



The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

Guidance – Photographer Eligibility

This guidance is under development and may be changed.

General

The eligibility of a Photographer applies to an entry via a particular Club or where the entry cites that Club.

Event rules require a Photographer to be a regular attender at physical meetings of their Club. Eligibility applies once regular attendance is established.

A Photographer who has joined as a member of a Club for on-line meetings is not eligible to enter PAGB events via that Club.

A Photographer who is, or has been, a member of more than one Club may be eligible via one Club but not via another. It is a universal requirement that a Photographer may only be submitted to one Event by one Entrant. Photographers and Clubs must have clear arrangements in place.

Clubs have the relevant information about their members and have primary responsibility for determining Photographer eligibility. Clubs should be prepared to explain the basis of a Photographer's eligibility on enquiry from the Photographer, the Federation or the PAGB.

Advice to Photographers

Consult with your Club if you are in any doubt about your eligibility based on the Event conditions and this guidance. Explain to your Club if you need to opt out from allowing entry of your Images via your Club to a PAGB event.

Advice to Federations

Federations enter the Inter-Federation competition, and approve applications for APM (Awards for Photographic Merit). Federations may hold sufficient information about an individual Photographer and the relationship with a Club but, if in doubt, the Federation should seek clarification from the Club.

Extensions

Situations arise locally where eligibility is not as clear-cut as is required generally but would apply based on scenarios such as these:

- A Club member only attends occasionally.
- A longstanding Club member may move away, but may continue their Club membership and participation. Such a Photographer can continue being eligible, but it would be expected that the original period of attendance was for an extended period, probably of some years.
- A Club member is unable to attend due to illness or disability, whether temporary or long term.

If there is doubt about eligibility, the Club should apply for a ruling from the PAGB.

Prepare an application including information about:

- Name of Club
- Name and postcode of Photographer
- Duration of membership
- Frequency of attendance at physical meetings or reason for non-attendance
- Any known membership of other Clubs
- Why the eligibility extension is being claimed

Send the application to eligibility@thepagb.org.uk

The application will be referred to two or more event organisers for an opinion. The Club should retain the reply for reference.

A revised application should be made if the original information changes significantly.

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