

Astrophotography competition

Win top prizes in nPAE's 1st Astrophotography Competition! Enter in one of two categories.

Category 1:

Astro photos taken using nPAE equipment.

1st Prize: Tickets to Greenwich Observatory for 4 people, plus £300 cash expenses.

2nd Prize: £50 nPAE discount voucher.

Category 2:

Astro photos taken without nPAE equipment.

1st Prize: Theia90 Diagonal.

2nd Prize: £50 nPAE discount voucher.

The competition is free to enter and open to all budding astro photographers and group entries are also welcome. The closing date for submissions is 31st March 2018 so get set up, snapping, stacking and processing! Photos can be of any astro object. Participants can enter a maximum of 2 photos.

Submit your entries by email to competition@npae.net including the following information:

- Your name
- Category of entry
- Title of your Astro photo
- Equipment used
- Imaging Target
- Digital processing methods employed (if any).

The winner will be announced on the 1st May 2018.

Full rules are below.

nPAE Astrophotography Competition Rules

1. Overview

- The nPAE Astrophotography Competition is owned and organised by nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited.
- The nPAE Astrophotography Competition is open to everyone.

2. Prizes

- The prizes offered are final and cannot be exchanged for a cash sum with a single exception.
 - If an international entry wins the tickets to Greenwich and are unable to travel due to travel an alternative will be discussed with the participant.

3. Ways to enter

- All entries must be submitted by email to competition@npae.net in .png or .jpg file formats. Photos must support a minimum of 600dpi at 20x20cm (1575x1575 pixels minimum).
- All entries must be received by 23:00 on 31st March 2018.
- There are two prize categories to enter. Category 1 - Photos taken with nPAE telescope equipment. Category 2 - photos taken without nPAE equipment.
- All entries must state: Your name; the category of entry; title of Astro photo; equipment used; digital processing methods employed (if any); imaging targets name/designation.
- Photos can be of any Astro object.
- Participants can enter a maximum of 2 photos.
- By submitting an entry, each participant agrees to the competition Rules. Participants warrant they are the copyright owner of the image. The entrant agrees to indemnify nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited against all costs and claims by third parties arising from breach of this warranty.
- By submitting an image to this competition you agree that the image is an original piece of work taken for the purpose of this competition and does not infringe anyone else's copyright.
- The competition is open to anyone where your countries laws allow entry.

4. Copyright and use of images

- Participants will retain the copyright on their submitted images. In all instances, the copyright holder will be credited, wherever practicable, when the image is used and published by nPAE Precision Astro Engineering. We will use your first and last name as supplied from the entry.
- By entering, all participants grant nPAE Precision Astro Engineering a non-exclusive, irrevocable worldwide, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, and publish any image entered into the competition.
- Please do not submit your image to the competition if you do not wish to grant these rights to nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited.

- Winners will be announced on our website and through social media.

5. Legal

- The rules of this competition are governed by United Kingdom Law.
- The judge's decision is final.
- Images that don't meet the criteria of the competition and do not hold up to the spirit of fair play will be disqualified.

6. Invalid entries

- All entries to the competition must be submitted via email.
- No responsibility can be accepted for entries that are lost, delayed, corrupted, damaged, misdirected or incomplete or which cannot be submitted for any technical, delivery or other reason. Proof of submission will not be accepted as proof of receipt.
- If entering the first category where you use nPAE telescope equipment, if you return your nPAE equipment during the competition period for anything other than being faulty, your entry will be invalid.

7. Liabilities

- nPAE Precision Astro Engineering shall not be obliged to display photos and shall not be liable for any entrant's loss of publicity or enhancement of reputation.
- nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited will not be liable for any loss (including, without limitation, indirect, special or consequential loss or loss of profits), expense or damage which is suffered or sustained (whether or not arising from any person's negligence) in connection with this competition or accepting or using the prize, except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law (including personal injury, death and fraud) in which case that liability is limited to the minimum allowable by law.
- nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited reserves the right to cancel or amend the nPAE Astrophotography competition at any time owing to circumstances outside its reasonable control and where circumstances make this unavoidable, but will always use all reasonable endeavours to minimise the effect on participants to avoid undue disappointment.
- If any of these clauses should be determined to be illegal, invalid or otherwise unenforceable then it shall be severed and deleted from these terms and conditions and the remaining clauses shall survive and remain in full force and effect.

8. Personal Data, Freedom of Information Act and GDPR

- Any personal information of entrants will only be used and, where necessary, disclosed to third parties, for the purposes of running the competition and otherwise in accordance with the nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited privacy policy. You can request access to your personal data, or have any inaccuracies rectified, by sending an email to info@npae.net. By participating in the Promotion, you agree to the use of your personal data as described here.

- Please note that nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and governed by the General Data Protection Regulation.

9. Acceptance

- By entering your photo to the nPAE Astrophotography competition you are deemed to have accepted the above rules and to have granted the rights to nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited set out above. Please do not submit a photo to the competition unless you are prepared to agree to these terms.
- If you are under 18 years old, and entering the nPAE Astrophotography competition, by entering the competition your parent or guardian is deemed to have accepted the above rules and granted nPAE Precision Astro Engineering Limited the above rights in relation to the use of your image(s). We reserve the right to contact your parent or guardian for further confirmation as necessary.
- These Terms and Conditions prevail in the event of any conflict or inconsistency with any other communications, including advertising or promotional materials.