

Competition Rules and Guidelines
North Country Camera Club
Program Year 2011-12
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Note: Monthly competitions are a primary way that club members receive feedback from a variety of photographers about the quality of our work. Seeing and listening to the critiques of other peoples work is also instructive.

- ✓ Competition is open to dues paying club members however guests are invited to enter up to two competitions during the year.
- ✓ For each competition each member may enter the following: two digital images, one color print, one black and white print.
- ✓ Each month there is an assigned subject (see web site for listing) for images (the same for both digital and prints) and the subject must be the main focus of interest in the photo. Prints may be commercially printed. Sepia and toners may be used. The outside dimensions of prints may be up to 16 X 24 including any matting. Panoramics may not exceed 12” in height. Prints must be submitted without frames. Gallery wraps are considered framed and are not submissible.
- ✓ If the subject is NATURE the image should not display the “hand of man” in any way. Nothing man made can be visible. This also means no cultivated flowers or domesticated pets.
- ✓ Competitors are grouped in two divisions: Division A and B. Professionals are automatically placed in A and the winner in B is automatically placed in A at the beginning of the next program year (or at the discretion of the Competition Manager)
- ✓ It is recommended that the assigned subject images be taken the year of the competition.
- ✓ All images and prints must be taken by the entrant. Photos may be resubmitted. A winning image (placing 1, 2 or 3) may not be resubmitted.

- ✓ All images must have a title and the entrant's initials For example:
Winter Dawn_RCP.jpg Note the underscore that separates name from title. All digital images must be jpg's.
- ✓ Digital images must be resized as follows before submission: 1024 pixels X 768 pixels at 72 dpi. (There is a resizing tutorial on our website. (northcountrycameraclub.org)
- ✓ Make ups are not permitted
- ✓ Submission deadline is the Sunday preceding the competition or earlier. Early submissions are encouraged.
- ✓ Scoring by each judge is on a ten point scale as follows:
 - 1-3 – Weak image needing major improvement
 - 4-6 - Average image needing significant improvement
 - 7-8 –Good image needing only minor improvement
 - 9-10 – Superior image needing little or no improvement

NOTE:

Entries are judged for composition, emphasis and interpretation of the main subject, originality, impact, technical quality and presentation.

The three highest scores and two honorable mentions in each division are critiqued by the judges.

Images scored at 24 points or more are automatically entered in the Image of the Year Competition.

Awards are given for the Top Three Accumulative Scores in each Division