PDCC Competions 2026-27

Overview

8 internal competitions during the season (Sep to Apr)

6 “ladder” competitions

3 “open” PDI competitions

3 “open” Print competitions

2 “standalone” competitions
“Summer Challenge”
“Millennium Trophy”

Internal Ladders

6 “ladder” competitions

3 “open” PDI competitions

3 “open” Print competitions

Externally judged. Points awarded for each entry (12-20).
Maximum of 3 entries per person, per competition.
Points are totalled to produce 3 ladders.

Overall ladder victor wins **River Eamont Cup**
PDI Ladder wins **Tirril Cup**
Print Ladder wins **River Eden Cup**

“Open” means any subject, but it can also be an image aimed at the 3 “genre” categories.

PDI = 1600 (along the bottom) by 1200 (along the side) pixels maximum.
Print = any size, but must be mounted and backed – 400mm X 500mm. Accompanied by a PDI.

PDIs are sent to pdccimages@gmail.com File name = title(genre).jpg Eg. whitbygoth(po).jpg

Internal Standalone Competitions

2 “standalone” competitions

Judged by the previous year’s winner.

Marks don’t count towards the ladder.

Specific topics – change each year.

“Summer Challenge” (Sep)

“Abstract” PDI

Image must be taken between the end of the previous season and the closing date for the competition.

“Millennium Trophy” (Jan)

“Triptych/Story Telling” Prints

3 Genres

Entry through the PDI and Print Competitions

Marks also count towards the 3 overall “open” ladders.

Specific topics – change each year.

“Creative” → **River Lowther Cup**

“Mono” → **River Petteril Cup**

“Portrait” → **Ullswater Cup**

3 “End of Year” Images

Voted for by members at the AGM – the last meeting of the season.

DPI - IOTY → **P&DCC DPI Cup**

Print - IOTY → **Hannah Shield**

IOTY - 1 image can be entered for each (chosen by the entrant) and must have previously been entered in a competition for that season.

Image taken on a PDCC Outing → **Blencathra Cup**

Outing Image must have been taken on an outing organised after the previous AGM.

An outing is defined as a trip made available to all PDCC members, and attended by a minimum of 3 members..

2 more trophies

Highest Newcomer in the Ladder → Merit Trophy

"A person who has not been a member of this or any other PAGB-registered Camera Club before, and who joined this club in the last 2 seasons."

Chairman's Award → Chairman's Trophy

Chosen by the Chair for an outstanding contribution to the club during the year.

External Competitions

3 Way Battle – Feb 2027

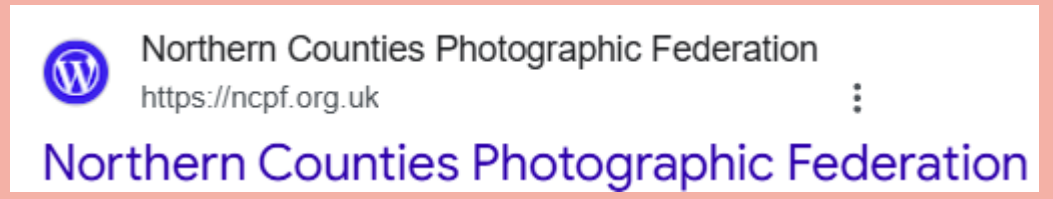
PDI Club Competition between PDCC, Keswick and Carlisle.
Externally judged. Points awarded for each entry.
12 images per club. We try to have 12 different competitors.
Entries chosen from previous year's internal competitions.
Points are totalled to produce a winning club.

NCPF Annuals

For open and mono - prints and digital.
Members enter the images they wish.
In addition, we select a few as our 'club entry'.
Usually takes place towards the end of the season.

Western Area Battle – Dec 2026

PDI and Print Club Competition between all clubs in the Western Area of the NCPF.
Externally judged. Points awarded for each entry.
8 PDIs and 8 Prints per club.
Categories = Landscape / Portrait / Creative / Nature / Mono
Saturday afternoon.



Summary

You don’t have to enter competitions.

Competitions are for fun. Only entrants with top marks are identified.

They’re a really good way of learning and improving.

More detailed rules are on the members’ website.

This presentation will be on the website, if you want to refer back to it.