

Results- Jul 2025 - Tech Challenge - Freeze the Action								
Cat	Seq	Star	Title	Firstname	Lastname	SCORE	AWARD	Comments
TC	1	1S	Bright eyes	Lesley	Marchant	11	GOLD	An engaging photo with perfect focus where it needs to be with freezing of the action A few things that could have improved your score: a bigger water splash; a paw not quite so close to the edge of the frame and a cleaner background. A lovely image.
TC	2	1S	Clink	Toni	Harley	12	GOLD	The drops are well captured and the angles presented all add up to a marvellous image. I suggest erasing some of the tiny droplets. Well done
TC	3	1S	Determination	Jay	Nabbe	10	GOLD	This is a good action shot with your subjects face perfectly in focus. The part of the ball visible is too big in the frame, is out of focus but well frozen. Using such a large aperture at maximum zoom will always give you a very shallow depth of field. It also gave a superb background but a smaller aperture would have been to your advantage, as would zooming out a little.
TC	4	1S	Focussed on the win	Jay	Nabbe	9	SILVER	The effort being put in by the athlete is palpable but there is no action to freeze here, hence the low score. It is however a well-constructed photograph
TC	5	1S	Happy Old Man	Laura	Smit	10	GOLD	An endearing image showing fun can be had at any age. I suggest a crop on the left and try to reduce the noise a touch more. I suspect this is an image of your dog that you will treasure in the future.
TC	6	1S	Hot stuff	Lesley	Marchant	9	SILVER	Knowing how many images you took of this fire I feel mean giving you this score but I have to judge what is in front of me. The shutter speed used is too slow to properly freeze the motion of the flames and smoke and hence the low score.
TC	7	1S	Put your weight in it	Jay	Nabbe	8	SILVER	My comment on your previous image applies here too. A correction of the colour balance and a crop on the LHS would help a little.
TC	8	1S	Rock Splash	Toni	Harley	10	GOLD	Well done on catching the water droplets. A faster shutter speed, zooming out slightly and moving the camera to the left would have given you more of the splashes and a better score but it is still a good image with marvellous light.
TC	9	1S	Surf Rider	Toni	Harley	15	COM	I love this, it ticks all the boxes. Very well done.

TC	10	1S	The Approach	Jason	Johnstone	13	COM	Everything about this image is great, I just don't know how fast the bird was moving and therefore how much was frozen.
TC	11	1S	Untethered	Jason	Johnstone	14	COM	As per my comment above but as the bird was hovering you did well to freeze the wing action
TC	12	2S	6	Nyasha	Godoka	13	COM	Your framing and composition is superb. Very well done. It's just a pity we can't see the batsman's face.
TC	13	2S	A star in the making	Marc	Gordon	11	GOLD	A cute photo. Some advice: if possible get the rider to use lenses that afford a view of the eyes and also take the photo when the rider is close to 90 degrees to you. One can see by the shadow of the wheel that the action is frozen. Well done
TC	14	2S	Almost	Nyasha	Godoka	12	GOLD	The action is in just a limited area of the image but the balance of the photo highlights the reaction of the other fielders. Great anticipation in getting this.
TC	15	2S	BMW	Marc	Gordon	Not Judged		If the wheels were frozen I would have judged this. It is a good panning capture and I suggest re-entering it under sport.
TC	16	2S	Croc 2000	Minky	Goodbrand	9	SILVER	Even though you used a fast shutter it was not quite fast enough to freeze the splashes. Try it again with a faster speed and show some of the incoming water at the top.
TC	17	2S	Drip	Marc	Gordon	9	SILVER	The drop is well captured but it is too small an object in the image. A bigger crop or making use of a macro lens may help.
TC	18	2S	Lip Smack	Minky	Goodbrand	10	GOLD	Cats move the tongues fast when licking so you did well to capture this. Consider lifting the shadows using a mask over the cat's right eye.
TC	19	2S	Luna Licks	Minky	Goodbrand	9	SILVER	The image is a bit soft and too focussed on the face. Zooming out a bit may have helped.
TC	20	2S	My ball	Sandra	Comrie	10	GOLD	A good action shot and the player with the ball is well focussed. Your shutter speed was just a bit too slow to fully freeze the action.
TC	21	2S	Skater Boi	Nyasha	Godoka	10	GOLD	You froze your subject well even using a slow shutter speed. The background is too distracting and could be toned down quite a bit.
TC	22	2S	Team sport	Sandra	Comrie	9	SILVER	My comment on your previous image applies here too. You used an aperture of F10 which got the players in focus but if you had pushed up your ISO to 800 you could have used a faster shutter and frozen the action. A good effort.
TC	23	3S	Like a forming stalactite	Joan	Lindegger	Not Judged		There doesn't appear to be any motion to freeze
TC	24	3S	Scattered drops	Joan	Lindegger	10	GOLD	Try lifting the shadows a bit but a good capture.
TC	25	3S	Two drops frozen in space	Joan	Lindegger	10	GOLD	The black, although creating a strong contrast, is too dark for the image.

