

Boyle Camera Club

Criteria for judging photographs submitted to competitions

- **Beginner:** Composition, understanding of rule of thirds, or golden triangle/mean; Exposure, is the shot exposed reasonable well
- **Intermediate:** Is the shot in focus, is it reasonably sharp; Treatment of subject and cropping - is the subject creatively composed in the frame; If cropped does it improve the composition; Does the depth of field compliment the subject (creative use of aperture); Does the background distract from the subject (creative use of aperture); Has flash been used to improve the exposure (fill flash for example); Is contrast, brightness and colour saturation acceptable
- **Advanced:** Has the correct white balance been chosen; Is there any fringing or chromatic aberration; Does the image have a good range of tones; Are the noise levels in the image acceptable (do they affect definition and edge contrast); Are the highlights preserved (are there details in the highlights or are they blown); Has post processing been used to improve the subject; And last but not least 'Personal Preference'