

Remote Judging

Planning for remote judging.

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Introduction

The Corona-19 Virus is wreaking havoc with our social life, including camera clubs and photographic societies. The prohibition on gatherings means that clubs cannot meet, and with that, competitions especially prints simply cannot take place. With PDIs, the situation can be overcome, by remote judging,

Remote judging

Remote judging simply means that instead of the judge coming to your club, your club sends the images to the judge. The judge returns a scoresheet, and comments.

The exchange of images is achieved by Dropbox.

Outcomes

- Your club stays functional to some degree.
- Your club competition still happens..

How it works.

There is a little more work for both the Club and the Judge.

For the club

Encourage your members to submit an image, sized as per your club's normal PDI standards.

Transfer the images into one of the templates, then place the images *and* the completed template into a single folder. Finally share that folder via Dropbox, and invite me with read/write permissions.

For the judge

The judging takes much longer than it would on a club night. Recording the feedback takes is more time-consuming than speaking aloud on a club night.

Over a span of two-to-three evenings, the judging is performed, feedback recorded, and a score (if that's what you want) is awarded. Those two or three evenings are spread out over several evenings. It's probably best to budget for a two-week turnaround.

Checklist

- Book by email or phone as normal. (Details above.)
- Maximum of 30 images.
- Let me know what scoring method you'd like me to use. Plus any special requirements. (eg Judge's choice.)
- Sized (pixel dimensions) for your normal club PDI specifications.
Hint: if saving as a jpeg, set the quality to maximum. Jpeg artefacts are much more easily seen when viewed on a large desktop monitor.
- Drag and Drop (or copy/paste) each image into the table. Templates available on the f25 website.
- Move the images and the completed template to a folder in Dropbox.
Include your club's name in the Folder name
Give me access to that folder.
Special plea: Please take special care not to put full-size print images into the Dropbox (my space is limited.)
- Strict maximum of 30 images.

Resources

The templates are here:

www.f25.uk/telejudging

Hope this helps with both our photography and our sanity.

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Expenses

- ◆ None.
- ◆ An honorarium if you wish.