

# IRISH PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

The IPF Nature Photography Competition shall be held in two stages as follows:-

- A Regional Qualifying Rounds
- B National Finals

Only images which have qualified through Regional Rounds shall be eligible to compete in the National Finals.

The Regional Rounds shall be held before 31<sup>st</sup> January each year.

The Nature Finals shall be held not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March each year on a date and venue as agreed by the IPF Council.

The competition is open to amateur photographers resident in Ireland.

Images submitted must comply with the definition of Nature Photography as published by FIAP.

The judge shall have the right to determine for the purpose of this competition, what does or does not comply with this definition.

The competition shall consist of two separate categories, colour print and colour slide.

In each category there shall be two sections (a) Animal/Bird and (b) Flora.

Each competitor may enter up to 3 images in each category of colour print and colour slide.

Prints must have a minimum size of 10in x 8in and a maximum size of 12in x 16in. All prints must be mounted on card with a maximum mount size of 20in x 16in.

Slides must be 35mm only, mounted appropriately.

Each entry, including slides, must carry the name and club of the competitor and a brief title or subject description. Slides must be spotted on the bottom left hand corner as viewed on the front of the mount. Entries not marked in accordance with this rule will be disqualified.

Entries must be the original work of the persons represented as being the authors of that work.

Images which have been entered in previous IPF Nature Competitions are ineligible for competition.

The David Hely-Hutchinson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the best image in the competition from a member of the IPF.

IPF Gold Medals will be awarded to the winning entries in Colour Print and Colour Slide in the categories of Animal/Bird and Flora. Prizes or Certificates will be awarded to placed entries.

The entry fee will be determined by the Regional Council for each year.

Entries must be accompanied by an official entry form and entry fee. The competitor must list the following details on the form:-

- A A caption(s) identifying the picture(s)/
- B A signature from the copyright owner denoting the entry of the picture(s) in the competition and giving permission for the picture to be exhibited or published (with due acknowledgment) by the Irish Photographic Federation without payment of a fee.

The organisers will take reasonable care of the entries submitted but can not accept responsibility for non receipt (whether or not there is proof of postage) loss or damage.

Submission of an entry to this competition is deemed to be acceptance of these rules, as they relate to this competition.

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