



SPATA AWARDS 2018 ENTRY FORM

**British Pool and Hot Tub Awards Evening
to be held on Tuesday 30th January 2018
In the Premier Lounge at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry**

Deadline for all entries is Friday 10th November 2017

Award entries are now made online via the SPATA website; entries received after 5pm on the date above cannot be entered into the competition.

Please make sure that you read the entry form and instructions carefully and please check the categories available this year.

SPATA reserves the right to amend the category values, depending on the number and quality of entries received in each category.

Entry Categories - 2018

Please note that all price categories this year will need to be **VAT inclusive**.

Clarification on whether a pool should be categorised as either Indoor or Outdoor will be determined by the Judges and will be according to the relative size of each of the pools.

The term "residential" has been amended to refer to domestic pools and cannot include any type of commercial pool (such as B & B's, small hotels, etc.).

SPATA will permit pools built by members for their own use to be included in the awards this year.

1. **Residential Outdoor Pools under £40,000**
2. **Residential Outdoor Pools £40,000 to under £75,000**
3. **Residential Outdoor Pools £75,000 to under £125,000**
4. **Residential Outdoor Pools over £125,000**
5. **Residential Outdoor Pools with an Enclosure***

NOTE:

These price bands unless stated, are applicable for residential/domestic inground pools constructed using concrete, liner, stainless steel and all other suitable materials. This category also includes one piece pools.

***Note for Category 5:** This category aims to acknowledge any domestic pool that has an enclosure or shelter over it. The main aim of this category is therefore to acknowledge the importance of the enclosure, rather than the pool that the enclosure is installed over. The Enclosure Installer must be a SPATA member also.

6. **Residential Indoor Pools under £100,000**
7. **Residential Indoor Pools £100,000 to under £150,000**
8. **Residential Indoor Pools £150,000 to under £200,000**
9. **Residential Indoor Pools over £200,000**

NOTE: The cost of the pool building is excluded from the figures above.

10. **Special Requirement Pool of the Year**

This award covers a range of options such as Therapy, Equestrian, Baptismal, etc.

11. **Commercial Pool of the Year**

This category includes pools in Leisure Centres, Schools, Colleges, Hotels, Public Pools, B & B's, Apartment blocks, etc.

12. **Overseas Commercial Pool of the Year**

Built by any SPATA member, where the pool is located outside the UK, Irish Republic, Isle of Man or Channel Islands.

13. **Overseas Residential Pool of the Year**

Built by any SPATA member, where the pool is located outside the UK, Irish Republic, Isle of Man or Channel Islands.

14. Refurbishment Pool of the Year

Projects involving the refurbishment of an existing pool or spa. Your entry should specify details of the existing structure to clarify whether all or part of it is retained in the refurbishment. The judges may decide that the pool is a new build if very little evidence of the original pool / spa still remains and it may, therefore, be moved into a different category. Entries MUST include before and after photographs and ideally plans.

15. Inground Residential Spas and Wellness

16. Inground Commercial Spas and Wellness

Note:

These spa categories are applicable for equipment constructed using concrete, resin, stainless steel and all other suitable materials and not the installation of self-contained portable hot tubs. It is assumed that the spa pool temperature would be significantly higher (typically 36°C – 40°C) than that of a swimming pool.

17. Sustainability Award

The Sustainability Award will not only contain entries that demonstrate heat saving systems but any other notable savings on resources, such as water.

With well-publicised global concerns over climate change due to carbon emissions, and increasing demand on water resources and Government targets for zero carbon homes by 2016, the industry will face growing legislation to control the way in which swimming pools, and buildings that contain swimming pools, can be built.

The entry should be accompanied by a full specification and in the case of existing pools, any photographs of it.

18. Peter Geekie Award for Retail Excellence

This award acknowledges the vital role that a showroom can provide customers in promoting our industry. Please note this award category can accept entries from previous award winners, but any images submitted should be from the last two years (although those in the last 12-months are preferred). Past winners will need to demonstrate what they have achieved since their last win.

19. Paul Kite Award for Pool Star of the Year

This award recognises enthusiasm, willingness to learn, talent and promise in pool staff with less than ten years' experience in the industry. Entry is, therefore, open to anyone working in a SPATA company (other than a director). Entries should be submitted by a director of the company, either by email or on an A4 piece of paper explaining the following:

- What role your nominee performs in your company.
- What training/education he/she has attended/attained successfully in the past three years.
- Participation in industry activity (e.g. SPATA, BISHTA, ISPE meetings).
- Please remember to include any other special qualities/achievements.
- You need to submit a head and shoulders photo of the entrant.

