

Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs.

What is POTY?

POTY stands for Photographer of the Year.

What is NPOTY?

NPOTY stands for Nature Photographer of the Year.

Why isn't my club on the drop down menu?

Check you have selected the correct region. All currently affiliated IPF clubs are on the club list so you may need to contact your club secretary to check your club paid the appropriate fee in January.

Who do I contact if I'm having difficulty registering online?

If you have filled out all your details and ticked the box to say you've read and understand the conditions of entry you should have no difficulty registering. However, there is a contact button in the top right corner of your screen you can use to contact the POTY/NPOTY Co-ordinator if you require further assistance.

I've registered, what happens next?

You need to check the inbox of the email account you registered with. You should find an email from the Irish Photographic Federation with a link for you to use to upload your entries. If you don't find the email with the link in your inbox you should check your spam/junk folder.

What size does my digital image need to be to upload correctly?

Your image will need to be a maximum of 2400 pixels on the longest side and saved as a JPEG, Quality 10 at least.

What do I do if I upload the wrong image/s?

It is very important that you upload the correct image/s, the link you receive in the email can only be used once. Your entry cannot be altered once completed.

I don't have a PayPal account, can I still enter?

Yes, you can still enter using the Paypal guest facility with your card details.

What is the Regional Round?

The POTY/NPOTY Regional Rounds are run by the regions. There are currently four regions; Mid-East, Mid-West, North East and SACC (Southern Association of Camera Clubs).

It is your responsibility to hand in your prints to the regional rounds. Details of dates and times will be in the email you receive after the closing date.

What do I need to do before the Regional Round?

After the closing date you will receive an email with your unique competition numbers on labels for you to print and affix securely to the top right corner on the back of your mounts.

You will also receive details of your Regional Round such as date, location and time to hand in prints.

What size should my print be?

Your print can be any size, what is important is the size of the mount it sits in. The mount must be 20"x16". Any other mount size will be rejected at the Regional Round which may cause embarrassment.

Shoddily mounted prints will also be rejected, so give yourself time to mount your prints with quality materials.

How do my images qualify for the finals?

Judges will score the images at the regional round and approximately 80% of highest scoring images will then be forwarded to the finals.

The cut-off score is set by the region on the day. The region's are responsible for forwarding the prints to the finals.

Will I get a report card?

Many regions send out individual report cards, however if you are using POTY/NPOTY as a qualifier for a FIAP distinction, the confirmation email will suffice. For more details contact the FIAP liaison officer.

What is the criteria for the overall Photographer/Nature Photographer of the Year title?

Judges decide the overall titles from the highest scoring images from the open categories in both the Advanced and Non-Advanced sections.

Do I get my prints back?

It is the responsibility of each region to return prints to clubs, who then in turn will return prints to their members. High scoring images may be retained by the IPF for possible selection for International competitions and FIAP Biennials.

Can I enter again next year?

Yes of course you can. But you will need new images for next year's competition. So go out and make them!

**These FAQ's are intended only as a guideline.
Click 'Conditions for Entry' for more detailed rules.**