



## Images International Photo Club

# Photo of the Year (POTY) competition online rules

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1. The competition is organised by the POTY-master, a member of the committee. The decisions of the POTY master are binding, and to be accepted by all competitors.
2. Each month the competition centres around a theme, called POTY theme. The POTY themes for a club year are announced before the start of the club year. Members can propose themes beforehand to the POTY-master and the committee; the final decision for the themes is with the POTY-master.
3. The POTY-themes are published on the Images website; the committee aims to support the members by selecting and showing relevant information from the web (often YouTube videos).
4. The competitors need to follow the deadlines set by the POTY-master to send in entries and votes; the deadlines for each month are announced in the invitation letter for that month's club night.
5. The POTY-master receives the monthly entries, collects them all in a document, and sends them out to all members. The results are received, the votes of the members, calculates the results, and makes these known at each relevant club meeting.
6. A competitor can send in one or two entries, each with its own title. The entries need to be jpegs, not exceeding 2MB each. (There is software like FastStone Photo Resizer that allow you to limit the photo size).
7. The POTY-master creates a document with all entries, showing titles but otherwise anonymous, to be sent out to all members.
8. If you enter the competition for a particular month, you are obliged to participate in that month's voting process; non-participating members are encouraged to participate as well. You need to vote for the best five photos. #1 will get 10 points, #2 8, #3 6, #4 4 and your #5 gets 2 points.
9. You can only vote for the entries of other participants! If the POTY-master notices that you have voted for your own entries then your entries and your votes are left out of that month's competition.
10. The POTY-master shows the results of the voting process on the club night. The 5 best scoring photos are specially mentioned, their photographers are asked to shortly indicate where the photo was taken or any other particularity.

11. The 5 best scoring photos will be published in the yearly POTY-book, showing your name, title, EXIF date (ISO, aperture, exposure) and short text on the photo.
12. Send this information from the 5 best-scoring photographers each month to the POTY-master as soon as possible after the club night.
13. If two photos end with the same score, these will be both be shown ex aequo on the highest possible scoring position; the next photo with a lower score will then be two positions lower (for example: 2 photos ex aequo at position 2, means the next photo with a lower score will be on position 4). This might also result in more than 5 best scoring photos.
14. Each month the 5 best scoring photos are published on the Images website. Participating in the POTY competition means that you agree to see your photos published on the Images website.
15. During the club year, there are 9 monthly rounds of the competition: from September to May.
16. Apart from the monthly results, all scores on all entries during the club year are used to calculate the total scores per photographer.
17. The POTY-master will announce the results of the total scores at the final club night in the club year. The 5 best scoring photographers are announced, and these will receive a copy of the POTY-book for free as prize. The best scoring photographer will receive the title Photographer of the Year. Members may pre-order a copy of the POTY-book if they agree to pay the cost price of the book in the event that they are not in the top 5.
18. The 9 (or more in the event of ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place) number 1 photos of each month are competing for the title 'Photo of the Year'. The POTY-master will send a document with the number 1 photos out before the June club night. As all details are already known, the entries will not be anonymous. All members are requested to participate in this last round of voting. The winner will also be announced by the POTY-master on the final club night in June.