



## GENERAL HOST CLUB GUIDELINES ns 8/25

These guidelines are for five (5) Divisions which include: Color, Monochrome, Nature, Photojournalism, and Photo Travel. Pictorial Print and 3D use the same interclub software for reporting and organization, however PPD and 3DD both have a unique judging process which can be found at **PSA website** <https://psa-photo.org/page/interclub-overview>

Learning how to judge is an important component of our Interclub program and we are encouraging every club to serve as Host Club at least every four years for each Division they participate in.

### **JUDGING OVERVIEW**

- In Interclub there are three rounds with a fourth round comprising all Merit images from each of the three rounds. This final round produces the End of Year images and Best of Show.
- Each Division Interclub Competition has many clubs that are placed in groups based on yearly performance and entry. Each group usually has no more than 25 clubs. Each group within the Division Competition is judged by a different set of three (3) judges from the same club called a Host Club.
- Starting in 2025-26, interclub judging, except Pictorial Print Division, will be judging using the PSA Interclub on-line software. *PPD will continue their in person judging which is more appropriate for Print Photography and 3D has written slight modifications for their special needs.*

## ROUND ONLINE JUDGING PROCESS

### **Interclub Reps Responsibility**

- Each Host Club chooses 3 judges. The Interclub Rep can be one of these judges.
  - a. It is recommended that the Interclub Representative seek their club's help in selecting at least two experienced photographers who have done some judging with an additional member known for their good photography but who may be new to judging.
  - b. Also, a club with members limited in judging experience can enlist outside judges to serve as their honorary club judges but the selected judges can not be a member or know a member in the group they will be judging.
- Sends the Director of the Competition a list of the 3 judges and their email address
- Determines a best date (day and time) to have the zoom meeting to choose the award images. This award session usually takes about an hour with awards based on points and discussion.

### **Competition Director responsibility**

- The director sends the Judging information for judging which includes procedures, a private YouTube link on how to navigate the software, and links for each judge to use to enter the judging software.
- The Director sends the General Scoring Guide, and specific Division Visual Guide
- After the judges have finished their judging, the Director will send a zoom video link with the date (day and time) for the selection of awards. This zoom link may be shared with your club members, but all members must remain mute during the award selection

#### **After the zoom meeting:**

- **Director will send the Host Club the final Scoresheet for any corrections before processing the scoresheet in the software.**
- Ensures PSA judging procedures were followed.
- There is a comment for every image that is disqualified.
- All files are processed which creates the Standings, and Slideshows on the PSA Web. And all certificates are processed,
- Notifies Club of the competition of the judging and links for where reports can be found on their home page, and link to the PSA web for the Slideshow.

*No Judges' scores can be changed after the scoresheet is processed, unless the Director and the judges agree on a change or an image is later disqualified by discovery.*