



# **KPS COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Compiled by KPS Committee

## **Eligibility:**

The Monthly Competition is a KPS club competition, open to **fully paid up members only**.

To ensure fair competition between photographers of similar ability, members participating in KPS (PotY) competitions are divided into three categories based on the following criteria.

### **Novice:**

A new member who hasn't been a member of any other camera club or Photographic Society, or who doesn't have a qualification in Photography

### **Intermediate:**

Any member who doesn't qualify for a Novice or Advanced categories, or who has won a KPS PotY Novice award.

### **Advanced:**

A member who has got a distinction / accreditation from the IPF, RPS or equivalent national or international photography organisation, or has received two or more salon medals, or who is a professional or semi-professional photographer, or a member who has won a KPS PotY Intermediate award.

Winners of the KPS PotY Novice and Intermediate category will automatically be promoted to the next category. Members can also request to be promoted to a higher category subject to approval by the KPS committee.

## **The Competition - Entries:**

1. Competitions are in Digital Projected Images / Monochrome Prints / Colour Prints with the Monthly Themes decided by the Competition Secretary / Secretaries.
2. All images entered in the competition must entirely be that of the person stated.
3. The number of images that can be entered per competition will be determinate by the Competition Secretary / Secretaries.
4. Scoring in the competition shall be on the basis of the official score sheet approved by the Competition Secretary from time to time, which sheet shall form part of the rules of the competition. Results shall be based on the aggregate scores given by the judges to each competing image.
5. All Digital Projected images must be uploaded to the Competition Secretary at [competitionsecretary@kilkennyphoto.net](mailto:competitionsecretary@kilkennyphoto.net) by the specified closing date, unless otherwise specified.

\* Images should be 300 dpi, sRGB, saved as JPG file.

\* Landscape images sized to 3200 pixels on the long side.

\* Portrait images sized to max 2400 pixels on the tallest side.

\* Square images sized to 2400 pixels x 2400 pixels.

Remember when sending in images only send the image, do not link to external web sites or zip your files.

### **Your file must include the following:**

\* Your Category.

\* Membership Number.

\* Title of Image.

### **Example:**

Novice Category:

N\_000\_The Waterfall

Intermediate Category:

I\_000\_The Waterfall

Advanced Category:

A\_000\_The Waterfall

**Please remember to include this information on all your images. Entries not conforming will be deemed illegible for the competition.**

6. All Monochrome Print / Colour Print images must be handed in by the specified closing date.

\* The minimum size of image is 10"x 8" and the maximum mount size is 20"x16".

\* Prints must be mounted.

\* Monochrome / Colour Print images must carry a completed KPS official label. (labels will be available at time of handing in images). **Example:**

This label is to be PLACED in top LEFT HAND Corner Rear of Print

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**Monthly Competition Label**

Competition Title : \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Image Title : \_\_\_\_\_

**All in Block Letters please**

Novice  Intermediate  Advanced

**(Please place an " X " in the Appropriate Box)**

**Entries not conforming will be deemed illegible for the Competition**

To include the following:

\* Membership Number.

\* Title of Image.

\* Your Category: Novice, Intermediate or Advanced.

**Entries not conforming will be deemed illegible for the competition.**

7. It is not permitted to enter the same image (except in a Panel) in more than one competition. This includes conversions monochrome digital versions etc. For example: a monochrome version; a digital version; a colour version or otherwise); a cropped or flipped version originating from the same original photograph will be deemed to be the same image (printed or otherwise); a cropped or flipped version originating from the same original photograph will be deemed to be the same image.

8. Prints must **not include**: Your name, text or any watermarks.

9. Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of the rules of the competition.

## **Judges:**

No internal judges shall be considered for any KPS competitions.

The Competition Secretaries will be responsible for selecting external judges for all KPS club competition. Judges will be briefed on the theme of the competition, scoring system and feedback forms. The decision of the judges is final, and no discussion is to be entered into with the judges regarding their decision.

## **Code of Conduct:**

Respect the rules of the KPS and compete within those rules. Accept the judge's or assessor's decision. Do not abuse or harass judges or publicly question their judgment - and never their honesty.

## **Exhibitions and Competitions Selection (Panels):**

1. The KPS Committee / Competition Secretaries appoints a sub-committee to assist with the selection of images for Exhibitions and Competition Panels. Images will be chosen on their merits. Submission of images does not guarantee selection for the final panels.
2. The KPS shall adopt the rules as defined by:
  - \* IPF: <http://irishphoto.ie/>,
  - \* FIAP: <http://www.fiap.net/>Relating to monochrome prints, colour prints and digital images.
3. Nature Photography Definition: Images submitted must comply with the definition of Nature Photography as published by FIAP (Federation Internationale De L'Art Photographique) and as agreed with the PSA and RPS.
4. Any or all Projected or Print images selected for panels or competitions, may be used in the promotion of the Kilkenny Photographic Society. All images remain the copyright of the photographer.
5. Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of the rules of the competition.

**Care of Files, Images or Mounts:**

Where every care is taken with all files, images and mounts, the KPS, Competition Secretaries or any member are not responsible for any loss of or damage to files, images or mounts entered into competitions.

**Right of Change:**

Members will be notified in advance of any changes to the rules and regulations.