Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union

Young Photographer of the Year Competition

18th & 19th May 2024

Rules and Guidelines

Judges

Mike Sharples	MPAGB, ARPS, EFIAP, ABPE
Graham Walton	DPAGB
Gordon Rae	MPAGB

This Competition will be held in camera

Online Entry Opens	Saturday 30 March 2024 @ 00:01
Online Entry Closes	Saturday 4 May 2024 @ 23:59
Prints	Prints taken to drop off points no later than Friday 17 May 2024

Overview

This is the L&CPU Young Photographer of the Year event, to encourage young photographers in our region. There are two sections:

- PDI: there is one category in this section – Open (which includes colour, monochrome and Nature)

- Prints: there is one category in this section - Open (which includes colour, monochrome and Nature)

Photographer of the Year will be awarded to the individual who has the highest score of all their images in the respective sections

Rules

1	This competition is open to all L&CPU Federated Clubs
	This competition is open to all members of an L&CPU Federated Club, up to the age of 18 years on 31 May in the year of the competition
	There must be a minimum of three members submitting an entry into this competition, if there are less than 3 members the competition will not take place. The members who have entered will be contacted, their entry can be submitted into the Annual Individuals Competition if they do not already have a full entry.
2	The categories are as follows: a) PDI – Open b) Prints – Open
3	**Entries**
	a) A photographer may enter up to four (4) images (print or digital or a comination of both) b) The overall result is based on the total score of all your images in the respective sections
4	Club members may only enter images for one club
5	Only bona fide members of that club may enter
6	Except for final printing, images entered must be entirely the work of the stated photographer
7	An image (or one significantly similar) must not have been entered into any L&CPU Young Photographer of the Year Competition previously
8	An image (or one significantly similar) may only be used once, in one category within this competition
9	Images constructed from or that include royalty/copyright free/AI generated images are not acceptable
10	**Awards**
	• In addition to the section awards there are three other awards for: o Young Photographer of the Year

	○ Young Photographer of the Year – Print ○ Young Photographer of the Year – Digital - In the event of a draw, those individuals will share the trophy
11	**PDIs**
	- PDI (Projected Digital Images) must be within 1600 px (horizontal) x 1200 px (vertical) in jpeg format, in sRGB colour space (including mono) - The entry system will not accept a file size of more than 2mb
12	**Prints**
	- Prints can be mounted on card and backed, 50cm x 40cm and no thicker than 4mm. - Alternatively prints can be mounted on 50cm x 40cm card with a window opening and the print secured on the back with framers tape. - A digital file of each print must be uploaded to the portal - Print labels generated by the portal must be affixed to the back of your print entries, on the top right-hand corner; these contain a barcode which is used in the administration of the competition. All other labels on the back of the print should be removed or blanked to make them unusable. - A copy of the club entry form must be included within your print box, along with the prints
13	The L&CPU delegates decisions on eligibility to the discretion of each event organiser
14	The L&CPU reserve the right to use prints and PDI's for Folios, Exhibitions and PAGB competitions
15	Prints from this competition may be retained for L&CPU Folios, Exhibitions and PAGB competitions

Awards

Young Photographer of the Year	Grand total from all categories	Arthur Downes Trophy + L&CPU Gold Medal and Certificate
Young Photographer of the Year – Digital	Result is calculated by the total scores of all images entered in this category	Ribbon + Certificate
Young Photographer of the Year - Print	Result is calculated by the total scores of all images entered in this category	Ribbon + Certificate

Guidelines

1. Entries can be made by Club Competition Secretaries via the L&CPU Information Portal online competition entry system at https://lcpu-portal.org/
If you are unsure, email competitions@lcpu.org.uk

   Individual authors can upload their own entry through the L&CPU portal by using their email address and password.
   An individual password can be sought by selecting the 'request password' option on the Portal log in page

2. Club Competition Secretaries are asked to pay particular attention when using images from members known to be a member of another club in this federation or another federation, as duplication may result in disqualification

3. For practical reasons the delivery of print boxes should be through the club competition secretary

4. If a print is not backed with card, it is likely to be less robust and therefore probably more prone to damage

5. Colour and monochrome versions from one image are likely to be considered the same image, unless the artistic treatment is significantly different

6. Images entered with the same title, by different authors, are always different images

7. Manipulated images are welcome in all sections except Nature, provided the author has carried out the manipulation

8. Nature rules do not apply to images entered in the open section, where pictorial composites are permitted

9. AI **generated** images are not accepted as part or whole of an entered image. AI **tools** may be used to select/enhance an image

10. Entry infers that the L&CPU have the right to display digital versions of any image in L&CPU publicity, including L&CPU website and Focal Points

11. The competition software will limit the number of accreditations, an author can use up to three. Please enter any RPS accreditation first, the PAGB and then any other

12. It is the winning individuals responsibility to ensure the return of trophies, clean and in good time for the follow year's competition