

The SAS Astrophoto Contest 2016 Rules

For Photo's Taken Between 1st October 2015 and 31st December 2016

Technical Rules:

- Prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories:

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| Under 16 | U16 |
| SAS Member | SAS |
| Resident of Shropshire | RES |
- Maximum of 3 images per category
- Images can be submitted for more than one category
- All images must be emailed to photocomp@shropshire-astro.com
- Please send separate emails for each category
- All images must be in JPEG or TIFF format
- IMPORTANT:** Please adhere to this file naming format:
Category_Your-Name_The-Image-Title.jpg
Where...
CATEGORY = U16, or SAS, or RES
NAME = The first and last name of the entrant, separated by a hyphen
TITLE = The Title of the image. All words separated by a hyphen
- The Category, Name and Title are to be separated by an Underscore
For example: U16_Henry-Smith_M13-Globular-cluster.tiff
Or: RES_John-Brown_Moon-Over-my-back-garden.jpg
- Information about the entrant, the equipment used, timings etc. must be included in the main body of the email (See General rule 18)

Specific Rules:

- The competition is open to all with the exception of members of the judging panel
- Entrants may submit up to 3 images in each category they are eligible to enter
- Judging will be by a panel of society members and/or invited guests
- Images must contain an astronomical subject or effect
- Images are to be submitted in digital format only
- By virtue of submitting an entry, the entrant certifies the work is their own and does not infringe on anyone else's copyright
- All entrants agree to permit SAS to reproduce, in printed or electronic form, all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication/display in media related to the promotion of SAS or for fundraising purposes
- The SAS assumes no liability for any misuse of copyright and is not responsible for any loss of or damage to any images submitted
- The entrant is responsible for ensuring his/her entries are delivered to the competition organizer by email to photocomp@shropshire-astro.com
- No identifying information (e.g. title, photographer's name, equipment used etc.) is to be included on the image itself
- Please include technical details of the image(s) in the body of the email
- DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING IMAGES IS: 31st December 2016
- The judges can select Highly Commended and Top Image, at their discretion

14. All entries must conform to the technical rules, and failure to so comply will result in the entries being disqualified
15. Only images taken between 1st October 2015 and 31st December 2016 may be submitted
16. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
17. The age of the entrant, the equipment used and their experience will all be factors that are taken into account by the judges when making their decision

General Rules:

- 1) The contest is open to SAS members as well as non-members who live in Shropshire. People who live outside Shropshire but within the circulation area of the Shropshire Star will be allowed to enter at the judge's discretion
- 2) There is no restriction on where the image is taken or what equipment is used as long as this information is declared in the main body of the email. See General rule No 8
- 3) Images should have a clear astronomical connection
- 4) Contest submissions should be made before midnight, 31st December 2016
- 5) Photo processing is permitted but should be limited to minor enhancement, noise and hot pixel removal
- 6) Composite images (for example, those with foregrounds added digitally) are not allowed but stacking images is fine
- 7) Deep sky images with dedicated CCD cameras that take RGB filtered images can be processed in the usual way and will be acceptable
- 8) Judges can disqualify any image if it is deemed too over processed or does not have enough information about where, when and what equipment was used to take it, also the name of the person who took the image and their age if under 18
- 9) Images will be displayed at the SAS Annual Lecture where winners will be announced and prizes given
- 10) There are no entry fees or entry forms
- 11) Email your submission to photocomp@shropshire-astro.com before 31st December 2016 in JPEG or TIFF format only
- 12) All images submitted are to be kept to a reasonable size to allow for enlargement, printing and emailing
- 13) Winning photos will be selected by the contest judges and/or invited guests and will be published on the SAS website and in the SAS Hermes magazine
- 14) Other images from the contest may be published on the SAS website, in the SAS Hermes magazine or used in any SAS advertising material
- 15) Submitting images to the contest constitutes your giving permission to display those images on the website, in Hermes or at presentations by SAS at meetings or outreach events, in fundraising presentations, etc.
- 16) Credit for the images will be provided in all such situations unless you specify otherwise
- 17) SAS will not sell these images without your permission and all proceeds from any such sales will be transferred to the image owner
- 18) Please include as many of the following details as possible: Camera make and model, Lens (or telescope), Focal ratio, ISO setting, exposure time, location, date and time etc.
- 19) Include your name, phone number and a valid email address
- 20) See Technical Rules for how to name your images
- 21) The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into