

ABC Photo Society Competition Rules (2009) Revised 4-2011

Competitions- There will be 2 competitions each year. One (1) Print (in the Spring) and one (1) Projected Image (in the Fall).

Categories- Each competition is broken down into 5 categories. Each member is encouraged to enter 5 prints or projected images (slides or digital), with no more than 2 in any category.

- **People- (P)** Pictures of people. It could include portraits, action shots of people, etc. An animal could be included in the photo, but the focus should be a person.
- **Animal Kingdom- (AK)** except people. Pictures of animals, birds, fish, insects, etc.
- **Landscape/ Scenic- (LS)** Scenery. Buildings, people, animals, objects may be a part of the scene but the focus of the picture is the overall scenery.
- **Stills/ Objects/ Abstracts- (SOA)** Inanimate objects. Flowers, glassware, close-ups of buildings, windows, doors... Abstracts could be distorted or unusual images.
- **Special- (SPC)** This category changes with each Competition. Categories for the coming year are announced at Spring Banquet and with each competition. They are chosen by the competition committee.

***Some subjects may properly fit into more than one category and that will be your call, however, the Judge could deduct points if he/she feels your photo is in the incorrect category. The committee will be very liberal and will not challenge the category in which you entered your photo.**

Entry Rules

- Completed entry forms are required. Remember to fill out both top & bottom. Please do not cut the form.
- Minimum number of entries shall be 1, the maximum 5, with no more than 2 in any one category.

Entries that will be disqualified:

- **Late entries will not be accepted.**
- **Nudes will not be accepted.**
- **No prints or projected images(slides or digital) that have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in previous ABCPS competitions will be accepted (even if they have been manipulated i.e.. Photoshop filters). Special Mentions may be re-entered.**
- **Entries that exceed specified size will not be accepted.**

Print entries

- Prints may be up to 8"x12". They should be mounted and or matted no larger than 12"x16". Framed prints, mattes with hooks or sticky surfaces are prohibited.
- All entries must be labeled with photographer's name, title of picture, and category. Prints should have all information on back of picture (for judging purposes) and the TOP should be marked on all entries to make sure they are judged correctly. No names, copyrights or titles should be on the front of the photograph.

Digital entries

- **Digital entries should be resized as close to 1920 x 1080 as possible & in JPEG format. No larger than 300 dpi.**
- **Each entry should be renamed with the first part of the file name being the category abbreviation and the second part of the file name being the photographers last name. If there are 2 photographers with the same last name add your first initial. If there is a second image in the same category add a 2 at the end.**
 - ex. a picture of a fish entered in Animal Kingdom might be named AKsmith.jpg
 - a picture of a person entered in People might be named Pbecker.jpg
 - a picture of a tulip in Stills/ Object/ Abstract might be named SOAeicher.jpg
- **No names, copyrights or titles should be on the Image.**
- **Your entries should then be burned onto a CD or a THUMB DRIVE and identified with your name, address & phone number. (No Stickers) Please note: If a thumb drive becomes lost or damaged, the club cannot be responsible for replacement.**

The entry form should be completed and turned in with your disc. You should include the file name after the title of each entry.

- ex. AK "A little fishy" (AKsmith.jpg)
- P "Sally" (Pbecker.jpg)
- SOA "Spring Tulips" (SOAeicher.jpg)

Judging

- All entries shall be judged on a point basis using **whole numbers only**. Entries will receive a minimum of 3 points and a maximum of 25 points per each judge. Each entry is judged on 3 components:
- ***Impact/ Creativity** 1-15 points
Impact is the sense one gets upon viewing an image for the first time. Compelling images evoke laughter, sadness, anger, pride, wonder or another intense emotion. **Creativity** is the original, fresh, and external expression of the imagination of the maker by using the medium to convey an idea, message or thought.
- ***Composition** 1-5 points
Composition is important to the design of an image, bringing all of the visual elements together in concert to express the purpose of the image. Proper composition holds the viewer in the image and prompts the viewer to look where the creator intends. Effective composition can be pleasing or disturbing, depending on the intent of the image maker.
- ***Technical Excellence** 1-5 points
Technical Excellence is the quality of the image itself as it is presented for viewing. Retouching, manipulation, sharpness, exposure, printing, mounting, and correct color are some items that speak to the qualities of the physical print or projected image.
- Each entry shall be scored by each judge independently.
- The 2 judges scores will be totaled to determine the entries overall rating.
- Judges are informed of the rules & guidelines prior to judging. Their decisions are final.
- After the judging, Judges are given the opportunity to comment and give constructive feedback on each of the entries. These comments will be offered at a later meeting as a learning tool to help us improve and learn.
*Remember this is only *their* opinion & knowledge can be a better reward than a ribbon.

Awards

Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & Special Mention in each category.

Special Mention is given to an entry that received one of the top 3 scores from one judge but did not win a ribbon.

- **Best of Show** ribbon will be given to the entry that received the highest score in the competition. If there is a tie 2 Best of Show ribbons will be given. In the event of a 3 way tie no *Best of Show* will be rewarded.
- The member with the highest total points for the competition will be named **Exhibition Winner**.
- **Photographer of the Year** will be the member that received the highest total cumulative score from both competitions for the year and awarded at Spring Banquet.
Print Champion will be the member with the highest total score during the year for the print competition.
Projected Image Champion will be the member with the highest total score during the year for the projected image competition.
- **Rookie of the Year** will be the new member who has entered 3 years of competition with the highest total cumulative score. This award is awarded at Spring Banquet by the Claar family in memory of their father, Benjamin Claar. It may only be received once.

**ABCPS By-laws provide that any member in good standing may participate in a Photo Society Contest.*

**The ABCPS assumes no risk or liability for loss or damage to entries.*

**All entries may be used for public display for a reasonable period of time.*