

Dear Competition Secretary,

The Competition Committee wish to inform you that the **Northern Counties Photographic Federation Annual Competition** will take place at **Tynemouth** on **Friday & Saturday 13th/14<sup>th</sup> May 2016**.

The **Full Rules** and **Entry Forms** are available on the **NCPF website** in the **Competition Section** and we look forward to receiving your entries.

Over the last few years a number of problems have arisen over the submission of print entries to the NCPF Annual Competition which causes additional work for the Portfolio Secretary. Consequently, this causes delay in the production of the CD for distribution to the clubs.

The main problem is in obtaining digital images for all of the entries that have either won a category or have been chosen to represent the NCPF in the Portfolio or included in the Alliance selection.

In the past we have had to contact the clubs concerned to request copies of these images. This can be delayed because they are closed for their summer recess or the individual author is on holiday. Consequently, when our request is not answered, we then have to copy the print, which I am sure you will agree is not ideal.

Please take note of the additions to the rules of entry which were introduced last year:-

**Each entry must be accompanied by a CD which includes the following:-**

- 1. Copies of all entry forms must include the title, author's name and their distinctions.**
- 2. A digital copy of each print entry (1400x1050). To keep this additional work to a minimum, the image only needs to be titled as we can trace the club and author from the club entry form.**

- 3. A hard copy of each entry form must also be included in the print box (this will be returned to you with the individual scores of each print recorded)**

#### **Collection of Prints:-**

**Unless alternative arrangements have been made by individual clubs to collect their entry on an alternative date, clubs must arrange for collection by their Competition Secretary, Area Representative or reliable nominee on the date specified on the Annual Competitions announcement. If any club fails to do so it will be assumed that they no longer want the prints and they will be DESTROYED.**

You may think that is a harsh addition to the rules, but the storage and additional transport of numerous print boxes becomes a major issue when prints are not collected on the specified date.

We realise that this may mean additional work for all Competition Secretaries but with your cooperation we feel this will be of benefit to all concerned.

**Remember you have the responsibility of ONE CLUB  
We are responsible for 51**

Best Regards,  
Competitions Committee