

# SANTA MARIA CAMERA CLUB ONLINE COMPETITION RULES

(Effective January 1, 2021)

These temporary rules allow us to conduct club competitions online when physical meetings are not possible for an expected long duration, such as during a pandemic.

## General Online Competition Rules

1. Categories for competition:
  - i. Digital Monochrome ii. Digital Color
  - a. Each category will be judged separately. Titles will be announced to the judge as the images are presented for judging.
2. Entries may only be submitted by a member in good standing.
3. All parts of the image must be photographed by the competitor. Entries may be processed commercially.
4. Members will use the PSA definition for monochrome entries: A monochrome image is defined as having no more than one color (various shades of that color, from very light to very dark) but it may be in any one single color. It is the finished image which must be evaluated, not the process by which it is made.
5. The digital entries must be submitted as outlined in the digital submission instructions (Attachment A and posted on the club website).
6. Each member may submit a maximum of three entries per competition in any combination of categories.
7. An annual \$30 competition entry fee is charged for any member who wishes to compete during the year. The competition fee can be paid with the yearly dues or at the first month of competition.

8. An image may be resubmitted for competition one additional time provided it has not received an award. Once an image has received an award, it may not be entered again. The image may not be reversed or altered to be entered in another category; e.g., changing a color image to monochrome. It is still considered to be the same image.
9. Competitions will be held monthly except for December.
10. Special Subject themes will be assigned for three of the monthly competitions each year, or less if not a complete year.
11. Judges will award points in a range of 3 –21 with prime consideration given to COMPOSITION, TECHNIQUE, and IMPACT. Ties shall be broken by the judge. PRESENTATION (matting, matte colors) will not be judged.
  - i. Additional points will be awarded monthly as follows by the scorekeeper:

1. 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	(4)	2. 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Place	(3)	3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
4. HM	(1)	
  - ii. These additional points are included in the tally for the end-of-the-year high points awards by category. They are not included in the tally for the overall high-point photographer of the year award.
12. Honorable Mention (HM) will be awarded on the basis of one for every 10 entries in a specific category. If there are less than 10 entries, no HM will be awarded.
13. Images may be disqualified either before or after competition judging for failure to adhere to the stated guidelines above. The judge's decision will be considered by the Board pursuant to Article VII of the By-laws.
14. A member's entries will be handled with care in all club competitions; however, the club is not responsible for loss or damage to a member's entries.
15. No added names, titles or text is/are allowed on the photograph.
16. The identity of competition judges will be announced to the membership sufficiently beforehand so that members can know in advance who will be judging a particular competition.

17. The points tabulator will disclose the points status of any competition member at any time to any member who requests it.

## Awards for Online Competition

1. Annual Online Awards will be presented as follows:

Digital Monochrome Image of the Year  
Digital Color Image of the Year

2. The High Point Awards are given to the competitors with the highest accumulated points in each category. The high point awards will be based upon the highest total accumulated points for entries up to a maximum of 7. If more than 7 entries are submitted in a category the lower scores will not be counted in the total. This score specifically does include additional points awarded for placing an image.
3. A “High Point Photographer of the Year” award will be presented to the person with the highest accumulated points in all categories that the winner entered throughout the year. This score will not include additional points awarded for placing an image.
4. The Board Service Award (Dennis Shepard Award) will be announced by the President at the Annual Awards Banquet. It will be presented to the person or persons deemed by the President to merit this award.
5. Additional Awards may be given by the President as selected and/or deemed appropriate by the Board; e.g., the People’s Choice awards.

## Attachment A: Submission Guidelines for Online Digital Competition

To best display your image files submitted for entry into the digital competitions, we will need you to follow these guidelines:

- You are limited to 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.
- Digital images must be in the JPEG format
- 8-Bit, sRGB color space. Save in highest quality, least compression.

- Resize to a maximum of 3840 pixels horizontal X 2560 pixels vertical. They may not exceed either of those dimensions.
- For optimal viewing online against a dark gray background, it's suggested to put a 2 or 3 pixel white or other appropriate color border around the resized images.
- Name each image file, appending **-Mono** or **-Color** whichever is appropriate.  
Example: **myimagename-Color.jpg**  
**yourimagename-Mono.jpg**
- Entries must be consistent with the Online Competition Rules.
- Submit each digital image via email to [santamariacameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com) no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Late submissions will not be submitted for judging.
- You should expect to receive an email acknowledgement for your submissions.
- Submission Entry Tags are no longer required.