



*House Rules  
of the  
Southern Suburbs Camera Club*

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In Short:

**Prints: Colour and Monochrome (codes: PC and PM)**

Min size: 150mm x 200mm, max 400mm x 500mm including mount.

The photographer's name, rank and the title of the image must be entered on the back of the print.

**E-Images: Colour and Monochrome (codes: EC and EM)**

On: Memory Stick, Flash Drive, Compact Flash Card or CD-ROM or DVD.

Format: The JPG file format is preferred

File size: Max 500kb.

Image size:

No Image to be larger than 1024 pixels horizontal or 768 pixels vertical

Typically then :

Landscape: Max 1024 horizontal, Max 768 vertical.

Portrait: Max 768 vertical, 768 pixels or less horizontal.

Filename:

Medium code & Section code & Rank & Image number; Author code; title .jpg

Example:

EM11;LOPN;Black and White Girl.jpg - E Mono 1Star 1<sup>st</sup> image

EC21;LOPN;Red sails in the Sunset.jpg E Colour 2Star 2<sup>nd</sup> Image

**Audio Visual Presentations (code AV)**

On : Memory Stick, Flash Drive, Compact Flash Card or CD-ROM or DVD.

Format: Compiled e.g. .exe or .pps

**Scoring**

No Award	0	Set Subject Winner	4
Bronze	1	National Salon Acceptance	4
Silver	2	International Salon Acceptance	5
Gold	3		
Certificate Of Merit	5		

**RANKS**

RANK	Criteria for Gold Award
One Star (Novice)	Focus, Exposure, Basic Composition
Two Star (Beginner)	Above plus Strong Composition
Three Star (Beginner)	Above plus Colour harmony plus Mood
Four Star (Advanced)	National Salon Standard
Five Star (Advanced)	International Salon Standard
Southern Cross (Honours)	International Salon Standard
Galaxy (Honours)	International Salon Standard

**Promotion**

FROM	TO	Points	Gold Or COM	National Salon Acceptances	International Salon Acceptances	Total Salon Points	
Beginner	One Star (Novice)	Novice. All new members start in One Star					
One Star	Two Star (Beginner)	20	3				
Two Star	Three Star (Beginner)	30	8				
Three Star	Four Star (Advanced)	60	10	2		2	
Four Star	Five Star (Advanced)	80	15	5	3	11	
Prints	Five Star	Southern Cross (Honours)	400	40	10	20	50
	Southern Cross	Galaxy (Honours)	400	40	10	20	50
E	Five Star	Southern Cross (Honours)	400	40	10	30	70
	Southern Cross	Galaxy (Honours)	400	40	10	30	70

# House Rules of the Southern Suburbs Camera Club

## *The Executive Committee*

In order to fulfil the tasks set on the Executive Committee by the Constitution, the Executive committee has set up the following rules.

## *Offices of the Executive Committee (The Committee)*

The Committee shall consist of the following offices as set out in the constitution, members of which to be duly elected on the A.G.M.

Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Honorary Secretary  
Honorary Treasurer  
Editor  
Print Section Representative  
E Section Representative  
Score Keeper  
Web Master  
Projectionist

## *The Tasks of the Committee*

The committee will organise activities for the members to partake in. This includes Club nights, Trophy Nights, Interclub Competitions, Interclub Challenge, Year End Functions, outings and any other activities to the benefit of the members. The committee will keep score of the points gained by members, issue a score sheet monthly and control the promotion of members. Certificates will be issued for all entries as well as when a member gets promoted.

## *Images*

The original image must be made by the author on photographic emulsion or acquired with a digital imaging device. The final work must be on photographic film, or photographic or electronic print material, or exist in digital format on digital medium.

All images must originate as photographs (image captures of objects via light sensitivity) made personally by the photographer on photographic emulsion or as a digital image.

No copying of any kind, of somebody else's work is permissible, this includes, but is not restricted to, images by any means including painting, tracing and scanning.

All actions taken to in reach the final image must have been made by the photographer, excluding film processing and un-manipulated commercial scanning and printing, where it can be made by a photographic institution, under his direct personal direction. The operation and use of all computer software must be done by the photographer and may not be done by any other person, whether under the photographers guidance or otherwise.

The photographer may alter images, subject to divisional restrictions, either electronically or otherwise, and artwork or computer graphics created by the photographer may be incorporated, but the photographic content must predominate.



All entries must be submitted on time. Late entries will not be accepted. Entries may be emailed up to 24 hours before the meeting to the E-Rep. It is the members responsibility to ensure that the entries have been received by the E-Rep.

