

# Hershey Camera Club Competition Rules

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## Eligibility

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

Images 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 digital image

One (1) Themed digital image

One (1) Black & White digital image with 1 accent color allowed

# **Presentation of Digital Images**

## **Size**

Landscape Format: Width not to exceed more than 1900 pixels.

Portrait Format: Height not to exceed 1000 pixels.

File Size: No more than 2MB

## **IMAGE TITLE**

Maximum of 36 characters

Must use the [ - ] [hyphen] between each part of the file name

Must use the [ \_ ] [underline] between words in the image title

If the image does not meet specifications, the image will be disqualified.

## **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

\*In the event of a tie, equal points are awarded.

## 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 4x6 photos on a 16x20 white foam core board or poster board.

## Judging

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

### 3. 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

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.

