

MONTHLY DIGITAL PROJECTED IMAGE COMPETITION RULES (2011 onwards)

1. An image (for the purposes of DCPC competitions) must be perceived as a single 'picture' or image. Groups of distinct 'pictures' are excluded.
2. There will be 5 monthly Digital Projected Image (DPI) competitions in 2011. The competition themes and dates and can be found in the DCPC programme and on the DCPC website.
3. Members may enter a maximum of one Open and one Set Theme image per competition, ie. a maximum of two images per competition.
4. An exception to the above rule is the "Present a Panel" competition where an Open subject panel of 4 separate images is required. Images will be projected in the order as numbered by the entrant - i.e. title 1, title 2, title 3, and title 4, and then as a 2x2 group together.
5. The images must be in .jpg format and sized to maximum **1280 x 1024** pixels. This means in landscape format the max width must be 1280 pixels by up to 1024 pixels high. In portrait format the max height must be 1024 pixels.
6. The image files must be titled as follows: Title in CAPITALS followed by the word by followed by the photographer's name in normal type followed by .jpg e.g. MY PICTURE by Joe Bloggs.jpg Titles should be kept as brief as possible.
7. Images entered before in monthly or annual print competitions may not be used again as DPI files.
8. Images used in the "Present a Panel" competition may not be used again as individual images for other monthly competitions.
9. Entries should be sent by email as normal .jpg attachments to competition secretary (Sarah Middleton) email: smiddleton@ntlworld.com Please ensure your titles are also stated in the main email message text.
10. Entries must be with the competition secretary not later than **midnight** on the **Wednesday** before the competition date. Images arriving after the due time will NOT be accepted unless the competition secretary has agreed in advance to accept a late entry.
11. Scoring – the images will be scored out of 20 by an invited judge. In the case of the "Present a Panel" competition the score will be doubled to keep it in proportion to the other competitions. At the end of the year the 4 highest monthly scores will be aggregated to find the Best DPI Photographer of the year
12. The competition is only open to paid-up members.
13. IMPORTANT: It will be assumed that DPI images entered in to monthly or annual competitions may be placed on the DCPC Website image gallery unless a member specifically requests otherwise. The images as displayed on the DCPC website gallery will be reduced significantly in size and will not yield useful images if enlarged.
14. The DCPC committee will resolve any disputes and their decision is final.
15. Submission of an entry will signify acceptance of these rules.