

Salon Scoring System to be followed by all FIP Salons

Primary and Award rounds

PRIMARY ROUND

1. Score of 1 is reserved only for images which transgress the barrier of the Section in which the image has been entered for or if there is a Water Mark on the image disclosing the ID of the Author even in a remote manner.
2. Score of 2 is marked when a Jury thinks the Image is not worth exhibiting in that Salon.
3. Score of 3 is marked when a jury thinks the image is good for exhibition as long as other jury members concur.
4. Score of 4 is marked when a jury thinks the image is definitely worth exhibiting and may even be considered for Award as well.
5. Score of 5 is marked when a jury recommends the image for Award in no uncertain way.

Jury members are well within their rights to consult among themselves during the primary round. For any suspicious image jury panel is free to ask the author for RAW/JPEG sequence files with a short note explaining the enquiry. If the time is short the Chairman can call the author. Sometimes the author may be traveling therefore the author may take 5 to 10 days for compliance.

AWARD ROUND

In India and FIP we generally follow the system of 16 (5) to 25 marks

1. During the Award round the number of selected images are generally three times the number of Awards. Maximum an Image can score is 75 and generally speaking there is no discussion if only one image has scored the highest mark.
2. In case of a tie-break, the jury members can discuss among themselves and with consensus they have the right to down score / upgrade the marks awarded to an Image to finalize the winner.
3. During the Award round the Images need to be scrutinised carefully for any violations of Salon and Section rules and infringements. Some violations are obvious and immediate actions are taken. For some, it is imperative to ask for the RAW or original serial JPEG files.
4. Till the Award round is over the author's name is not disclosed to anyone.

Role of the Organizer and Web Masters (Web Masters are part of the Organizing team)

1. It is the Organizers Solemn duty to safeguard the interests of the Entrants. Make no mistake, it is an Entrants' show.
2. Non jury members present during any Jury session should never prompt in any way.
3. The judging ambience should be as per the standards mentioned in the rule books. The rooms should be well lighted and standard facilities for men and women jury members should be made available.
4. Separate place for smokers is mandatory and so is regular supply of Soft Drinks/Tea etc.

5. Guests and club members are welcome to watch the scores being marked by the jury members without interfering in any way.
6. The Salon / Circuit Chairperson is the supreme authority and in any case of dispute he or she has the veto power but scores of 2-5 and awards cannot be challenged by the chair.
7. Before commencement of Jury Session, the Chairman shall provide each Jury Member a printed copy of the above scoring Guidelines and inform / remind them to award the Score 1 strictly as per the Guidelines.
8. In any FIP recognised Salon if an author has received a score of 1 on any of his/her Image, the Author may seek a clarification on the same from the Organizers and the latter shall have to provide the clarification in writing to the Author with copy to the FIP.
9. All Salon Organizers can have only 1 (one) 'Chairperson choice award' per Section. This Award MUST be selected from the Images selected in the AWARD ROUND only. This must be clearly mentioned in the Salon Rules.
10. DISCOUNTS are the integral part of Indian Society. All discounts must be clearly mentioned in Salon rules and regulations. FIP Salons provide 30 % discount to all Senior citizens, Female entrants and Disabled and youths as well by default. Group discount is also limited to 30% of the fee. Individual organizers are free to provide more or less discounts BUT it must be clearly mentioned in the Salon rules. Violations will attract sanctions lasting up to 3 years or even more. FIP "Salon Saathi" has a strong network and can smell murky deals easily. Remember, it was FIP which smelt the foul play in MPC Salon 3 years ago and alerted FIAP and PSA.
11. FIP will NEVER ask for your bank statement as we believe it is an infringement of your privacy and rights.
12. Over all Acceptance MUST NOT be more than 25 % of total entries received in each section.
13. Any violations of Salon or Section Rules should be promptly referred to FIP with complete evidence.
14. FIP has an active Ethics and Disciplinary Committee in place. I reassure all concerned that this committee is NOT a TLT (Tooth Less Tiger) and we SHALL not hesitate from taking action against any one, if found guilty beyond reasonable doubt.
15. Members of the Organising Committee and Web Masters should NOT be the Jury member.
16. Organising club can have its members as Jury but members of the club cannot participate if more than one Jury members are from the same club.
17. Jury members cannot participate in the same Salon or a Circuit (Any leg of a Circuit).

18. All jury members must have proper qualification and appropriate experience with distinctions and honours from FIP/ FIAP/RPS and PSA
19. FIP (Form 3) is being redesigned to have Section wise names of the Jury members. Nature is the most technical section and hence Nature section MUST have at least two experienced Nature Jury members. Sooner than later, this requirement will change to three as FIP is planning for Accredited Nature Salon Jury members.
20. Any jury member is only allowed to participate as a jury in 12 National and 6 International Salons held in India under FIP / FIAP patronage.
21. All FIP patronage applications for National Salons must reach the FIP office 3 months before the closing date. For International Salons must apply 6 months (180 days) in advance before the proposed closing date and following Calendar schedule should be followed:
 - 1) Launching of Website 60 days before the Closing date.
 - 2) Jury meet within 15 days of the Closing date.
 - 3) Declaration of Results 15 days from Jury meeting.
 - 4) Individual score cards should be sent to the individual entrant's mailbox within 3-5 days of result.
 - 5) Following the Results the entrants can only request for minor changes in titles and names. Complete change of title or author's name is strictly forbidden, whatever may be the compulsion.
 - 6) SDAS 30 Days from Result.
 - 7) Exhibition and Awards within 70 days of Result.
 - 8) Salon Closure report to FIP within 75 days of the Result. This is not SDAS.
 - 9) Web site, e mail ID and cell numbers of the contacts should be valid for at least one year.
 - 10) Every Salon organizer must publish a catalogue, Printed or PDF, which should be either sent to all entrants or it should be available on Salon's website for atleast 1 year.
 - 11) Web site should have 'STATUS' tab on the front page.
 - 12) Calculation for the best Entrant Award for FIP Salons

	Points
Acceptance	1
CM	1
FIP and other patronizing bodies HM	2
Club Bronze Medals	3
Thematic cash Award	4
Bronze Medal by International Patronizing Body	4
Club Silver	4
Silver by International Patronizing Body	5
Club Gold	5
FIP Gold + Other International Patronizing Body Gold	6