

## Categories of Competition

There are several categories in which you can participate. You can enter up to 2 projected images or prints in each category each competition. The categories are:

Projected Images – Open (digital images)  
Projected Images – Nature (digital images)  
Monochrome Prints  
Color Prints  
Small Prints

All the categories above have what is called an ‘Open’ theme. The entry can be of any subject. Some months there will be an *additional* ‘Special’ theme in some categories. All entries in the ‘Special’ category must represent the theme (e.g. Reflections, Churches, etc.). ‘Special’ categories are available for categories except Nature Projected Images.

## Competition Rules

**RULES IN BRIEF:** An image can be entered in any category as long as every part of the image has been made by the photographer submitting the image. The image can be digitally manipulated (except for Nature category) although digital art is not allowed. Prints may be made in any fashion – traditional darkroom, commercial printer, digital darkroom, etc. When the final image is produced by someone else, they should not contribute any modifications or enhancements to it.

### *General rules*

- All photos must be taken by the exhibitor.
- A photographer may enter a maximum of two photos in each category.
- Once a photo wins a prize (1<sup>st</sup> through Honorable Mention) it is considered ‘retired’. It cannot be entered **ever** again.
- A photo that *does not* win a prize (1<sup>st</sup> through Honorable Mention) can be entered only *once per Club year*. It may be entered in subsequent years until it wins a prize.

### *Monochrome Print Competition*

- The photographer must have taken the photo and all elements within the photo, with a camera.
- The print may be made in any fashion – traditional (wet) darkroom, digital (dry) darkroom, commercial printer, etc.
- The print may be any size as long as it fits in the display box (maximum vertical dimension is 20” and maximum horizontal dimension is 30”).
- Prints may be toned but not tinted or colored.
- Photographer’s name and the print title must be on the back, in the upper left-hand corner of the print. An arrow should point to the top of the print.

### *Color Print Competition*

- The photographer must have taken the photo and all elements within the photo, with a camera.
- The print may be made in any fashion – traditional (wet) darkroom, digital (dry) darkroom, commercial printer, etc.
- The print may be any size as long as it fits in the display box (maximum vertical dimension is 20” and maximum horizontal dimension is 30”).
- The print may be hand colored.
- Photographer’s name and the print title must be on the back, in the upper left-hand corner of the print. An arrow should point to the top of the print.

### *Projected Images Competition - Open*

- The photographer must have taken the photo and all elements within the photo, with a camera.
- Digital images must be submitted by “last entry date” prior to the competition. See website for dates.

### *Projected Images - Nature Competition*

Same rules as Projected Images Competition plus:

All projected nature images must depict observations from any branch of natural history such that human elements shall not be present unless on the rare occasion where the human elements enhance the nature story and they are *unobtrusive*. This is often referred to as the absence of ‘the hand of man’. It is the judges’ decision as to whether or not an occurrence of ‘the hand of man’ is acceptable. Zoo and archeological subjects are allowed. **It is usually risky to include the ‘hand of man’ in any form in the Nature category.**

**Makers may perform any enhancements and modifications that improve the presentation of the image, but do not change the truth of the original nature story.** This means that one cannot add nor remove elements, (except by cropping), combine elements from separate images, rearrange elements, or clone elements. An element would be defined as the main subject, such as a bird(s) or a flower(s) etc.

### *Small Print Competition*

- The photographer must have taken the photo and all elements within the photo, with a camera.

- The print may be made in any fashion – traditional (wet) darkroom, digital (dry) darkroom, commercial printer, etc.
- Print may be either monochrome or color.
- The print shall be no larger than 8"x12".
- The print must be mounted and the mount can be no larger than 12"x16".
- Photographer's name and the print title must be on the back, in the upper left-hand corner of the print. An arrow should point to the top of the print.