



PSQ JUDGES ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

Compiled with feedback from judges over a period, the points of the system are:

There is a requirement for Understudies to achieve certain criteria before initial accreditation and it has been decided that ongoing accreditation requires some compliance to simple requirements to keep up to date.

1. **Currency of practice.** Practice makes perfect so it was deemed that **two judgings per year** was required to “keep your hand in”. If it is less, it could be due to health problems, travel, lack of interest or simply not being called on by clubs. Any of these reasons could be a barometer that alerts a judge, and PSQ, about one’s involvement. Perhaps it needs looking at. Perhaps you want to make changes. This will work in conjunction with paragraph 4.

2. **Ongoing Development.** No one knows everything, and sometimes we even forget, so in order to maintain and develop knowledge on the art and science of photography, judges need to attend PSQ seminars, and forums particularly, plus art or photography exhibitions and so on, on a regular basis. This helps to provide comprehensive and competent service to clubs and members with judgings and presentations. No matter how experienced a judge may be, PSQ expects everyone to keep up to date and be open to the fact that there can always be something to learn. The Club members also expect the judges to be aware of recent trends.

(Judges are asked to urge clubs to buy the DVDs so that they can use them for their own workshops. Judges are also urged to avail themselves of them and/or present a workshop using them.)

3. We ask judges to inform us when contact details change and if they are not able to be active/available for judgings for a long period of time or at all.

4. a. The fallback to this system is the introduction of a **Club Feedback** mechanism where a club, on insistence from its members, can complete a form (attached) with specific details regarding their concerns about a judge’s performance. PSQ will then speak to the judge to resolve any issues and reply to the club. Good feedback should also be encouraged.

b. We would also like **judge’s feedback** to PSQ or the club direct, of any issues they think should be addressed by the club, whether it is protocol or their competition system.

5. All judges should be **members** of a PSQ affiliated club, general, honorary, life or otherwise; or as a private member.

6. If a judge is no longer serving with PSQ as a judge, they relinquish the PSQA title.

Annual Updates:

All that is required is a simple reply by email or letter back to the Secretary in November each year with the following questions:

1. *Are you still active and judged at least 2 clubs in the last year?*
2. *Are you not available for any length of time for the next year?*
3. *Are you attending forms of seminars and exhibitions to broaden your knowledge?*
4. *Are all your contact details correct on the web site?*

The following questions are required to update the current list but may not be needed annually.

- a. *What areas do you specialise in or rather not judge?*
- b. *What areas would you like more knowledge on?*
- c. *What presentations could you give clubs?*

This is a self appraising and self regulating system. PSQ, in all honesty, will have little time to follow up members who don’t provide the information unless it is known through some other means that some attention is required. We do ask member’s cooperation to keep the personal lists up to date. In the event we cannot contact someone after exhaustive searches, we can only assume a member has moved on and “retired”.