

Sheffield Photographic Society

Annual Exhibition 2024

Notes for Guidance

While all awards are obviously at the judge's discretion, most of the following conventions have been in use within our society for some years and have previously formed the guidelines for awarding the trophies.

Where specific rules apply to a particular class, these are given in the separate **Rules** document.

Pictorial work

Conventional landscapes, 'atmospheric' and general scenes

Pictures in which figures form only subsidiary subjects

Images which have been heavily manipulated are not appropriate in this Class.

Altered Reality

The judge will look for imaginative manipulation of an image by the photographer. Use of Photoshop and other computer and in-camera manipulations, over and above the basic and usual ones, are **expected** in this class.

Portraits and Figure Studies

The subject may be a human or an animal but it is likely that, other qualities being equal, the judge will give more marks to a human subject.

Conventional portraits, head and shoulders or full length

'Glamour' and nude studies, taken in or out of doors. If a figure is shown in a setting, the figure should be the dominant part of the composition. Please note the exhibition is in the Cathedral and the Exhibition Coordinator has the right not to accept any print if he considers the subject matter to be inappropriate for display.

Photojournalism/Action

Pictures of people at work are acceptable under this heading or in Portrait and Figure Study.

Any subject that would be considered by an editor of a newspaper or magazine to be newsworthy. E.g. a famous person, travel scene, function, people (not portraits), sports, races, and incidents such as fires, etc.

Titles should be explanatory.

Record

This is now a separate Class. Please see the specific rules. In recent years the entry in the **Record Class** has been on the low side and so entry is actively encouraged in this Class.

Backing Boards on Mounts, Mounting Tape and Labels

Heavy card backing boards on mounts is discouraged as this significantly increases the weight of the prints and may mean that more print boxes are required. The atmospheric conditions in the Cathedral mean that warping of images is very unlikely. If you want to use backing board then thin cardboard, available at all good stationers including Staples is recommended.

Please use good quality tape for mounting images. Mounting tape is available from most framing establishments for a few pounds including Inframe at Woodseats and Handsworth, Prints affixed to the mount with shiny brown parcel tape may not be accepted for selection, because the tape can damage other prints.

If you do not have club labels an ordinary label will suffice with your name, title of image and the category entered.