



2015 Combined Clubs Weekend Underwater Photo Competition Rules

1. The CCW underwater photography competition has five categories:
 - a) **WIDE ANGLE** - images from Temperate Australia taken in the last 12 months with minimal editing
 - b) **MACRO IMAGES** - from Temperate Australia taken in the last 12 months with minimal editing
 - c) **OPEN** - Any images from anywhere taken in the last 12 months with minimal editing
 - d) **BEST NUDI BRANCH PORTRAIT** - from anywhere, taken in the last 12 months with minimal editing
 - e) **BEST UNDERWATER "SELFIE"** - from anywhere, taken in the last 12 months with minimal editing. (People Choice)
2. It is the responsibility of entrants to ensure that photographs are submitted correctly according to these rules.
3. Participants may enter up to 2 images per category, up to a maximum of 6 images in total. The same images must not be submitted in multiple categories.
4. Images are to have mostly underwater content. Under/Over images are allowed.
5. Photographs for the 2015 CCW Underwater Photo Competition must have been taken after 10th June 2014.
6. Images should be submitted as digital JPG files, using the high quality/ low compression.
7. Image files may be produced by digital cameras or from scans of transparencies, negatives or prints made using a film camera.
8. Images may be cropped, however either the minimum image width or height should not be substantially different from those produced in the camera (as a general rule for digital cameras, one side should be at least 1200 pixels long).
9. **IMAGE EDITING** - Sharpening and other global digital changes such as adjusting contrast, brightness, colour, balance etc. to optimise images is permitted, as is rotation and flipping. Limited backscatter removal is allowed. Keep in mind that this competition is for underwater photography, not the digital manipulation of images. Event organisers and judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been excessively treated so to alter its authenticity.
10. **IMAGES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ORGANISERS BY 5 PM 1ST JUNE** and late entries **WILL NOT** be accepted. Images should be submitted by email to **ccwbicheno@gmail.com** with category and name i.e. "cat D j.bloggs" as the subject. Separate emails are required for entries in different categories.
11. Images must be labelled according to this format: <Category><Name><Photo Name>.JPG. An image of a dolphin taken in Tasmania by Joe Bloggs and entered in Category C should be named CatCJBloggsDolphin.JPG. Photos named incorrectly may be disqualified.
14. The organisers reserve the right to request a copy of the original image to ensure that the above conditions have been fulfilled.
15. The organisers encourage photographers to submit a variety of images.
16. Judging will be primarily based on the aesthetic appeal of images. Focus, exposure and composition, will be prime considerations and should be used to make a pleasing image and complement the subject matter. Originality and/or the difficulty of getting the image may also be taken into account.
17. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
18. Winning entrants will be announced on the Sunday night of the CCW.
19. The organisers reserve the right to use all photos for future promotion of the CCW, but not for any other purpose.
20. All photos will be displayed over the weekend and voting slips for BEST UNDERWATER SELFIE will be available to registered attendees.