**BPIC Photographer of the Year Competition 2017-18 Season**

1. Each season, the Club will hold a Photographer of the Year (POTY) competition.
2. The POTY competition will have Advanced and Novice categories.
3. Those members eligible to enter the Novice category will be those who still meet the NIPA definition of ‘novice’ after the end of Round 5 of the NIPA Interclub competition in the current season.

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| **During the NIPA Inter Club rounds each season points towards POTY may be accrued as follows:****1 point** for taking part in a NIPA Inter Club round regardless of the number of submissions made.**1 point** awarded to the top four Novice images as identified by the judge **1 point** awarded to the top Novice image as identified by the judge. **1 point** awarded to each of the top four Advanced images as identified by the judge **1 point** awarded to the top Advanced image as identified by the judge. **1 point** awarded to the overall top image of the four selected for NIPA by the judge. **1 point** for any image that goes on to win a NIPA star. |

1. Each dedicated POTY round will have an open theme.
2. The first POTY round will be a PDI only round and will be open to both novice & advanced members.
3. Each POTY round will consist of colour and monochrome sections.
4. Each member may enter a maximum of two monochrome and two colour images into each POTY round.
5. In POTY Round 1 the judge will be asked to select 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed images, in both Novice & Advanced categories, in both colour and monochrome.
6. In the Novice & Advanced POTY Finals, the judge will be asked to select 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed images, in both colour and monochrome.
7. Scoring of Round 1 of the POTY competition and of the POTY final rounds will be as follows:
* The judge is asked to determine the best four images in both Novice & Advanced sections. This top four in each section gain **1 point** each.
* The judge is asked to pick the top Novice and top Advanced images. These gain a further **1 point**.
1. The rules and guidelines regarding mounting and sizing of printed images for POTY finals shall be the same as those for NIPA Inter Club rounds:
* Prints should be on mounts of 30cm x 40cm, or smaller.
* In all cases the print size must be equal to, or smaller than, the mount size.
* Using BPIC standard mounts the usual printing size is 8x12in or A4.
* Members can use a different aperture size if they wish e.g. letterbox, square etc.
* All prints must be labelled to the top right of the reverse of the print. This also indicates the orientation of the print for display purposes.
1. Each print must show on the back of the mount:
* POTYNF (Novice Final) or POTYAF (Advanced final)
* Title of image (untitled is not acceptable as a title)
* Photographer’s Name
* Category (Advanced/Novice)
1. The rules and guidelines regarding sizing and colour space of PDI images shall be the same as those for NIPA Interclub rounds:
* PDIs must be sized to a maximum of 1600px (length) x 1200px (height).
* PDIs must be submitted as JPEGs.
* PDIs must be in sRGB colour space.
1. All PDI images must be named in the following format:
* POTYR1\_<Title of image>\_<photographer’s name>\_category (advanced/novice)
* For example: POTYR1\_BigBuilding\_JBloggs\_Advanced.jpg
1. Images that have previously been selected to represent BPIC (or any other club) in NIPA Inter Club rounds may not be entered into POTY.
2. Images that have been previously entered into POTY rounds in previous seasons may not be re-entered during the current competition.
3. Print entries to be submitted to the club by 19:40 hours on the date of the relevant competition round.
4. PDI entries to be uploaded to upload@bpicni.com by 20:00 hours on the Tuesday preceding the relevant competition round.
5. Prizes of Amazon vouchers will be awarded to the first, second & third-placed photographers (novice & advanced) after the POTY final rounds.
6. The Advanced POTY trophy will be awarded to the Advanced member who, at the conclusion of the Advanced final of POTY, has accumulated the highest total of points.
7. The Lesley Porter Shield will be awarded to the Novice member who, at the conclusion of the Novice final POTY, has accumulated the highest total of points.
8. Trophies will be held from the date of the presentation (on prize-giving night) until their return is requested by the Committee.
9. Any queries regarding interpretation of these rules and any issues arising as a result, will in the first instance be considered by the BPIC Competitions Committee. The competitions Committee may refer matters to the full Committee as deemed appropriate.