Surrey Photographic Association

INTER-CLUB PDI CHAMPIONSHIP – RULES FOR DECEMBER 2026

All entries must conform with the SPA's General Conditions for SPA Events.

The competition is open to all member clubs of the Surrey Photographic Association (SPA). Photographers must be current bona fide members of the SPA clubs entering their images at the date of the competition entry.

1. Entries

a. Images may **not** have been entered into **any** previous SPA Inter-club Championship.
b. **Every entry must have a title.** 'No Title' or 'Untitled' is not permitted
c. There will be two categories – **Open** and **Nature**. Clubs may enter either or both. Nature and Nature-type images may **only** be entered in the Nature category. Any Nature or Nature-type image entered in the Open category will be disqualified. A review for eligibility will be carried out in advance of the competition and clubs notified of any issues.
d. An entry in the **Open** category will comprise 16 PDI images, with either Colour or Monochrome entries allowed. A minimum of 8 photographers is required with a maximum of 2 images per photographer, with a relaxation of this rule for clubs that declare fewer than 20 PDI workers.
e. An entry in the **Nature** category will comprise 8 PDI images. Entries in this category must contain images from at least 3 photographers, with not more than 3 images from any one photographer. Titles **must** be factual and the subject identified; Latin names are not required. Judges will be instructed to mark down images which use inappropriately humorous, twee, informal or sentimental titles.
Please ensure you read and comply with 'Open' and 'Nature' definitions in the **General Conditions for SPA Events.**

2. Deadlines

a. **Entry deadline:** all entries must be submitted by midnight on **Saturday 14 November 2026**.
b. **Amendment deadline:** no changes, replacements or amendments to an entry are allowed within **14 days** of the competition date.

3. PDI Image Specifications

a. PDI images of all PDIs and prints, separated into the relevant categories, must be uploaded through the online entry system by midnight on **Saturday 14 November 2026**.
b. Size images to fit within **1600 × 1200 pixels**. Images are projected at the size supplied - smaller images will not be resized up. Titles and name of photographer or club must not appear within the image area.
c. Use the **sRGB** colour space and **.jpg** format.
d. The **maximum permitted file size is 4MB.**

4. File Naming (specific to each event)

a. Name each image file **exactly** as follows:
Club short name_Image Number_Photographer's full name incl. Distinctions_Image Title.jpg
Capel_01_John Bloggs ARPS CPAGB_Deadwood Tree.jpg
Use underscores to separate each part; spaces are permitted as above.
Please ensure that this naming convention is adhered to precisely otherwise the competition will not run successfully.

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Club Short Names:

Bookham	CrawleyDown	Henfield	Natural	TheCamera
Brighton	Croydon	Horsham	OldCoulsdon	UnitedPhoto
Camping	Dorking	Kingston	Pagham	Wallington
Capel	EastGrinstead	Lewes	Wallington	Whitton
Carshalton	Epsom	Ludshott	Reigate	Windlesham
Cheam	Godalming	Malden	Richmond	Woking
Chertsey	Guildford	MidSussex	Southwick	Yateley
Cranleigh	Hampstead	Mitcham	Steyning	
Crawley	Hampton	Molesey	Tandridge	

5. Preparing Your Entry Files

a. Follow these steps to prepare and upload your entry:
b. Create two folders named '**clubshortnamecategory**' eg. capelopen, capelnature
c. Place your correctly named image files (as detailed above) into the relevant folders. No individual file should exceed 4mb
d. Compress these folders into ZIP files.
e. Go to https://www.surreypa.org.uk/machform/view.php?id=43842, click 'Browse' to attach your ZIP file, complete the spam-protection question, and click 'Submit'.
f. Before you press 'Submit', double-check you're uploading the correct images.

After Upload of all Entries

Once submitted, you'll see an on-screen confirmation and receive a confirmation email.

If you don't receive a confirmation email, or run into any problems, email competitions@surreypa.org.uk.