

## **Rules for the Annular Solar Eclipse Photo Contest of 2020**

organized by *Astronomical Society of the Republic of China* (hereafter *ASROC*)

### Qualification:

1. The work should be related to the theme of the contest: The Annular Solar Eclipse of 2020.
2. There are no restrictions on nationality, age, place of residence, shooting location, shooting techniques or equipment.
3. Participants are not limited to the members of the ASROC (Note 1).

Non-members who have signed up for the photo contest should pay the entry fee of NTD100 on the morning of September 4 at the annual meeting onsite (Note 2).

ASROC Members do not need to pay the photo contest entry fee.

### Entry and Rules:

1. Each participant can submit up to two entries. Sequence shootings are eligible for the contest, but will be deemed as one entry.
2. Participants should print each entry on photo paper in A4, 8x10", 8x12", 10x12" or a similar size. If the size difference is too large or the output quality too poor, the entries may become not eligible for the contest. Sequence shootings should be printed on the same paper, of A4 or a similar size.
3. Participants should visit the ASROC website and complete the online form for each entry respectively. When the form is complete, you will receive a designated serial number via email. You may either write it down, or put a sticker with that number, onto the back of the photo. The text information provided through the online form is not scored by the judging panel but will be a reference for the judges' appreciation and understanding of the content of the works.
4. Putting supplementary text on the front of the work is fine. But the author's name and signature, or any pictures or texts that are identifiable of the author, is not allowed to appear - either at the front, or the back of the work.

Marking the viewing direction at the back of the photo is acceptable, if necessary.

5. The submission deadline is at 5pm 24th August 2020. All entries can be delivered by mail or in person, but must be received before this time (NOT by the time of postal mark).

Submit to the attention:

The Annular Solar Eclipse Photo Contest, Astronomical Society of the Republic of China

At the address:

11 / F, Astronomy mathematics Hall, 1 Roosevelt Road, Section 4, Taipei, Taiwan

Participants are responsible for wrapping the photo in good condition to prevent it from damaging during delivery.

6. Image post-processing and composition are permitted, subject to detailed disclosure in the online form. Any image post-processing that goes beyond normal scientific photography but fails to be fully disclosed will be regarded as a fraud. Participants will be disqualified; award and prize will be retrieved.
7. Participants shall be the sole copyright owner of the work and all the materials used in the composition. Participants retain copyright to their photographs.
8. The contest does not accept animated images as entries.
9. The awardees are required to be present at the award ceremony venue on the morning of Sep. 4th, otherwise will be disqualified.

#### Judging process

1. The judging panel makes the sole decision regarding whether the work complies with the above rules.
2. The judging is conducted anonymously. Before the judging process ends, the judging panel will not see the names (appearing on the forms) of the participants.
3. Judges will score the photos by criteria of: the closeness to the contest theme/ annular solar eclipse; the science; and the artistic merit
4. The judge panel will announce the final selection and provide comprehensive comments at the ASROC annual meeting.

#### The display of the winning works and subsequent issues

1. The top three winners and the shortlisted works will be exhibited and awarded at the ASROC Annual Meeting of 2020.

2. The winners and shortlisted authors agree to provide digital files for ASROC to display the works in a webpage dedicated for this photo contest. (submit the digital files afterwards)
3. Other than the aforementioned online display, the ASROC will not display the entry works under any other names or on any other occasions without the consent of the author.
4. Participants may retrieve their printed works after the closure of the 2020 ASROC annual meeting. Related requests can be made on site.

#### Dispute and appeal handling

1. The ASROC reserves the rights to amend the contest rules before the entry deadline subject to that such amendment will not harm the rights and interests of the participants.
2. If the qualification of the winning or shortlisted works becomes an issue after the contest is final, the dispute should be passed to the judge panel for handling.
3. If the fairness of the contest becomes a complaint after the contest is final, it shall be handed over to the council of the ASROC to handle. If members of the judge panel are also members of the council, they may give explanations as required by the council, but shall not participate in the discussion.

#### Note 1:

To obtain the membership, one may do so by attending the annual meeting of the ASROC held during September 3 and 4, 2020. One needs to complete the online registration before August 17, and then pay the registration fee on September 4 on-site. Registration fee for the full agenda is NTD1000 (NTD800 for students).

#### Note 2:

Participants who only register for the EPO/ photo contest session will pay an entry fee of NTD100. All participants have the right to enjoy meals, snack bars and drinks prepared by the ASROC.

#### Note 3:

ASROC is under no obligation to assist people who have travelling issues entering Taiwan.