

# **The Tyler Photo Club Competition Rules**

## **Monthly Print Contest**

There will be two competition groups, Novice and Advanced.

### ***Novice:***

1. The following members may elect to enter in the Novice Group competitions.
  - a. Members who have never won first place in a Tyler Photo Club Contest.
  - b. New members entering their first competition.
2. Members may remain in the Novice Group until they choose to move into the advanced group.
3. Winning entries in the Novice Group will not count toward any annual awards.

### ***Advanced:***

1. The following members must enter in the competitions for the Advanced Group.
  - a. Any member who has won first place in a Tyler Photo Club Contest.
  - b. Any new member who chooses to enter in the Advanced Group in the 1<sup>st</sup> contest they enter.
  - c. Any member who chooses to leave the Novice Group and enter in the

Advanced Group.

2. Once a member of the Advanced Group, members must remain in that group
3. Winning entries in the Advanced Group will count toward annual awards.

### ***General Rules:***

- Themes will be different each month.
- Themes will be chosen by using suggestions from the members with the selection made by the Executive Committee and furnished to the Competition Office.
- Each competition group shall consist of two categories, Color and Black and White.
- Monthly competitions will be held at the regular monthly meetings unless otherwise announced.
- Any member entering a monthly print competition must be present at the meeting.
- All images must have been taken within the past 24 months preceding that competition.
- Entries should be in the single image taken by the camera and should not be reconstructed.
- Only members whose dues are current may enter the competition.
- Two entries may be entered in each competition, one in each category or two in the same category.
- Each entry must be 8 x 10 or 8 x 12, and mounted or matted on 11 x 14 board.
- Matt or mount boards must be black, white or gray.
- Entries must have never won a Tyler Photo Club Award.

## **JUDGING, AWARDS, AND SCORING**

Judging will be by member vote and directed by the Competition Office and approved by the Executive committee.

### **Monthly Awards:**

- There will be monthly awards for first, second, and third place in each Category of both Competition Groups.
- In the event of a tie, each entry shall receive the award for the tied place.

- Honorable mentions may be given to up to 20% of the entries that do not place.

### **Monthly Contest:**

Points system for monthly competition is as follows:

- 3 points for each 1<sup>st</sup> place vote
- 2 points for each 2<sup>nd</sup> place vote
- 1 point for each 3<sup>rd</sup> place vote

### **Annual Awards**

- Only the Advanced Competition Group will be scored with points accumulated for the annual awards.
- Points from both print and internet competition will accumulate from January through November
- For each winning entry, scoring will be as follows:
  - First Place 15 points
  - Second Place 10 points
  - Third Place 5 points
  - Honorable Mention 1 point
- The following annual awards will be given to members who have the highest three point totals for the year.
  - Photographer of the Year First Place
  - Photographer of the Year Second Place
  - Photographer of the Year Third Place
  - An award will be given for the Photo of the Year.
  - This award will be chosen by an outside judge from all the first place winners for the competition year.

### **MONTHLY INTERNET CONTEST**

- All paid members are eligible to enter the internet contest each month.
- Themes will be chosen by using suggestions from the members with the selection made by the Executive Committee and furnished to the Competition Office.
- Entries should be uploaded into the contest folder each month.
- All entries must be in the contest folder by mid-night on the last day of the month.
- Each competition group shall consist of two categories, Color and Black and White.
- Two entries may be entered in each competition, one in each category or two in the same category.
- All images must have been taken within the 12 month preceding that competition.
- Digital Reconstruction and manipulation is allowed
- Entries must have never won a Tyler Photo Club Award.
- Judging will be done by an outside judge each month.
- Awards will be announced by e-mail and published in the monthly newsletter each month.
- Awards will be presented at the meeting following month.
- Points earned in the internet competition will count toward yearly awards.