

# Annual AV Competition Rules

1. The competition is open to all paid-up members of the YPI Camera Club.
2. The competition will be judged by a photographer, preferably with some experience of AV, who is not a member of the club. The judge will be announced no later than four weeks in advance of the competition. The decision of the judge will be final and binding.
3. In the event that the appointed judge is unavailable, the competition will be judged by a member of the club who has entered no AVs.
4. Each entrant can submit up to two AVs on any subject.
5. The maximum duration of each AV will be 12 minutes. If the total time to show all entries would be longer than 90 minutes, entrants who have submitted two AVs will be asked to select only one of their entries.
6. AVs must not have been previously entered in this competition. However if the AV has been significantly altered since the last entry, this will not apply. A list of past entries can be downloaded from the Documents page in the Members area of the website.
7. AVs must be the work of the entrant insofar as any decisions as to the appearance and content. However it is not necessary for the entrant to have created all of the audio or visual content. For example images taken by others or commentaries voiced by others are permitted.
8. The entrant is responsible for ensuring that any content not created by them does not infringe copyright.
9. There is no restriction on the resolution or aspect ratio of AVs. However they will be shown using the club's projector which has a resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels and an aspect ratio of 4:3. If the aspect ratio of the AV is other than 4:3, entrants should confirm that the projector area outside the image area will be the desired colour, normally black.
10. AVs should not require other software to run and should be self-starting, returning to the desktop at the end without requiring intervention. The mouse cursor and navigation bar should be hidden during the AV.
11. AVs should preferably be uploaded to the website a week before the competition. Otherwise they must be submitted immediately prior to the competition. They will be copied to the hard drive for projection then deleted after the competition.
12. Three trophies will be awarded as follows:  
First place: YPICC Audio Visual Trophy  
Second place: Wilson Cup  
Third place: Sylvia Walker Memorial Tray
13. The judge will decide, in their opinion, which are the best five AVs, and rank them in order. First place will be awarded to the entrant with the highest-ranked AV, second place to the next and so on. However, once an entrant has been awarded a place, any lower-ranked AVs by that entrant will be ignored when deciding further places. This ensures that no entrant is awarded more than one trophy.
14. The judge will be invited to comment on all AVs and commend any AVs that have particular merit.
15. Award winners are entitled to keep their trophy for a year, but must return it at the meeting before the next Annual AV Competition.