

Hershey Camera Club Competition Rules

Eligibility

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

Photographs in color and 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 Class A or Class B

Class A - includes all 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 - include all members new to the club (except for the above criteria), those who have earned less than 15 points in the previous year's competition and those who consider themselves be relatively inexperienced in photographic competitions.

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

Once in Class 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 club year)

Three competitions per year

BLACK & WHITE

Three competitions per year

Number of Entries

The following may be entered in the competition:

One (1) Color image

One (1) Themed image

One (1) Black & White image (1 accent color is allowed)

Presentation of Images

Image Size

If your internet provider will allow you to send it, and it meets the image title criteria, the file size is not an issue. Please send ONLY .jpg files. All others will be rejected.

Image Title

MUST include the following:

1. Class (A or B)
2. Category (C-Color, BW-Black & White, T-Theme)
3. Member Number
4. Image Name
5. MUST be a .jpg

Example of how to title an image: A-C-390-My_Wonderful_Image-.jpg

All entries will be received at hersheycameraclubdigital@gmail.com Deadline date for competition entries will be communicated by email prior to the competition.

Judging - Based on a two (2) judge panel*

1. **Criteria** - Judges shall be instructed to score the photos according to the following criteria:

- a. Interest or impact
- b. Technical quality
- c. Composition

2. **Point System** - Judges shall award points by scoring machine or unwriting based on a 9-point system by the following evaluations:

- a. Interest or impact - 1-3 points
- b. Technical quality - 1-3 points
- c. Composition - 1-3 points

3. **Awards** - A First (1st), Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) place winner or winners/ties will be selected for each category at each competition. "Award Points" shall be assigned as follows:

- First (1st) Place - Three (3) Award points
- Second (2nd) Place - Two (2) Award Points
- Third (3rd) Place - One (1) Award Point

* - A club member ***MAY*** be used as a third (3rd) judge

Scavenger Hunt

There will be two (2) Scavenger Hunt competitions per year.

Dates to be announced at the beginning of each club year.

A minimum of 12 categories will be announced. The member will choose six (6) of those categories and mount a 4x6 print (one for each category selected) on a single 16x20 white foam core board or poster board. See example to the right.

Judging

Members in attendance will vote for their favorites.

Awards - A first (1st), Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) place winner will be selected for each competition. "Award Points" shall be assigned as follows:

- First (1st) Place - 3 Award Points
- Second (2nd) Place - 2 Award Points
- Third (3rd) Place - 1 Award Point



Scavenger Hunt mounting example

At the end of the club year, members who have accumulated the most points shall be recognized with an award for First (1st), Second (2nd), and Third (3rd) place in each class.