TC	26	4S	Chin Chin	Meleney	Naik	13	COM	The water is well frozen. I love the colours. I suggest cleaning up the two drops lower right.
TC	27	4S	Comrades cool down	Jan	Lens	10	GOLD	The brief is well met. It's just a pity the background is so busy
TC	28	4S	Comrades splash	Jan	Lens	10	GOLD	A better background here. Local adjustments to lighten the right side of the runners face would help your image but otherwise well done.
TC	29	4S	Dancing Drinks	Meleney	Naik	12	GOLD	You have done well here. I suggest next time photographing from a slightly higher elevation.
TC	30	4S	drenched sunflower	Liesl	Couperthwaite	9	SILVER	The "flower" appears in focus but the water droplets not. You froze them well with the high shutter speed but the focus is a bit behind the water. The background is too busy which detracts from your image. I like the idea though.
TC	31	4S	Flipping Flipper	Meleney	Naik	11	GOLD	The brief is well met. It would benefit your image to tone down the background and lighten your subjects back to separate it more from the background.
TC	32	4S	Incoming	wynand	lens	13	COM	A lovely detailed capture that does well in mono. Great shot.
TC	33	4S	O my God	Jan	Lens	Not Judged		A great caption. This image does freeze a moment in time, as most photos do, but I think it would be better placed in a different category.
TC	34	4S	One Two Dive	Cornelia	Appel	12	GOLD	Lovely colours with water everywhere forming an almost abstract image. Love it!
TC	35	4S	splashy rose quartz	Liesl	Couperthwaite	9	SILVER	You have caught some of the water but the image is dominated by the rock and the white rock distracts, taking ones focus away from the intended target.
TC	36	4S	Strike	wynand	lens	12	GOLD	You made the best of your available options and got the player in perfect focus. The hockey stick and ball would have been better served by a faster shutter but that would have been difficult with the available light and options open to you. Well done
TC	37	4S	Tiptoe on water	wynand	lens	DQ	DQ	Date - 26/10/2024
TC	38	4S	where there is water there are splashes	Liesl	Couperthwaite	7	SILVER	All appears out of focus. A higher ISO and a faster shutter may also have helped you.
TC	39	5S0	Water play	Heidi	Taylor	9	SILVER	This must have been amazing to watch. You got down nice and low to really emphasize the splashing water. A higher ISO would have permitted a faster shutter and getting proper exposure of the elephant, which as presented, is too dark.
TC	40	5S1	a blue spillover	JOAN	JUNG	13	COM	A lovely capture, well done. The lighting on the fluid is superb.

TC	41	5S1	Breaking through	Tracey	Rhodes	12	GOLD	A good idea well executed. Cropping on the left would be of benefit and would also eliminate the small artifact present there. Your border is well suited to the image.
TC	42	5S1	maroon and green drop	JOAN	JUNG	10	GOLD	The image is very noisy and some of the fluid too dark. This can be remedied with local tone adjustments. I suspect a moderate crop of the original was done?
TC	43	5S1	red and blue collision	JOAN	JUNG	12	GOLD	Well done! Your aperture choice affords a good depth of field.
TC	44	5S1	Splash	Tracey	Rhodes	10	GOLD	Using a higher ISO, a backlight and faster shutter speed to freeze the fruit could have given you an even better image by highlighting the water splashes. I would suggest a border also be used. A pleasing image.
TC	45	5S1	Things Go Better with Coke	Tracey	Rhodes	12	GOLD	You achieved perfect focus and good motion freeze. A bigger splash would have been better but even so, well done.
TC	46	5S2	Goal - 6687	Terry	Burne	10	GOLD	A lovely image with the puck in view. The striker is well frozen (and the spectators too, it appears) but there is not a sense of there being much action to freeze, it almost appears as a posed image which I'm sure it was not. I would suggest a larger aperture next time to eliminate some of the distracting background.
TC	47	5S2	Missed AGAIN	Maxi	Holder	11	GOLD	I wonder how many biscuits you went through? Your chosen aperture helped with a good depth of field.
TC	48	5S2	Saved - 6716	Terry	Burne	12	GOLD	A good depiction of the action and well composed.
TC	49	5S2	Trickling Stream	Maxi	Holder	8	SILVER	It is difficult to see whether any action was frozen as the image appears one-dimensional.
TC	50	5S3	Butterfly Dancer in Motion	Vicki	Street	11	GOLD	Your subject is beautifully lit and well captured. I just don't get a sense of motion in the subject but it is a lovely image.
TC	51	5S3	Creative Holi Dance Hair Flick	Vicki	Street	13	COM	An amazing image, with superb lighting, sense of motion and good choice of colours. Well done.
TC	52	5S4	Droplet collision	Rob	Hart	11	GOLD	Well captured. A cropping at the sides would eliminate some of the non-contributory parts of the image.
TC	53	5S4	Glass collision	Rob	Hart	11	GOLD	Using more fluid in the glasses would have afforded better splashes and a more interesting photograph. You have mastered the technique and further experimentation will get you there. I would suggest cleaning up some of the minor droplets of which there are many.
TC	54	5S4	Splashing glasses triptych	Rob	Hart	11	GOLD	An interesting take on this. Your first image on the left is really good and makes the others feel messy, detracting from the overall feel of the total image.

TC	55	6S1	Down the Hatch	Leon	Heyes	12	GOLD	This is so well captured and would have been ever better had you used a faster shutter, to properly freeze the frog.
TC	56	6S1	Intense Battle	Leon	Heyes	11	GOLD	This is a good action shot with perfect focus where it needs to be. Well done
TC	57	6S1	Morning Grooming	Leon	Heyes	14	COM	A superb image meeting the brief perfectly. The whites are well handled but could be lifted a touch under the wing.
TC		1S	Surf Rider	Toni	Harley	15	BJUNIOR	
TC		6S1	Morning Grooming	Leon	Heyes	14	BSENIOR	