

Invitation to the Nordic Championship in UW photo 2014

The Swedish Sportsdiving Federation (SSDF) is delighted to host the nordic championship in under water photography 2014!

The competition is open to all members of the nordic sportsdiving federations. Contest rules can be found at

http://iof3.idrottonline.se/ImageVaultFiles/id_73619/cf_104/nm-regler-2013.PDF.

Read the rules carefully before you select your images. Further down in this text are some rule clarifications, read these carefully too.

The definition of the theme class in this year's competition is: Motion

The idea is that the picture should illustrate or convey the concept of motion.

All types of diving spots are allowed in the theme class.

Competition entries should be submitted to the contest management no later than by the first of November 2014.

The email address of the contest management is: uvfoto@ssdf.se

To avoid image files being discarded by e-mail filters, we recommend the use of a web-based file transfer service, for example www.wetransfer.com. Use moderate jpeg compression to keep the file size down, eg quality "high 8" in Photoshop or "Quality 80" in Lightroom. The organizers will confirm reception of your entries by email. Contact the organizers if you do not receive confirmation within a week.

The recommended procedure for submissions of entries is:

- 1) Send information according to chapter 9 (see also rule additions below) in the rules to uvfoto@ssdf.se.
- 2) Transfer the image files using a web based file transfer service.
- 3) Wait for confirmation that the organizers have received your entry.

Rule clarifications

Rule 4.2, color space

Since the rules have no information regarding the color space, the following is added:
The image files must be jpg files using the sRGB color space.

Rule 4.2, the image size

The organizers chose to ignore the limitation of 3000 pixels. Instead, the following applies:
Images may be cropped to any size and aspect ratio, but not otherwise resized relative to original file from the camera.

Rule 6.4

Rule 6.4 will not be applied to sub-classes.

Rule 9.1

The numbered list in rule 9.1 is replaced by the following:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Dive club
4. Country
5. Information regarding the contestants UW photo competition license (if applicable).
6. E-mail address
7. Phone number
8. List of images:

File name, class, location where the image was captured, image title. The image title is optional. If you choose to give the image a title, it will not be shown to the jury but it will be displayed in the written contest presentation.

Judging practice

In addition to the official rules SSDF would hereby also like to present judging practices for the judges' panel, so that it is clear to all participants which assessment criteria will be used.

JUDGING PRACTICE FOR NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIPS IN UW PHOTO 2014

When judging the images, the judges' panel will reason as follows:

Images depicting the natural environment is rewarded before pictures that appear to be arranged.

Conversion of RAW files with setting of white balance, curves, etc. is encouraged, as well as other reasonable image enhancement through image editing and basic cleaning work in the images (like removal of back scatter). Extensive manipulations and photo montage is not allowed.

In the assessment of the images, the judges will weigh in technical quality, composition and content (message of the image, creativity, the "wow-factor"). Images of spectacular, beautiful or unusual animals are easy to overestimate. No object is an obvious winner or loser. The images overall impression and communication will be assessed.

Please contact the organizers if you have any questions: uvfoto@ssdf.se.