

Hershey Camera Club Competition Rules

(Sept. 2015)

Eligibility

Competitions are open to all members in good standing who have paid their current dues.

Photographs in the **color** and the **black & white** categories must have been taken by the competitor within **two years** of the competition date.

Themed competition photographs have **no time limit**.

Competition Classes

Members may compete in either **Class AA**, **Class A** or **Class B**.

Class AA competitors include all those individuals who have earned 15 or more points in any one year's competitions or those individuals who consider themselves to be advanced photographers and voluntarily elect to participate Class AA.

Class A competitors include all those individuals who have earned 15 or more points in any one year's competitions or those individuals who consider themselves to be experienced photographers and voluntarily elect to participate in Class A.

Class B competitors include all members new to the club (except for the above choice), those who have earned less than 15 points in the previous years competitions and those who consider themselves to be relatively inexperienced in photographic competitions.

A member must state his/her choice of class on entering his/her first competition.

Once in Class AA, a member may not revert to Class A

Once in Class A, a member may not revert to Class B.

Competition Categories

COLOR

Three competitions per year

THEMED ENTRY (Themes to be announced at the beginning of the season.)

Three competitions per year

BLACK & WHITE

Three competitions per year

Number Of Entries

The following may be entered into competition.

One (1) Color print

One (1) Themed print

One (1) Black & White print with 1 accent color allowed

Presentation of Prints

Prints must be at least 5 X 7 inches (35 sq. in.) and no more than 11 x 14 inches (154 sq in).

Prints must be mounted or matted (single mat only) for all categories. The mount or mat may be any color in a workmanlike fashion. Mounting or matting cannot be larger than 16 x 20 inches. (No frames or glass they won't fit in the display box and glass could break.)

The back of each mounting board must have a contest label (provided at the contest) showing the Title and Membership number. An arrow should point to the top of the print for proper orientation for viewing.

The original image must be made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or digital print medium as well as canvas and metal. All images must be original and may not incorporate elements produced by someone else.

If the presentation does not meet specifications, the print will be disqualified and returned to photographer.

Judging - Based on a three judge panel

1. Criteria

Judges shall be instructed to score the photos according to the following criteria:

Interest or impact

Technical quality

Composition

2. Point System

Judges shall award points by scoring machine or in writing based on a 9-point system by the following evaluations:

Interest or impact — 1-3 points

Technical quality — 1-3 points

Composition — 1-3 points

3. Awards

A First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention winner or winners/ties will be selected for each category at each competition. "Award Points" shall be assigned as follows:

First Place — 3 Award Points

Second Place — 2 Award Points

Third Place — 1 Award Points

Honorable Mention — 0 Award Point

Scavenger Hunt

There will be two (2) Scavenger Hunts per year.
Dates to be announced at the beginning of each season.

Choose 6 categories and mount them on a 16x20 white foam core board or poster board.

Judging

Boards to be judged by members in attendance by voting for their favorite.

Awards

A First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention winner will be selected for each competition. "Award Points" shall be assigned as follows:

First Place — 3 Award Points

Second Place — 2 Award Points

Third Place — 1 Award Points

Honorable Mention — 0 Award Point

At year's end, the members who have accumulated the most points in that year's competitions shall be recognized with an award for First, Second and Third place in each Class.

