

The rules for the 2021 BDRS Photographic Competition (*subject to review*)

1. All pictures submitted must have a railway theme and have been taken since the start of the previous year and not previously entered.
2. The number of categories for the Competition is 4 but common sense rules apply. You must choose the appropriate category for each of your images. For example, if motive power is the primary subject then put the picture in the relevant motive power category. Motive power categories should take precedence over miscellaneous. Miscellaneous includes everything that is not motive power.
3. Additionally you are invited to submit pictures for display immediately after the interval (while the Competition scores are being marked) under the heading 'Humour and Curiosities'. There are no restrictions on the number of pictures you can submit for this section.
4. No picture can be put in more than one category.
5. The judges' decision is final.
6. The categories are:
 - a. Category A - Steam locomotive pictures from anywhere in the world.
 - b. Category B - Non-steam traction pictures from anywhere in the world (excluding Category C).
 - c. Category C - Metros and Light Rail systems from anywhere in the world where the trains are specifically designed for the purpose. (i.e. Tyne & Wear is included despite partly running on Network Rail tracks, West Yorkshire Metro is excluded because it uses conventional trains on NR tracks)
 - d. Category D - Infrastructure & Miscellaneous railway subjects from anywhere in the world where motive power is not the dominant feature.
7. Up to 3 pictures can be submitted for each category A to D.
8. All pictures will be digitally projected to a common standard appropriate to the projector and computer screen.
9. For those competent at changing image resolutions, please submit jpeg images with resolution not exceeding 300dpi (file size approximately 1Mb).
10. For those less competent, please submit jpeg files and the judges will adjust image sizes.
11. The judges would prefer you to scan your own slides and prints and submit your entries in electronic form. If you do enter slides or prints then the judges will scan these using a standard programme in a consistent manner and cannot be responsible for the standard of the scanning process and the results obtained.
12. All entries must be submitted by Sunday 27th October. Check newsletter for updates to this deadline.
13. It is preferable that all entries are submitted by email (it is quite acceptable to send your entries by multiple emails to reduce the overall attachment size) as jpeg attachments to photocomp@bdrs70d.com or on CD or memory stick to David Brace, 48 Hatch Lane, Old Basing, Basingstoke RG24 7EB ensuring that all submissions (including any slides or prints) are in an envelope clearly labelled with the owner's name and address.
14. Scoring will remain as previous years with weighting to reflect the number of submissions in each category.