

TDCC Competition Groups

Members that participate in competitions / exhibitions will be placed in a Group. There are three Groups:

- Group 1 - Improvers
- Group 2 - Intermediate
- Group 3 - Advanced

For each competition winners are announced across each of the three Groups. Exhibitions are non-competitive.

The objective of the groups is to allow members to compete against others whom are of roughly similar photographic ability. The Groups also act as a way by which progress in development of photographic ability can be recognised.

Entry to a Group: New members and members who have not recently entered competitions are not, currently, allocated to a group. We do encourage participation so when a member wishes to enter competitions / exhibitions and has not been assigned a Group, then they should ask the Competition Secretary. The Competition Secretary will discuss with the member the most appropriate Group. To support this discussion, it would help if the member can share (if required) some of their portfolio. Once allocated to a Group, the Competition Secretary will monitor progress and if it becomes clear that the member has been allocated to the wrong Group, or the member feels they are in the wrong Group, then the member will be consulted about a possible change.

Development through the Groups: Each year the Competition Secretary will assess the progress of members based upon the participation and achievement level in the competitions / exhibitions. The higher achievers in Groups 1 and 2 may be moved to a higher Group, should they show consistent participation & high achievement. All members will be consulted about any change to their Group.

Allocation to a Group is only relevant to competitions. It is not in itself a reflection of the general ability or experience of a member outside of competitions.