulated to the other clubs to ensure that it included in their forthcoming year's programme.

**ENTRIES:** Thirty per club. The maximum number of entries per member is five. If any club has difficulty achieving this, exceptions will be negotiated by agreement between the three Competition Secretaries on a year-by-year basis.

Entries must be sized as 1400 x 1050 (with or without black fill), jpeg, numbered (01, 02, etc) and titled. They must be accompanied by a matching list with numbers, title and author. The organising Competition Secretary may choose to circulate a blank form for completion.

Entries must be no more than three years old. Entries from previous Battles are excluded. All photographers must be paid-up members of their respective clubs at the time of submitting entries. Individuals may not represent more than one club in this competition.

**SELECTION:** Competing clubs are to organise their own selection process in time to ensure that the selected entries are with the organising club's Competition Secretary three weeks prior to the Competition.

**JUDGING:** the organising club is responsible for appointing a judge, who should not be actively involved with any of the participating clubs. The judge will award points out of 20 for each image and select an overall winning image. The judge's decision is final. In the event of a tie, the winning club is the one with the best high scores – ie: starting at 20, working back through the points of the tied clubs until one has more high scores than the other.

**INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES:** if the organising Competition Secretary feels that an entry is in breach of the rules, he/she must contact the relevant Competition Secretary to make a joint ruling.

A panel of two members from each participating club can make changes or amendments online or at an arranged meeting (adequate notice should be given). Any participating club may convene a meeting as and when they feel it necessary. Custodians of the master copy of these rules are Gordon Corrin (WPS), ?? (IOMPS) and ?? (Southern PS).