20. **The Dick Millward Trophy for the Pool Contractor of the Year**

The **Dick Millward Trophy for Pool Contractor of the Year** award is based on awarding **7 points for a Gold, 3 points for a Silver and 1 point for a Bronze**. In the unlikely event of a tie, the winner will be calculated by the total number of Gold awards, then, if still equal, the total number of points gained will be divided by the total number of entries.

Note: The 'Outstanding Pool of the Year' is not included in the points system above.

21. **Outstanding Pool of the Year**

This is not a category which can be entered. The **Outstanding Pool of the Year** will be agreed after all gold award winners have been chosen in each category. Each gold award winner will be re-presented to the judges and from this, the judges will each choose which pool they wish to nominate. The judges guidance asks them to consider all aspects of each entry. The pool with the most votes from the judges will win.

Background

The SPATA Awards are open to SPATA members only and therefore the applicable, pool and spa categories must be constructed/installed by a SPATA member.

Entries must comply with SPATA Standards where applicable and will be disqualified if this is not the case. Entries will be judged on technical merit, being fit for purpose and their aesthetic appeal. Photographs of pools showing relevant pool and poolside activity will be given favourable consideration (please ensure that you have obtained the permission of any people as detailed below under "Publicity"). Where applicable, you must include a photo of the plant room layout to assist judges to award technical marks. Entries without plant room photos will lose marks although a plan or design illustration may be considered if access to the plant room is not possible. It will be assumed that SPATA members would have built/installed the pool or spa being entered.

As usual, we intend to invite pool owners to comment on their satisfaction with the finished pool as well as the construction process. Your co-operation in providing FULL contact details where possible is appreciated.

Judging is undertaken on the fact that each entry is anonymous **so please do not mention your company name within the content of the entry form or have it visible on your photographs.**

SPATA judges will aim to award at least one Gold, Silver and Bronze award in each category, subject to their being sufficient entries, of a suitable quality. SPATA reserves the right to move entries into a more suitable category, if relevant.

SPATA reserves the right to cancel any category, to combine categories or to refuse to accept entries at the sole discretion of the judges or Chairman of SPATA. Any member that wishes to withdraw an entry once it has been submitted can only do so in writing.

Members can enter up to **four entries per category**, however, to maximise the PR for as many companies as possible, SPATA has introduced the rule that a company can only win a maximum of **TWO** awards per category.

Please note that previous entries can be resubmitted (unless they have won a Gold, Silver or Bronze award with that entry). However, if the same pool is entered into more than one category, it will only be able to win one award in total.

Publicity: Rights of Use by SPATA

All entries, slides, photographs, etc. become the property of SPATA if accepted for entry, and none will be returned to Members. SPATA and any other companies associated with SPATA reserve the right to use any of the materials in its own publications, other publications and for display, reprint, or any other purpose.

SPATA's use of the photos in no way prevents the member from using their photo for their own purposes. Any other member that wishes to use the photo from a SPATA award entry submitted by a member must get written permission from both SPATA and the relevant member first.

Important: Permission of Pool Owner

Submission of any entry includes the assurance of the submitting member that he/she has obtained the permission of the pool owner for entering the awards and for the subsequent unrestricted use by SPATA of the slides or prints as deemed appropriate by SPATA without further reference to the owner or the member. SPATA may receive requests from third parties to use the images for uses other than promoting the Awards event itself. Please note that SPATA will only agree to this with specific consent from the SPATA Member (and their customer, where appropriate).

N.B (i) Pools which have won Gold awards in previous years are not eligible unless this is an original Gold winner being entered into a different category, such as refurbishment.

Important Notice: Ownership of SPATA Awards

SPATA Awards remain at all times the property of SPATA and are presented on loan to a winning Member on the strict understanding that they will be returned to SPATA in the event of cessation of membership (for whatever reason). Under no circumstances may the recipient transfer a SPATA Award to any other person or company without the express permission of the SPATA National Council. Any awards lost or damaged will need to be paid for by the Member in full.

Helpful hints for entering the SPATA Awards

Please give as much information as possible because this will help the judging process. If you have any questions about the entry process, please call Jan, Sallie or Rebecca at the office on 01264 356210 and return all entries by the closing date and time.

