

Oakwood Church Photo Competition

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1. The Organiser is Oakwood Church, Springwood Road, Leeds LS8 2QA. The Organiser will not open its Competition administration desk there until 9.00 am on 13 May 2017. To avoid a queue please enter in advance, preferably on-line or by submitting a paper 'Application for entry' form.
2. Applications for entry may be completed online at www.oakwoodchurch.info/photocomp. Alternatively, a printed 'Application for entry' form may be completed and emailed to photocomp@oakwoodchurch.info by noon on 12 May 2017; or posted to the Organiser c/o David Donaldson, 1 Elmete Close, Leeds LS8 2LD to arrive no later than noon on 12 May 2017; or presented at Oakwood Church after 9 am on Saturday 13 May 2017 (there may be a queue).
3. Competitors must be amateurs, which means they have never contracted to capture images, or to have dealt commercially in images they had previously captured.
4. A prospective Competitor may apply to enter one image per Category and up to 5 Categories within the Class determined by the Competitor's age at 13 May 2017.
5. The Organiser reserves the right to arbitrarily refuse entry and to limit the number of entries in any Class or Category.
6. An 'Entry acceptance and confirmation of fees paid' must have been issued to the Competitor by the Organiser before images are captured. Fees:
 - Under 11 years = 50p per Category.
 - From 11 to 17 years = £1 per Category
 - Over 18 years = £2 per Category

Entry Fees can be paid in cash, but preferably in advance by Credit/Debit Card or PayPal using the secure payment facility at www.oakwoodchurch.info/photocomp. The Organiser declines to accept cheques for entry fees.

Fees are deemed to be non-returnable once a Competitor's 'Entry acceptance and confirmation of fees paid' has been issued by the Organiser.

7. Images submitted for judging must be:
 - Captured by the Competitor named in the application for entry, and
 - Captured between the hours of 09.30 and 12.30 on Saturday 13 May 2017, and
 - Captured within 5 miles of Oakwood Church.
8. No post-capture image editing allowed.
9. Images must be submitted digitally before 13.00 on Saturday 13 May 2017, either by email to photocomp@oakwoodchurch.info or in person at Oakwood Church.
10. Each image file submitted must be identified to the Organiser by clearly associating the file with the unique code (Class, Category and Competitor number) issued by the Organiser on the Competitor's 'Entry acceptance and confirmation of fees paid'.

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11. The Organiser requires all entries to be submitted for judging as JPEG (.jpg) files (the most commonly used format for digital photographs). The Organiser may be able to assist those Competitors who choose to submit their entries in person at Oakwood Church with conversion to JPEG from other popular file formats.

12. By submitting an image, the Competitor not only asserts that their image satisfies the Oakwood Church Photo Competition Rules but also assents that their image may be used by Oakwood Church to support its activities.

If a Competitor does not want their image to be published other than inside Oakwood Church on Saturday 13 May 2017, they must, when their image file is submitted, issue the Organiser with a clearly associated 'not to be published' instruction.

13. The person appointed by the Organiser to Judge each Class will take into account relevance to Category and how much they were subjectively impressed by each image. The Judge's decision is final.

Judges may award 'Highly Commended' Certificates to Competitors whose non-winning images particularly impressed them.

14. Within each Class, the winner of each Category will receive a Certificate and:

- Under 11 years = A physical prize
- From 11 to 17 years = £5 Cash
- Over 18 = £10 Cash
- Best in Show = £15 Cash

15. Best in Show will be chosen from the 15 Category winners by ballot of those Competitors who are present in Oakwood Church for the Photo Competition Award Ceremony at 16.00 on 13 May 2017. One Competitor one vote. A voting slip will be issued by the organiser to each Competitor with their 'Entry acceptance and confirmation of fees paid'.

16. The organiser promises to be diligent but accepts no liability whatsoever for errors, omissions or negligence in its volunteers' conduct of what is intended to be a light-hearted, community entertainment for all ages.

17. Any breach of these Rules by a Competitor may result in disqualification of all images submitted for judging by that Competitor and forfeit of all entry fees paid. The Organiser's decision is final.

18. Enquiries should be addressed to the Organiser c/o:

David Donaldson, Chair of Oakwood Church Community Team

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