



The 17th Annual South Pacific Star Party

Astro Imaging Competition 2009

Check List / Conditions of Entry

1. The competition is open to all pre-registered attendees of the 17th Annual South Pacific Star Party and financial members of the Astronomical Society of New South Wales (ASNSW);
2. The entrant must be an amateur astro imager/astro photographer. "Amateur" is defined as someone who does not earn an income from the images they take;
3. All images must have been taken by the entrant on or after Friday 4th April 2008 (i.e. since the start of the last SPSP);
4. All images must be the sole work of the entrant. The acquisition equipment must have been under the exclusive control of the entrant at the time the image data was acquired, with all subsequent processing undertaken by the entrant. The inclusion of data obtained from other imagers or public sources is prohibited. (*Note: This rule does not apply to the images provided by the competition organisers for the Digital Image Processing category*);
5. Each entrant is limited to a maximum of 3 photographs / images per category. The categories of entry are:
 - Solar system – Moon, planets, Sun and comets;
 - Images taken with mobile set-ups (*i.e. set up for each imaging session and dismantled afterwards*);
 - Images taken with permanently set up equipment (*i.e. in a backyard observatory*);
 - Digital Image Processing – of a single given image to be chosen by the organizers, made available for download and publicized in advance of the event;
 - Wide field images, for example Milky Way, star trails, meteors and aurorae with a field of view no narrower than that of a 300mm lens on a 35mm camera (6.87° x 4.58°).
6. The entrant must legibly complete an official entry form. The entrant must supply the details requested including full name, address and contact phone and e-mail addresses. If an ASNSW member entrant is not attending the SPSP in person, they must nominate a representative;

7. The entrant or nominated representative must deliver all entries in person at the designated time and location at the South Pacific Star Party. Entries sent by post or email will not be accepted;
8. Images must be supplied in print form and meet the following requirements:
 - a. The size can be no larger than a standard A4 sheet (*21cm x 29.7cm - A standard 8" x 10" photographic print meets these criteria*);
 - b. Entries are **not** to be mounted on any form of backing/mounting board. The entry should be a standard photographic style paper only (*approx 150 - 250gsm paper weight range*);
 - c. All entries need to include defined information relating to the image and must be included within the maximum permissible A4 print size. The required information is:
 - i. Image Subject / Object Name / Description *i.e. NGC 3372 (Keyhole)*;
 - ii. Telescope / Lens *i.e. 10" Meade LX200*;
 - iii. Camera / Imager *i.e. Canon EOS 30D DSLR*;
 - iv. Mount *i.e. Losmandy G11*;
 - v. You may also include other details that you believe are pertinent to understanding the image such as exposure times.
 - d. This information can either be over-laid at an appropriate place on the image, or printed within a border of the photo. For legibility, text should be a minimum of 10 point.
 - e. Images containing any personally identifiable information (*i.e. name, nickname or home location*) will not be accepted;
 - f. Note: all images will have a stick on Velcro tag attached for display purposes and these prove difficult to remove without damaging the photo.
9. A full resolution copy of the images in TIFF, BMP or JPG format must be supplied on CD/DVD for potential inclusion of the images in the awards ceremony and / or subsequent magazine publication purposes and need to be appropriately labelled with your name and contact details. For logistical reasons, CD/DVD's will not be returned;
10. Copyright in the images shall remain with the entrant and the ASNSW shall have the right to use the images as it sees fit, including publication in magazines, with acknowledgement of the imager;
11. The Judging and Awards process will be in accordance with the Voting Procedures on display at the SPSP. Note: all attendees of the SPSP may participate in the judging of the entered images except persons under 12 years of age;
12. The entry in the competition constitutes your acceptance of these conditions.