A picture is worth a thousand words. To make yours the winning entry, it is important to present it so that it is displayed to the best advantage. Great content, with a poor overall look, will detract from what might otherwise be an Award winning photo.

Why should your photos be high resolution?

Low-resolution photos look fine on the internet, but not in print. Instead of looking smooth and sharp, the edges look jaggy and 'pixelated'. The whole picture tends to look out of focus. If you want magazines to use your photos rather than a competitor's, **the photos should be showing a different angle/aspect of the entry. The digital images (Jpegs) should be of high resolution (300 dpi or more and the image file size should be a minimum of 1mb and a maximum of 6mb – full-colour).**

A stunning photo can go a long way to representing the craftsmanship and creativity involved in the design and construction of an installation. Photographs of award winners can be used all year round in promotional materials and displays, and in both national and international newspapers and magazines

When deciding which entries to submit into the competition and how to photograph them in their best light, you should first consider the impression that you want to convey. This will affect the setting, the lighting, the angle and just about every other aspect of the shot.

The setting and lighting are important components to consider when setting up the shot. They can add great aesthetic value to your photograph.

- Take advantage of any natural surroundings.
- Allow ample time for bushes, plants and flowers to grow before taking a photograph.
- The time of day can set the mood for a particular shot, but be sure there's enough light. Avoid shaded areas, as they can make it difficult to view important features of the installation.
- **DO NOT** submit dark or blurred photos, or photos on office paper.
- Highlight the interesting aspects of the installation i.e. special lighting, stunning vistas, dramatic backdrop, plants and trees.
- Make sure the photograph gives a good representation of the swimming pool or spas shape and size. The entire spa should be shown in one photograph.
- The photograph should exclude any electrical wires, telephone poles, fences, etc., which might block the view of the installation.
- Make sure the swimming pool or spa is clean inside, and the surrounds are also well presented.
- Avoid photographing a product in disrepair. Cracks, bubbles, delamination, etc. will adversely affect an entry's chance of winning.
- Make sure the installation complies with all safety standards and there are no safety hazards present.
- There should be no company logos or names on the photograph.
- Make sure the sun is to your back when taking the picture and this will produce colour and shape and avoid shadows.
- Be creative and take pictures of the swimming pool or spa from different angles, drones can be used to take great aerial shots!!!

If you need advice on photography, please contact Sallie (PR & Marketing Manager) on 01264 356210

SPATA Entry Form 2018

This form is to be used for entry into all pool/spa categories; please note that separate information is required for the Peter Geekie Award (see Appendix A) and the Paul Kite Award.

Please use one copy of this form for each entry. Please type the details ensuring that the name and address of the client are legible and attach any supporting documents. **This information is to be used for reference purposes only.**

Please put N/A on questions that do not apply to your award application and for awards such as the Paul Kite Award, please submit supporting evidence.

Please note that the entry must comply with SPATA Standards and where it is found that this is not the case, the entry will be disqualified from the competition.

Please ensure that all relevant categories include at least one plant room image. Otherwise, the judges will penalise the entry (and it may be withdrawn from the competition).

You may pay for the same pool to be entered into as many categories as you wish, but the same pool can only be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze once in the same year.

Category of Entry: _____

Office use no: _____

1	<p>Date of completion (must be after 1/1/13): _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p>How long did the project take:</p>
2	<p>Please confirm the contract value of pool, spa, surround finishes and mechanical and electrical services *(see the note underneath categories 1 to 18 at the start of this entry form)</p> <p>£ _____</p> <p>(Please provide a copy of the final invoice for verification)</p>
3	<p>Contract value of total project (if different from figure in question 2 above):</p> <p>£ _____</p> <p>(Please provide a copy of the final invoice for verification)</p>
4	<p>Was the project completed within budget? YES/NO* (delete as appropriate)</p> <p>If not, give reasons:</p>

