



The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

The GB Trophy (Prints) RULES

1. Event

The GB Trophy (Prints) is held each year with two Categories:

- Open
- Nature

The General Conditions for PAGB Competition Events are included in these Rules. A copy is at Appendix One.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Entrants

Every PAGB Affiliated Club may enter either or both of the Categories.

Each Entrant Club is responsible for ensuring the eligibility of Photographers, Images and media as set out below and in the General Conditions.

2.2 Photographers

A Photographer is eligible by being a member of an affiliated Club, subject to the associated [Guidance](#).

A Photographer may only have Images entered by one Club each year.

2.3 Images

An Image by a Photographer, or an Image so similar as to be nearly identical, may only be entered into one of the Categories, and is not eligible if it has been entered previously into any GB Trophy.

2.4 Prints

Prints must be on A4 or A3 paper, and unmounted.

Prints will not be returned.

The PAGB on-line Central Entry System (CES) provides a download of labels with barcodes, which must be fixed to the back of each print. When viewed from the back, the label should be placed as close as possible to the top right corner.

A digital copy of the Print Image must be uploaded to the CES to facilitate publication in PAGB media. The digital image files format must be as specified in 2.5.

2.5 Digital Image Files

Image files must be in RGB mode (even for monochrome images) and in the sRGB colour space. Files must be saved in JPEG format.

The maximum image dimensions are 1600 pixels horizontal by 1200 pixels vertical. Images with larger pixel dimensions than these limits, and any Image files larger than 2MB, will not upload.

3. Entries

All entries must be declared using the PAGB Central Management/Entries System (CMS). The system provides a download of documentation to be sent to the Organisers.

The entry is only complete when the form and fees are received by the Organisers.

The Nature eligibility as cited in the following sections is at Appendix Two.

3.1 Open Category

An entry may comprise up to 30 Prints. Nature Prints must not be included.

The entry must include no more than 4 Prints by each Photographer.

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4. Awards

4.1 Awards for Clubs

The Club order of merit in each Category will be determined by the total score for the 12 highest scoring Images. Clubs entering less than 12 Images will be shown with their total score.

The Winning Club in each Category will be awarded the respective Trophy and a Gold Medal. In the event of a tie in a Category, the Trophy will be shared and each winning Club will receive a Gold Medal.

4.2 Awards for Prints

The Judges and the Chairman will each award a Silver Medal to a Print of their choice in each Category.

In consultation with the Chair, the Judges may award Bronze Medals and Certificates to Images they consider worthy of such awards.

5. Publication

Entries from each Category will be compiled into one or more presentations available via the PAGB Recorded Lecture Service. By entering a Category, a Club will have a free licence to download the presentation for that Category.

APPENDIX ONE

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR PAGB EVENTS

The Rules, contact details, invitations, timetables and other information for each Event will be published by the Organisers.

Matters relating to interpretation of the Rules will be decided by the Chair of the Organisers, subject only to the PAGB Breach of Rules Procedure. A copy of the Procedure is available from the PAGB website.

The Judges for an Event are not eligible to have any Images entered to that Event.

By entering, the Photographer consents to the retention by the PAGB of information identifying the Photographer as the creator of an Image. Where a Federation or Club is the Entrant on behalf of multiple Photographers, then the Entrant warrants that each Photographer has consented to the retention of identifying information as if the Photographer had entered in person

The PAGB 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.

The PAGB reserves the right not to exhibit an individual image, and delegates such decisions to the Chair of the Organisers of each Event.

All trophies will remain in the custody of the PAGB, and may not be removed.

All compilations in the form of Catalogues or complete Exhibitions remain the copyright of the PAGB. Copyright of the individual images remains with the respective Photographers

An entered Image may be used by the PAGB in any form to announce results and awards, to create catalogues, to create media circulated to participating Clubs including a PAGB Recorded Lecture, or for other PAGB related publicity including **e-news**. The Photographer of each Image will normally be credited with any use.

IMAGES

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, royalty free image banks and clipart are not permitted.

An Image, including the front of a print mount, must not display any of the Photographer's name, the Club or the Federation.

For the PAGB Events with Club Entrants (the Print Championship, the Projected Digital Images Championship, the GB Trophy and the GB Cup), an Image, once entered via one Club to one of those Events, may not be entered to another of those Events via a different Club.

Where an Image is determined to be ineligible for the Event to which it is entered, then it may be possible to substitute an eligible Image before the Event takes place. If this cannot be done, the Chair of the Organisers has discretion to disqualify the ineligible Image and, if the Image received an award, to withdraw that award. Where an order of merit is calculated using a defined number of scores, then any disqualifications shall reduce the number of scores counted.

[Supplementary guidance to these General Conditions is available in the Events section of the PAGB website.](#)

APPENDIX TWO

NATURE ELIGIBILITY IN PAGB COMPETITIONS

Nature means Images where living organisms are the primary subject matter. The story telling value of an Image will normally be weighed more than the pictorial quality.

Nature includes:

- Images taken with subjects in controlled conditions such as zoos, game parks, botanic gardens, aquariums and enclosures where the subjects are dependent on man for food. Scientific bands, tags or collars are permissible.

Nature excludes:

- Images where the subjects are obviously domestic animals or plants. □
Images where an obviously artistic treatment has been applied.

Processing of the captured image, by cropping, exposure adjustment, colour correction, noise minimisation, dodging/burning, HDR, focus stacking and sharpening, is permitted, as is cloning of image defects and minor distractions including overlapping elements.

An Image appearing to meet these criteria will be accepted as Nature. The Judges will normally assume that any Image presented to them is eligible.

Access to some biological subjects may be restricted. Where that is relevant, then Photographers warrant that they have followed relevant codes of practices and hold any necessary licences.