

Judges Newsletter - November 2018

Club Presidents, Secretaries and Competition Secretaries,

Hello Everyone,

The PSQ BBQ and the Judges Forum are getting closer.

The PSQ BBQ will be held at the Caboolture Historical Village on the 17th (November).

A separate Judges Forum will be at the Chermside Library on the following day, the 18th.

This will be for Judges and Understudy Judges only.

This year the Judges Forum will be held as a separate day, instead of being on the afternoon of the BBQ, to free everyone up to go back to the original idea of the day, to socialize and discuss Club and photography ideas.

Some PSQ and Judges Executive matters will be brought up for discussion.

One of the points the Judges Executive would like to bring up for discussion is the introduction of two new forms. These are a "Request for Judging" form and a "Judges Feedback" form.

What are these new forms, and do we need them?

The "Request for Judging" form was created because of some negative feedback from a few clubs. There have been a few instances where there was mis-communication between the club and the judge. This has caused this form to be created so the club can exactly inform the judge of their requirements and so the judge can easily know the clubs requirements re the definitions of the categories, standards, awards, timing and payment for travel.

A comment re payment of Judges travelling expenses.

At the last meeting of the PSQ Committee, it was decided that the nominal amount requested to reimburse judges for their travel expenses was falling behind the actual costs incurred by judges when they freely give their time to visit clubs for judging images.

The current amount asked for is 17.5 cents/kilometer. This has been raised to 25 cents/kilometer to allow a better coverage of expenses for the visiting judges. (By the way, the Australian Tax Office allows 68 cents/kilometer, so although the increase looks big, it is well behind the standards of industry with respect to cost recovery for insurance, rego, wear and tear, etc.)

A quick note for clubs wishing to pay travel expenses by bank transfer.

Please make these arrangements prior to the judging night. For privacy and security reasons the judges bank information really should not be asked for on the night of the judging.

The new forms are attached for you to look at and to give feedback.

These were researched and created to make the process easier for clubs and judges.

If there are problems or modifications required, please let the Judges Executive know so that the forms can be looked at and changed in light of the feedback. (My thanks to Wendy Geddies for her work on these forms.)

Also, please take the time to look at the new layout of the Judges listings on the on the website. Our webmaster has redesigned the layout to make the flow of how you search the site simpler.

A note on the listing of “Inactive Judges”.

Judges who, for various personal reasons, are not active at this time, are listed here.
Please check this list if you can't see a judge listed in the main section.

John Blessas
Chair
PSQ Judge's Executive

Club Feedback Report

JUDGE:	CLUB: Main Contact Person:	DATE:
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**This form has been created by the PSQ Judges Executive to provide feedback for hosting clubs.
Participating Judge to email this form after the judging to the hosting club (not to the Judges Executive).**

Type in the Subjects/Categories of Judging: -

PLEASE INDICATE LEVEL OF CLUB RESPONSE 'X' (1=Poor, 5=Excellent, N/A)	1	2	3	4	5	<i>Please add any additional comments here.</i>
Did Club respond to questions from judge in a timely manner without holding up the judging process						
Did the club provide: 1. Contact number: 2. Street address: (map) and 3. Directions on where to park						
Did the club provide: Starting & Finishing times & time available for "judging process" within meeting time?						
Did the club advise number <u>Grades of and Entries</u> – and if there was to be an image of the month.						
Did the club provide " <u>set subject</u> " title, <u>definition</u> , and inform you clearly or the order of their award system?						
Was the Club's hall <u>open on time</u> and a <u>member available to welcome you</u> . Indicate if you were required to sit in your car in the dark.						
Did the club deliver an informed introduction regarding your BIO.						
Were you offered water/coffee/tea/supper?						
Were you sent the images/prints in a timely manner to allow a thoughtful judging process? Were you required to "impact judge" the prints on the night.						
Did the club discuss travel/meal re-imburement and was this received on the night of the engagement?						
Was the Judge offered time for speaking and/or showing some of Judges own images/projects?						
Were travelling expenses paid and was the amount as negotiated?						

Note: Payment: As all PSQA and USJ's are volunteers who give freely of their time to help Clubs, it is therefore requested that their travelling expenses be paid in cash, if possible, at the time they attend. If the club wished to pay by Bank Transfer, please arrange this prior to the judge attending. For reasons of Privacy and Security, Clubs should **NOT** ask for Judges bank details. Please note, it is recommended that the Judge be paid travelling expenses of 35c/km

The PSQ Management Committee & The Judges Executive THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING THE PROGRAM.



"ALIVE AND CLICKING"

Club Request Form for Accredited Judges and Understudy Judges

Please use this form as an email contact or as a follow up to a phone request.

JUDGE:	CLUB:	DATE MEETING:
LIVE JUDGING: <small>*See expenses below</small>	CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:	WILL PRINTS BE SENT TO JUDGE? Yes/No Date / / ,
REMOTE JUDGEING:	DATE RESULTS REQUIRED:	LOCATION;
CLUB CONTACT PHONE:	CLUB EMAIL:	CLUB WEBSITE:

This form has been created by the PSQ Judges Executive to encourage Clubs to give Judges an accurate description of the Clubs requirements. **Please email this form to the judge (not to the Judges Executive).**

Name and Definition of Subject # 1	Please copy and paste the SUBJECT DEFINITION as given to the members, into here.			
Name and Definition of Subject # 2	Please copy and paste the SUBJECT DEFINITION as given to the members, into here.			
Number of Grades to Judge				
Approximate TOTAL Number of Images				
Awards to be given; <small>e.g. Honour, Merit, Acceptance or other</small>				
Is a Photo of the Month/Best Image to be selected?				
Will Travelling Expenses be required? <small>Please note, it is recommended that the Judge be paid travelling expenses of 25c/km each way. *See <u>note 1</u> below</small>				
Remote Judging Results By:	Spreadsheet / Recorded / Skype / Other	Permission for Judge to Check Editing Suggestions	Granted	Denied

Note 1: Payment: As all PSQA and USJ's are volunteers who give freely of their time to help Clubs, it is asked that, if possible, their travelling expenses be paid in cash at the time they attend your club meeting. Please negotiate the amount prior to the meeting. Should Clubs want to pay by Bank Transfer, please make these arrangements prior to the Judge attending. It is requested that, for Privacy and Security reasons, Clubs do NOT ask for Judges bank details on the night.

Additional Notes;

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Please take the time to fill out the Feedback Form on completion of the Judging.