5	<p>Did the client have any special needs/requirements that had to be taken into account? If yes how did your design meet these? - e.g. disabled access, site very difficult to get to, special landscaping, safety aspects, any special design features, etc.</p>								
6	<p>What was the general feedback from the client? (provide this below or on a separate sheet) Please Note: follow up references will be made with the client so please provide their contact details below.</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Tel:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>If for any reason the clients details need to remain confidential, please advise us.</p>								
7	<p><u>Type of Pool / Spa</u></p> <table data-bbox="178 1182 1514 1256"> <tr> <td>Freeboard</td> <td>Yes/No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deck Level</td> <td>Yes/No</td> </tr> </table>	Freeboard	Yes/No	Deck Level	Yes/No				
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8	<p><u>Dimensions:</u></p> <p>Length (water) =</p> <p>Width (water) =</p> <p>Shallow end water depth =</p> <p>Deep end water depth =</p> <p>Pool water volume =</p> <p>Balance tank length =</p> <p>Balance tank width =</p> <p>Balance tank depth =</p> <p>Balance tank water volume =</p>								
9	<p><u>Method of construction / installation:</u></p> <p>Reinforced concrete to Eurocode 2 Yes/No</p> <p>(Please note that BS 8007 and Reinforced concrete to BS 8110 were superseded in 2010)</p> <table data-bbox="178 1899 1514 2033"> <tr> <td>Liner</td> <td>Yes/No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heavy duty liner</td> <td>Yes/No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One piece</td> <td>Yes/No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Above ground</td> <td>Yes/No</td> </tr> </table>	Liner	Yes/No	Heavy duty liner	Yes/No	One piece	Yes/No	Above ground	Yes/No
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10	<p><u>Filtration</u></p> <p>Type of filter by manufacturer and size: Type of pump by manufacturer and size: Operating pressure: Filtration rate: (measured in m³ / m² / hr): Turnover (measured in hours): Volumetric flow (measured in m³ / hr):</p>
11	<p><u>Circulation</u></p> <p>Number of deep suction outlets: Type of deep suction outlets: Number and type of surface water skimmers: Number and type of return outlets: Size of overflow channel: Internal diameter of suction lines: Internal diameter of return lines: Internal diameter of gravity pipes into balance tank: Please confirm that your drainage gulleys conform to recognised safety standards:</p>
12	<p>Method and size of heating appliance</p>
13	<p>Method, type and manufacturer of water treatment (please confirm how this entry meets SPATA Standards requirements for a residual primary disinfectant of chlorine or bromine)?</p>
14	<p>Method and type of environmental control (if applicable)</p>
15	<p>Type of pool cover (if fitted)</p>
16	<p>Type of enclosure (if fitted)</p>
17	<p>Problems (if any) encountered during construction / installation and how these were overcome?</p>
18	<p>What particular features of this installation, technical innovation, or photo in your opinion justify it to be considered for an award? Please note this information may be used in any press release if you win an award.</p>
19	<p>For the refurbishment category, please confirm what was left from the original project to ensure that it is a refurbishment and not simply a new build on an existing pool site?</p>
20	<p>Any other comments that support this award nomination.</p>

Entry Requirements

SPATA must receive with each entry form:

1. A minimum of **one** and a maximum of **three** photographs of the pool, plus a minimum of **one** and a maximum of **two** images of the finished (and completed) plant room. **The photos should be showing a different angle/aspect of the entry. The digital images should be of high resolution (300 dpi or more and the image file size should be a minimum of 1mb and a maximum of 6mb – full-colour).**
2. Copy of the final invoice to verify contract value (if applicable).
3. Entry fee:
Standard rate of £50.00 + VAT per entry **or** £35.00 + VAT per entry for 4 or more entries.
4. Please confirm the total number of entries that you have submitted. []
5. Please confirm the total amount of entry fees being paid (please remember to add VAT) []

There is a limit of FOUR ENTRIES per category and previous entries can be resubmitted (unless they have won a Gold, Silver or Bronze award with that entry). As a reminder, you may enter into as many categories as you wish, but the same pool can only be awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze once in the same year.

However, if the same pool is entered into more than one category, it will not be able to win any level of award in more than one category.

Please note that the Peter Geekie Award winner can re-enter each year, but images of the showroom should be taken within the last two years.

All entries must be received at the SPATA office no later than Friday 10th November 2017

I hereby certify that the information entered is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have been given permission by the owner or his/her agent to photograph the installation and to use the images for SPATA promotion, publicity or display purposes as deemed appropriate by the Chairman of SPATA.

I agree to abide by the rules and conditions of this competition.

Signed..... **Name (please print)**.....

Company..... **Date**.....

Position

Client's Full Details:

Name:.....

Address.....

Postcode **Email**.....

Telephone number

Please return this form with the appropriate entry requirements as listed to:

SPATA 2018 Awards, 4 Eastgate House, East Street, Andover, Hants, SP10 1EP