



Photographic Society of New Zealand Inc.

Bylaw 6. PSNZ Judge Accreditation Process

INTRODUCTION

Under the Constitution of the Photographic Society of New Zealand Inc. (PSNZ) the Executive Officers have been given the power to create and set Bylaws that are applicable to the description of specific events, activities, jobs, portfolios and/or publications that fall within the operations of the Society.

Objectives of this Bylaw

This Bylaw is intended to outline the responsibilities and operational process for the Judge

Accreditation Panel and PSNZ Judges.

Judge Accreditation Panel [JAP]

1. Appointment.

(a) Council will appoint annually, a Panel of Accredited Judges who will be chosen from the Accredited Judges Register.

- The panel will consist of a minimum of five (5) and not more than six (6) PSNZ Accredited Judges.
- There must be at least one(1) judge who is accredited in the Nature Category, one (1) in AV category and at least one (1) who is accredited in the Open Category and (1) one Judge with PSNZ Training experience.

(b) Council will appoint the Chair of the Judge Accreditation Panel.

(c) Members of the panel will initially be appointed for a three-year term, with automatic eligibility for reappointment for another three-year term. Thereafter, members may be reappointed for a one-year term, after which time they must retire.

2. Responsibilities

(a) To consider submissions from trainee judges who have applied to become or have been nominated for the position of PSNZ Accredited Judge. [see para 3(b)]

(b) To specify suitable training systems and standard mentoring periods in respect of Judge Accreditation applicants.

(c) To oversee the training and mentoring of Trainee Accredited Judges.

(d) After the required period of mentoring and training, the Chairman of the Judge Accreditation Panel, in consultation with all JAP members, will recommend to Council those trainees who, in their opinion, are suitably qualified for appointment to

the Accredited Judge Register.

(e) To maintain a register of currently available Accredited Judges to which all PSNZ members will have access.

(f) The Panel will endeavour to ensure that sufficient new members are recruited to the list of PSNZ Accredited Judges and that existing Accredited Judges are kept aware of, and trained in current judging trends and developments.

(g) It is intended that training workshops will be conducted throughout New Zealand, utilising at least two (2) experienced tutors in each workshop.

- The tutors must be Accredited Judges and preferably members of the Judge Accreditation Panel. However, all tutors will be appointed at the discretion of members of the panel.

(h) The Judge Accreditation Panel will require applicants or nominees to provide a set of twelve (12) images for assessment; with the following exceptions:

- when the application is made for both open and nature categories, then only nine examples of work for each category shall be required.
- where an applicant is seeking a listing in a category where they have achieved LPSNZ, APSNZ or FPSNZ.

(i) JAP will enquire in writing every two (2) years, whether each Accredited Judge wishes to remain on the Accredited Judges Register.

(j) The Judge Accreditation Panel may at any time ask for evidence of their gaining an acceptance in any national exhibition of photography in the preceding three years, or that they have kept aware of, and trained in, current judging trends and developments.

PSNZ Accredited Judges

3. Appointment

(a) Council is responsible for appointing PSNZ Accredited Judges based on recommendations received from JAP. [See para 2(a)]

(b) Individual PSNZ members may apply to the Judge Accreditation Panel for recognition as an Accredited Judge, or agree to be nominated by any member or affiliated club.

(c) Every applicant is required to provide a commentary on a test set of images provided by the Judge Accreditation Panel.

(d) An Accredited Judge may withdraw from the Register by advising in writing the Chair of the Judge Accreditation Panel.

(e) An Accredited Judge may be removed from the list of Accredited Judges if he or she ceases to be a member of the Society or, in the opinion of Council, (i) persistently declines to judge without good reason or (ii) conducts themselves in an unacceptable, inappropriate or impolite manner either verbally or in writing.

4. Responsibilities of Accredited Judges

(a) The Accredited Judge's role is to assist clubs with constructive evaluation of members' work and to act as judges and selectors for regional, national and international exhibitions and competitions. The judges shall judge either Open, Nature, or AV categories or any combination of these.

(b) Accredited Judges shall be responsible for keeping themselves up to date with current photographic trends and techniques. They should also have and retain a working knowledge of post production applications for reference purposes during evaluation feedback as necessary.

(c) To follow all guidelines or requirements in respect of a competition, assessment or evaluation which an accredited judge is asked to undertake.

(d) To liaise with the organiser of any competition, assessment or evaluation to ascertain and agree upon the preferred/appropriate method of commentary or feedback which is to be provided. A commentary may be presented in person, in writing, by Zoom or in an audio or video format, at the discretion of the judge and subject to agreement with the organisers of such competition, assessment or evaluation.

(e) Accredited Judges shall award marks or grades solely in accordance with the rules of the particular competition, assessment or evaluation which is being judged.

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Appendix1: Functional

Relationships

PSNZ COUNCIL



**REGISTER OF MENTORS
AND THEIR MENTEEES**



**JUDGE ACCREDITATION
PANEL [JAP]**



**JAP TRAINING OFFICER
APPOINTED FOR

DEVELOPMENT &
IMPLEMENTATION OF
TRAINING COURSES AND**



**ONGOING MENTORING &
TRAINING SUPPORT**

**REGISTER OF
TRAINEE JUDGES**



**ROSTER OF
NATIONAL/REGIONAL
JUDGES**

**NATIONAL EXHIBITION
NATIONAL SALON
REGIONAL SALONS

INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITIONS
OTHER PSNZ EVENTS**

