Rules Addendum, Class C for 2018-2019 Season

Class C DPI

This addendum to the GPS rules contains information on the newly added Class C DPI-only category. This special category (Class C for **C**omments) is being added to allow those members who are interested in submitting images to obtain a score and receive judge's feedback, but without being subject to normal competition rules, standings, etc. Scores will be given only as information to the member on how well the image was received – <u>no scores will be recorded or awards given</u>. The emphasis of Class C is feedback from qualified judges to give each participating member a learning opportunity.

Members who join Class C may enter one image per competition meeting in Class C. Images submitted will be projected, given a score and then receive comments. For example, comments might include: why that score, what are the strong qualities of the image, and how can the image be improved.

Images submitted must conform to required DPI size (maximum of 1400 pixels wide by 1050 pixels high). Class C images will be shown at each regular competition meeting. They will be shown as a separate group within the DPI group of images. <u>Each member may enter one image in each of the 6 regular meetings</u>. A member does not have to enter an image every time. An image may be entered, subsequently adjusted based on the comments received, and then resubmitted a second time. This might prove to be the best learning method. Members who only belong to Class C will have the highest priority; however, members who belong to DPI A or B Class may also enter a Class C image to receive comments <u>if time allows</u>. Any image entered in Class C must not be the same or similar to an image submitted in either Class A or B on the same night.

Since this is a new Class starting this season, we will have to be flexible until we see how it goes. Due to time restraints, the DPI committee may need to limit comments and/or how many total images are shown. Images not shown may be re-submitted on another night – no images will be retained.

Preparing your image

All DPI images will be displayed by the club projector. The club's projector and laptop have been calibrated to best show its sRGB color space. The projector displays a horizontal rectangle only. To fit within the limits of the projector, all DPI images must be no greater that 1050 pixels high. The width is limited to up to 1400 pixels wide. If you submit a horizontal image, you can use the full image resolution of **1400 x 1050 pixels**. If you submit a vertical image, the height is still limited to the 1050 pixels while the width would be about 800 pixels for the same aspect ratio. If you submit an image greater than 1400 x 1050, the projector may crop your image in an undesirable way. Be sure to resize your image to fit within the 1400 x 1050 limits.

All images must be submitted in the Jpeg format. The pixels-per-inch (ppi) resolution is not important. Some members leave their image at print resolution of 300 ppi while others reduce their image to 72 ppi. Again, the ppi of your image is not important. Converting your image to the sRGB color space is best as that will match the projector's capabilities. If you submit images in a larger color space, Adobe RGB or ProPhoto RGB, you may find the colors have been shifted and are no longer accurate. You may leave your images at full Jpeg quality or reduce the quality setting if you need smaller file size to email. Be aware, Jpeg compression is a lossy process and highly squeezed images may acquire attributes that subtract from your image quality.

The club uses dedicated software to show the projected images. The software requires a specific title format. You will use an ID Code that is a combination of your name and the phone number that you provided for the club's memberhip list. Rather than repeat all the information here, please see our DPI article titled: "Instructions for Preparing DPI Entries". You can download the file from our club website: *gradenphoto.org.*