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Guidance: Advance provision and viewing of images in online competitions

Introduction

This Guidance is provided to clubs and judges to clarify some points of protocol for advance viewing of images before club competitions. “Advance Viewing” means the receipt of images for preview ahead of the competition event.

- Advance viewing of images should only apply to online sessions.
- Normal live club competitions should not require advance viewing of any kind.
- Copyright of advance images remains with the copyright owner at all times.

Guidance For Clubs

- For online competitions, clubs should provide advance images to judges a few days ahead of the competition (for example, not more than 5 days).
- Clubs should try to ensure metadata is removed before the judge receives them for preview. The photographer/author must not be identified with the filename.
- Clubs should not expect judges to do detailed examination of advance images, or to use any tools to zoom beyond 100% or edit images in any way.
- Judging is based on images “as seen”. Clubs should not ask for or expect written feedback or detailed notes about images seen in advance.

Guidance For Judges

- Advance viewing is aimed only at the verification of the image quality during the competition since internet broadcasts sometimes introduce artefacts and distortions.
- Judges have no right to request advance images for live competitions.
- Judges have no right to request advance images beyond a few days ahead of the competition.
- Judges should not be taking extensive notes or spending extended periods examining images.
- Images should only be viewed in advance as provided. Use of editing tools to zoom beyond 100%, micro-examine or change images is not acceptable.
- Photographic metadata should not be provided or used as part of any image assessment.
- Judges are not expected to provide clubs with any details of their judging after the competition.

Exceptions

If a particular Club event requires an exception to this guidance, then the arrangements must be explicitly agreed between the Club and the judge at the time of booking.

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