

# Monmouth Camera Club

## Competition Requirements

All members are invited to submit their pictures into judged competitions, held once per month during the season. Each member is judged only against members of his/her own class (Beginner, Advanced, Salon, and Master). Winners of monthly competitions will be automatically entered into the club's end of year contests when the best Print Picture of the year and the best Digital Picture of the year will be determined.

There are two types of monthly competitions: Open and Special. Open Contests allow any subject or editing technique to be entered and judged. Special Contests require entries to meet the stated theme of the contest or face disqualification.

Each contest evening that is judged in-person consists of 8 Print contests and 8 Digital contests configured as a Monochrome contest and a Color contest for each of the four club Classes. Therefore, each member can enter pictures into one or more of his/her Class contests (Print-Monochrome, Print-Color, Digital Monochrome, Digital Color).

Each contest evening that is remotely judged by Zoom meeting consists of 8 Digital contests configured as a Digital-Monochrome contest and a Digital-Color contest for each of the four club Classes. Print contests cannot be judged remotely.

### **Number of Allowed Contest Entries**

Refer the the Quick Summary above to find out the number of entries permitted for Zoom meetings.

For Open Contests that are judged in-person, the member is limited to 2 Digital entries with a third being allowed if at least one is a Print. Therefore, the maximum allowable entries are: [1 Print + 2 Digital], [2 Prints + 1 Digital], or [3 Prints + 0 Digital]. The member is free to enter less than the maximum allowed, distributed without restriction between his/her four Class contests of the evening.

Special Contests that are judged in-person or by Zoom will allow a maximum of 3 entries per member, distributed into the evening's four contests per Class without restriction.

### **Digital Technical Requirements – MCC Contests**

MCC Digital Contest Entries must be sized for a maximum of 1440 pixels on the longer edge. Pictures that are larger than 1440 pixels on the longer edge will be automatically downsized by the contest software but that cannot be relied upon to reproduce the picture as the maker intended. The recommended minimum size, although not enforced, is 1050 pixels on the longest size.

Any Color Space (sRGB, Adobe RGB, Profoto RGB, etc.) is allowed.

It is strongly suggested that digital pictures include a thin stroke border if it helps to distinguish the picture from a dark background.

All print contest entries must be accompanied by a digital upload for identification, scoring, and display on the club website. Prints are judged by viewing only the print, not the digital file. While not strictly required for judging, it is strongly recommended that the file used for making the print be the one uploaded to the contest server (adjusting the size if necessary).