

# SCOPEX 2019 ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

## DIGITAL EXHIBITION RULES AND GUIDELINES

### General rules:

- The photographs must be your own work and related to Astronomy (e.g. Telescope or Lens photos of Celestial Objects or Atmospheric Phenomena).
- Entries will be displayed as a looped slideshow on a HD Screen at ScopeX.
- As this is a National Astrophotography Competition, all categories are open for submissions from anywhere in South Africa (please note that prize winners are responsible for the collection or courier costs of their prizes).
- The images will be on display all day at ScopeX, and depending on the submissions and sponsors, additional categories may be added.
- ScopeX Organisers and ASSA Section Directors may not enter the Competition.

### Don't put your name or a watermark on the images:

- For purposes of judging, photos will receive a number on each image.
- The name and contact details of all entries will be held separately by the Astrophotography Competition Organisers, until the winners are announced.

### Technical image submission rules:

- Each contestant is allowed to submit up to 3 images or digital media like Astronomical time-lapse movies.
- To give everyone a fair chance, each entrant can win only one prize.
- Email one jpg image entry at a time of no less than 2000 pixels (horizontal resolution) to: [astrophotography@assa.sao.ac.za](mailto:astrophotography@assa.sao.ac.za) (this will allow us to display it on a HD Screen at optimal quality).
- Ensure that the jpg image is less than 5MB in size, as many Internet Service Providers have email attachment size limits for files larger than 5MB.
- Contact us for more information when submitting large time-lapse movies.
- We have 3 categories that you can submit to. The **Beginner category** (2 years experience and less), and **Advanced category** (3 years experience and over), and the **Cellphone category** (a great new addition for everyone).
- Name the entry email Subject: "ScopeX Astrophotography Competition".

### Provide the following information with each entry:

- Image title.
- Exposure data: aperture, shutter speed, ISO or Camera Gain, etc.
- Equipment and Software: camera, lens/telescope, cellphone, filters, mount or tripod, piggy-back, barn-door, software, processing details, etc.
- Your contact details (name, cell number, email address).
- Indicate what category you are submitting to, Beginner, Experienced or Cellphone.
- Indicate if you will be able to attend ScopeX.

### Submission deadline:

All entries must be in by the end of August 2019.

The judges' decision will be final.

Good luck!