### Audio Visual Presentations (code AV)

Definition: A series of images with a storyline and accompanied by sound  
 AV's should be on any of the following media: Memory Stick, Flash Drive, Compact Flash Card or CD-ROM or DVD.

The AV should be in a compiled format. The author should ensure that the format is compatible with the hardware and operating system used for displaying the images. The .exe format is preferable. MS PowerPoint presentations must be in .pps and not .ppt format.

### Judging

#### Standards

Club Judges may only judge pictures in a lower division than their own division, except for members being in Honours, where normal club judges may form a panel of at least two club members. Honours Members may choose to be judged by a PSSA Panel Judge. They may accumulate pictures at the rate of two per meeting until a visiting judge is available to judge their work. At this stage, accumulated pictures must be submitted, or this accumulation is forfeited.

#### Scoring

When a picture is submitted on club night for judging or entered into a salon, it will receive an award and attract points as designated below:

#### Club entries

No Award	Poor image - fatal flaw	0 Point
Bronze	Poor Image - does not meet minimum criteria	1 Point
Silver	Average meets minimum criteria, lacks impact	2 Points
Gold	Good image - better than minimum criteria	3 Points
Certificate Of Merit	Excellent image - show creativity, originality	5 Points

#### Salons and other entries

Set Subject Winner	4 Points
National Salon Acceptance	4 Points
International Salon Acceptance	5 Points

Members who act as judges at salons can earn the following points.

Judging a National Salon	3 National Salon Acceptances per section judged.	12 Points
Judging an International Salon	2 International Salon Acceptances per section judged.	10 Points

Although the utmost care is taken by the score keeper in entering the data, errors can occur. Members are urged to verify that their points are correct. Any errors must be brought to the attention of the score keeper within a month after a club evening, as it is not possible to correct the errors at a later stage. No adjustments to points will be made unless supported by physical evidence.

Members are advised to notify the score keeper of their salon acceptances via e-mail, for inclusion into the records database.

The following format is to be used:

Author ID;Medium;Title; Award;Subject;Salon Name  
 BROD;EC;Clown Faces;N;Portraiture;Krugersdorp 4<sup>th</sup> salon  
 ( N for National and I for International)

Please note that even though a member can enter an image into as many salons as he wishes, only the first two acceptances will be allowable for scoring purposes. The same image will

also not be allowable to score in more than one medium, as per PSSA salon rules. Salon acceptances which the member entered under another club will not be allowed.

The member can nominate the medium for which he wants the salon acceptance to be credited in. I.E. if he enters a mono print in a color salon, he is entitled to be credited for the image in the mono section. Provided that the same image will not be used in more than one medium.

### ***Promotion***

Members advance through the ranks by acquiring points for images submitted for judging. The criteria for Gold awards as well as rules for promotion are given in the summary at beginning of this document.

Salon points are made up by adding National Salon acceptances to International acceptances times two. If a member is lacking in International acceptances, he can exchange TWO Nationals for ONE International

### ***New Members***

Prospective members gain membership by attending a meeting as guest, where they can fill in a membership application form, which has to be supported by two members. After payment of the applicable fees they can start to bring pictures for judging as from the next meeting.

### **RANK**

New members (with or without photographic honours) start on 1 star rank (Novice). If they feel that they are more advanced, they may submit a panel of 8 pictures in that particular medium, for grading. This panel will be examined by the Committee who will recommend whether the applicant can be put into a higher grading. This can be no higher than 4 Star. This will apply to members from other clubs joining the SSCC as well. Any points, salon acceptances etc, which they gained in the other club will not be credited. Therefore they start with a zero score sheet.

### **Members starting in a new section**

Current members starting a new section start in 1 Star. They committee can however place them in a higher Star rating after examining a panel of 8 submitted pictures. Any points, salon acceptances etc, which they gained in another section can not be transferred to the new section. Therefore they start with a zero score sheet.

### **Past Members**

Past members of Southern Suburbs Camera Club may rejoin the club after paying the normal entrance fee and subs for that year. They may be re-instated at the level of competence which they achieved previously, providing the ex-member can prove his/her present level of competency by presenting a panel of 8 pictures, made in the period of their absence from the club. Again any points, salon acceptances etc, which they gained in another club will not be credited.

### ***Trophy Night***

At the end of the club year an evening will be arranged where the best images of the year will be selected. Members compete in a number of sections, as decided by the Committee.

### ***PSSA INFINITY MERIT AWARD***

Members can be awarded the PSSA Infinity tie or brooch when they have achieved the following:

1. Honours in more than one medium Or
2. Honours AND 10 club Golds or Certificates Of Merit awards AND 20 International Acceptances Or
3. Honours AND PSSA Honours, i.e. Associate or Fellowship