

Pretoria Photographic Society

Addendum Bdj_H to the Competition Rules. Updated 2024-08



About this document

This is the initial addendum to the competition rules covering the award of Pretoria Photographic Society Bertus de Jongh Honours (shortened to Honours hereafter) to 5-star members.

It is the intention to update these rules at any time, as we learn from the achievements of members. In doing so we will never reduce points already earned.

This document was presented at a Special General Meeting of PPS early in 2021 as an addendum to the competition rules, along with other updates to the competition rules.

This version finalises some open questions in the original release and provides the closing dates.

Background to Bertus de Jongh Honours

Many senior members of PPS have asked for a challenge beyond 5-Star, and there has been approval by these members that this challenge should not be "more of the same". In several meetings, the outline presented here has been discussed with members and approved. This document is the interpretation of these discussions into a set of rules to be appended to the main set of competition rules.

This initiative came from our friend the late Bertus de Jongh, a member who was passionate about photography and PPS, and the Honours are named for the Bertus de Jongh Honours. In this addendum to the rules this title is shortened to Honours.

Overview

A number of principles guide the Honours:

- The Honours start from a level playing field, and all members, regardless of past success, start from scratch on 1st September 2020.
- The Honours in PPS are similar in concept to those of the PSSA, and the acceptance criteria are based on acceptance of a panel, judged externally, with the levels similar to those of the PSSA, with photographic excellence being the key measure.
- The levels of Honours are named after Bertus' favourite birds.
- The Honours are only open to 5-Star members of PPS.
- To submit a panel, a member must first pass a threshold of points, tabulated later in this document.
- On submission of a panel, the points are reset to zero and the members start the qualification process afresh, with a higher threshold.

Process

The Honours system is implemented as follows:

- Points, per the table below, must be **claimed by the member** in an email to the Competition Secretary.
- Claims for Salon points **must** forward the email announcement from the Salon organisers, or where recognition is only in the catalogue, the title and page reference of the catalogue.

- At the start of the Honours system, only salon success notified to the entrant after 1st September 2020 (i.e. the date on the notification email) will be recognised.
- These claims are in **separate emails** from those claiming recognition for salon performance, also sent to the Competition Secretary.
- The Competition Secretary keeps a log of these points in a spreadsheet and alerts the member when the threshold to submit a panel has been reached.
- There are two submissions per year, on the last days of January and July.

Requirements

The achievements which can earn points are listed in Table 1 below; and the numbers of points and the size of the panel are listed in Table 2.

Table 1: Points for achievements

Achievement	Local/International	Points
Category winner in a salon	Local	5
Category winner in a salon	International	5
Best of evening (Senior)	Local	3
COM in meeting or salon	Local	2
COM in meeting or salon	International	2
Selection of images for formal Interclub competitions	Local, Formal	2
Publication in a magazine	Local	1
Publication in a magazine	International	2
Publication in recognised photographic website. Not own, PPS, PSSA.	Local	1
Publication in recognised photographic website. Not own, PPS, PSSA.	International	2
Achievement of additional PSSA Honours: LPSSA	Local	3
Achievement of additional PSSA Honours: APPSA	Local	5
Achievement of additional PSSA Honours: FPSSA and Above	Local	7
Achievement of additional FIAP Honours: AFIAP	International	3
Achievement of additional FIAP Honours: EFIAP	International	5
Achievement of additional FIAP Honours: EFIAP/b and above	International	7
Development activities for PPS. 1 each for: • Judging • Leading workshops and outings • Presentation of courses – full day or longer • Presentations at meetings • Publication in e-Flash, Facebook and PPS website. Articles, not pics.	Local	1

Achievement	Local/International	Points
Strategic activities for PPS: 2 each for: • Service on PSSA Board, each year • Membership of international photographic organisation: Each Year • Design of new initiatives for PPS • Service on Salon committee • Service on Congress committee	Local	2

Notes:

1. When the table on points achieved is updated, points previously earned will never be reduced.
2. Only salons where the communication of awards is dated on or after 1st September 2020 will be accepted.
3. From the second Honours application onwards, only salons where the communication of awards is dated after the submission date of the previous panel, will be accepted.
4. For any **series** of publications only the first will earn points. For instance, a series of articles on the rules or repeated items like the President's page in e-Flash only earns points once in a club year.
5. Similarly, a **series** of contributions to meetings only earn points once. For instance, Clicking Corner earns one point in a club year.

Table 2: Points threshold to allow panel submission and number of images in a panel.

Bertus de Jongh Honours	Points to allow panel submission	Images in panel
Pied Kingfisher	25	10
Crested Barbet	35	15
Sacred ibis	45	20
African Fish Eagle	50	25

Panel Judging Process

The panel judging process is intended to be broadly similar to the PSSA Honours process:

- The Competition Secretary, working with the judging coordinator, will arrange a panel of external judges to review the panel, accepting images of suitable quality.
- The member will be allowed TWO resubmissions to replace rejected images, with a time limit of one calendar year from the date of first submission.
- Resubmissions are at no additional cost to the member.
- On submission of a full panel, the Competition Secretary will restart the count of points for the qualification to submit the next panel. When the necessary number of points for a panel has been reached, the member can **carry on** collecting points for the next panel

Termination of membership

On termination of membership of the PPS, the Honours earned fall away. If a member rejoins, and reinstatement of Honours may be considered at the sole discretion of the committee.