

OREGON COAST PHOTOGRAPHERS' ASSOCIATION

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR "MEMBERS ONLY" COMPETITIONS

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- I. All members of OCPA in good standing are eligible to compete. OCPA members who are unable to attend a given competition may arrange with a fellow member to have them submit their entry(s).
- II. There will be four (4) competitions for each Division per OCPA fiscal year (July to June). All competitions will be open (no theme, any subject matter).
- III. Each member may enter up to three (3) images per competition night - up to twelve (12) total images for a given Division for the competition year.
- IV. **DIVISIONS:** There shall be three (3) Divisions, with each Division being judged on different competition nights (see the calendar). There is no distinction made in classification or judging base on capture or printing method (i.e. digital or film cameras, scanners, traditional "wet" darkroom, ink-jet, etc.).
 - A. **Color Print** (includes monochrome prints that have been "hand colored")
 - B. **Monochrome Print** (a print with *only* one HUE, void of additional colors)
 - C. **Electronic** (images that are digital files)
- V. **SUBMISSION CRITERIA:** All images must be properly identified. (Please note that these guidelines are for OCPA competitions, other organizations such as 4Cs, PSA or other competitions may have different requirements.)
 - A. **Prints (Color and Monochrome)** can not exceed an outside dimension of 8.5 x 12 inches. NO Matting, mounting or plastic sleeves. For competition purposes, there shall be NO name or title on the front of the print. The maker's name, print title, entry date and image orientation must be on the back of the print. (*Labels are available on OCPA's website – www.oregoncoastphotoclub.com >Downloads.*) Images may be entered the night of the competition.
 - B. **Electronic** images must be in the .jpg (jpeg) file format with the largest dimension not to exceed 768 pixels (whether horizontal or vertical). File size must not exceed 350kb and the use of the sRGB color space is recommended. Files must follow the following naming convention: LastnameFirstname_Title.jpg (example: PhotographerJoe_MyPhoto.jpg). In order for an electronic image to qualify for a judging, the Committee Chair must receive the images at least two days in advance of the competition night (e.g. by Saturday for a Monday meeting) via email attachment to: "electronic@oregoncoastphotoclub.com" (limit one attachment per email) or digital media (USB jump/flash/thumb drive, CF/SD/XD/Memory Stick card, CD/DVD – check with Committee Chair for exact media compatibility). Images will be placed into a .psd image that will include the title, a grayscale and the number of entry. All images shall remain on the Committee's Chair's computer (or back-up) until the annual competition. Images will usually be shown for judging using Adobe's Bridge (in slide show mode).
- VI. **JUDGING:**
 - A1. ("**Pop Vote Judges**") Every person attending the competition meeting will encouraged to judge by writing down their choice for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Places on a provided judging sheet.
 - A2. ("**9-Point Judges**") In addition to the "Pop Vote Judges", three (3) judges will be selected by the Competition Chair from the members present at a given competition, to give each image a number score from 1 to 9 (standard "4Cs" 1-9 scale) on a provided judging sheet.
 - B1. **Electronic** images will be "previewed", shown a second time for "scoring" and then a third time for review and confirmation of score (essentially they will be shown a minimum of three times giving all judges the opportunity to view and decide on their placement/scores). Titles will be shown (see V-B above).
 - B2. **Prints (Color and Monochrome)** will be laid out on tables with a number and the judges may roam the room, deciding which image to indicate for a place at their leisure (within the reasonable designated time for the competition). Titles of prints will be announced after the scoring process is complete.
 - C1. ("**Pop Vote**") Points will be awarded to the image indicated on a judges score sheet (5 points to 1st, 4 points to 2nd, 3 points to 3rd, 2 points to 4th and 1 point to 5th). Points will then be tallied (all judging sheets added together) and awards announced (Highest total score awarded 1st, next 2nd, etc.). Ties will *not* be broken.
 - C2. ("**9-Point**") Scores will be tallied and awards announced for 1st thru 3rd Places. Ties *will* be broken if there are more than three (3) for a given Place.
- VII. **ANNUAL "IMAGE OF THE YEAR" COMPETITION**
 - A. All images that have placed at a competition will be retained by the "Year End Chair" for an "Image of the Year" competition (by Division). These images will be judged separately by another camera club, and then returned to the maker at the OCPA Annual Meeting.
 - B. For each Division, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Award will be given (no ties), plus a reasonable amount of Honorable Mentions (as determined by the "Year End Chair" and the judging club based on the number of entries – approximately 10%). Then each Divisions' 1st Place winners will be re-judged and an overall "Image of the Year" will be awarded.
 - C. The "Image of Year" awards will be announced at the OCPA Annual Meeting.
- VIII. **IMAGE REPRODUCTION**
 - A. All images eligible for the "Image of the Year" Competition may be reproduced in OCPA's official publications (newsletter, website, brochures, posters, etc.)