



Northern Counties Photographic Federation

Member Federation of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

NCPF Club Championship 2024

Introduction and Rules

Electronic (PDI) Section

The Northern Counties Photographic Club Championship will be held on

Sunday 11th February 2024

Venue: - [Clara Vale Village Hall](#), South View, Clara Vale, Ryton, NE40 3SY

Doors Open 11.00am Tea & Biscuits Provided

Print Entries to be Received by 12.00 noon.

President Opens Proceedings 12.30pm

Competitions Commence 12.45pm

Closing Date for Entries: Midnight Sunday 14th January 2024

Honourable Judges

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NCPF Club Championship - 2024 - Rules for Electronic (PDI) Section

1. The Championship will consist of ONE round. It will be judged “live-on the day” by three judges appointed by the Federation in front of an Audience, using silent marking with a minimum combined mark per image of 6 and maximum combined mark per image of 15.
2. Each club is invited to submit 20 PDI’s, from a minimum of 5 different authors, with no more than 4 PDI’s from any one author. Each author must be a “bone fide” member of that club.
3. Images must be entirely the work of the Photographer. In composite images, all component images must meet this requirement. For the avoidance of doubt, use of images from any other source including, but not limited to i.e., Artificial Intelligence, remote shoots, royalty free image banks, clipart etc are not permitted.
4. There is no restriction on subject matter. In order to reflect the rules that would apply for the PAGB National Club PDI Championship, there must be no more than 5 Natural History (Nature) images in a club entry. (Please Mark as *N* on Entry Form).
5. The two Top Scoring Clubs* will be invited to represent the Federation at the PAGB Inter Club Projected Image Championship. *NB: £100 shall be provided for each club* by the NCPF to assist with costs.*
6. Tie Break: In the event of a tie, the tied clubs will have their lowest scored PDI score subtracted and new total recounted, with process repeated until a winner is identified. *NB: Any disqualified PDI’s (with a Zero noted against the image), will not count as a scored PDI.*
7. Photographers may enter from ONE CLUB and ONE FEDERATION only. If photographers are a member of more than one club they must decide, at the beginning of each year, which club they will support for ALL COMPETITIONS during that photographic year.
8. Award winning (Best) PDI’s, from previous NCPF Championships are ineligible. *(NB:* The two Winning clubs should note: PDI’s entered at any previous PAGB National Club PDI Championship are ineligible for further submission into that competition).*
9. Image files electronic files and entry forms must be submitted before the closing date of midnight 14th January 2024 direct to the Competition Officer, preferably by www.wetransfer (a free download for transferring large digital files).
10. Each digital file must be named precisely and entered onto the excel spreadsheet in the order you wish them to be presented, using the format: (For club ID code see Page 5).

Column B: *(without spaces)* Club ID code#Club Image number # authors initials.

Column C: Title (Max 25 letters including spaces).

Column D: Members Name
11. Digital Image Files must be in RGB mode (even for monochrome images) and in the sRGB colour space. Files must be saved in JPEG Format: saving at not less than quality 10 (80% is sufficient) The maximum image dimensions are 1600 pixels horizontal by 1200 pixels vertical. Image file less than 2MB.
12. The Winning club/society will be awarded the **Championship Trophy**.
13. The best Digital image will receive a memento. Should the work of one of the judges on the day score highly and be amongst the images for consideration for this award, that image will be withdrawn before the selection is made.

14. It is the responsibility of Club Competitions Secretaries to ensure all rules are followed for entered work. Any club found to be in breach of the rules could suffer penalties, from individual images being disqualified (with a Zero noted against the image), up to and including, forfeit of the club entry.
15. The Judges decision in respect of PDI images will be final.
16. In the event of unforeseen events on the day, before or after the competition the decision of the Competition Chairman together with the Competition sub-committee will be final.

Communications and guidance:

If a reply of acceptance for your entry is not received after 5 days from submission, please contact the [Competition Officer](#).

Please see below:

- Guidance to Club Competition Secretaries
- Definition of Nature
- NCPF Club Codes 2024

Club Competition Secretaries:

Please communicate with your members to ensure they are happy for work to be submitted on their behalf, and they are only representing one club. By entering via a club, then the entrant club warrants that each Photographer has consented to the retention of identifying information as if the Photographer had entered in person.

Take care with your entries as they will be treated as being correct as received. The Competition Officer cannot amend entries, or spellings or resize images. Feel free to contact the Competitions Officer with any queries. Should an image be determined to be ineligible through error, then it may be possible to substitute an eligible Image before the Competition takes place – speak to the Competitions Officer.

Copyright of the individual images remains with the respective Photographers. Any entered Image may be used by the NCPF in any form to announce results and awards, to create media circulated to participating Clubs or for other NCPF related publicity. The NCPF cannot be held liable for the loss, misuse or non-entry of any Images or other material used for an Event, no matter how this loss or damage may occur.

Definition of Nature to be used in PAGB Competitions: Note that images meeting the separate FIAP Definition of nature will fully satisfy this less restrictive definition.

NB: There are no wildlife events in NCPF competitions.

Nature Photography is restricted to the use of the photographic process to depict all branches of natural history, except anthropology and archaeology, in such a fashion that a well-informed person will be able to identify the subject Material and certify its honest presentation.

The story telling value of a photograph must be weighed more than pictorial quality while maintaining high technical quality.

Scientific bands, scientific tags or radio collars on wild animals are permissible. Photographs of human created hybrid plants, cultivated plants, feral animals, domestic animals, or mounted specimens are ineligible, as is any form of manipulation that alters the truth of the photographic statement.

Processing of the captured image, by cropping exposure adjustment, colour correction, noise minimisation, dodging /burning, HDR, focus stacking, and sharpening is allowed. Cloning of image defects and minor distractions, including overlapping elements, are permitted when these do not distort the truth of the photographic statement.

Images entered as Nature can have landscape, geologic formations, weather phenomena, and extant organisms as the primary subject matter. This includes images taken with the subjects in controlled conditions, such as Zoos, game farms, botanical gardens, aquariums and any enclosure where the subjects are totally dependent on man for food.

NCPF Club Codes 2024

Alnwick & District CC	ALNW	Gosforth CC	GOSF	Saltburn PS	SALT
Amble PG	AMBL	Guisborough PG	GSBO	South Shields PS	SOSH
Ashington Co-op CC	ASHI	Hartlepool CC	HACC	Stanhope PS	STAN
Blyth PS	BLYT	Hexham & District PS	HEXH	Stockton CC	STCC
Cambois CC	CAMB	Keswick PS	KESW	Stokesley PS	STOK
Carlisle CC	CARL	Leica Fellowship (the)	LEIC	Tynemouth PS	TYNE
Castleside & Dist PC	CAST	Morpeth CC	MORP	Washington CC	WASH
Chester-le-Street CC	CHES	Northallerton CC	NORT	Wear Valley PC	WEAR
Consett & District PS	CONS	North Shields PS	NOSH	West Cumbria PG	WEST
Cramlington CC	CRAM	Pen & CC of Methodism	PENC	Whickham PC	WHIC
Dalston PS	DALS	Penrith & District CC	PENT	Whitley Bay PS	WHIT
Darlington AP	DARL	Ponteland PS	PONT	Winlaton CC	WINL
Durham PS	DURH	Richmond CC	RICH	Wooler & District CC	WOOL
Gallery PG	GALL	Ryton and District CC	RYTN	Workington CC	WORK
Gateshead CC	GATE				

Good luck in the Competition we look forward to seeing you on

Sunday 11th February 2024

At Clara Vale