

Grand Photos Judging and Award Guidelines - Nov 2009

Judging Guidelines:

1. Entries will be judged by a minimum of three qualified judges unless a judge fails to show. In this case, only two judges will be used.
2. Judges will be asked not to discuss the entries unless a tie can not be broken after several attempts.
3. Each tie breaker print will be placed in the light box.
4. Judges will use a five to nine scoring scale where a score of six is considered average.
5. Prints will be judged at a distance of 6 to 7 feet from the judges to the light box. The judge(s) may approach the print for closer observation; however, the print will remain in the light box.
6. The print competition and digital competition judges may be different judges.
7. The print and digital competition judging will be open or closed to members at the discretion of the Print Chairman and/or the Digital Chairman.
8. Each Division and Category will be judged individually. If there is not a minimum of five entries in a Category, which is required to award a first place, then the entries from both Division A and B will be combined and judged together.
9. There should be no audible comments from anyone that might influence or distract the judges.

Award Guidelines:

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1. Awards will be given based on a minimum number of entries in a category as follows:
 - A. There must be a minimum of 5 entries to have a first place.
 - B. There must be a minimum of 8 entries to have a second place.
 - C. There must be a minimum of 12 entries to have a third place.
2. Ties will be broken for First, Second, and Third places by the judges.
3. Both Digital and Print entries will have a **Best of Show** for each Division which will be determined by judging all first place awards from each category. There must be multiple categories in order to award a **Best of Show**
4. Ribbons: **Best of Show** receives a ribbon. **First, Second** and **Third** places receive ribbons.

Honorable Mention ribbons will be given to entries that are tied for **Third** place, or, if there are less than 12 entries, to ties for the lowest place ribbon awarded. If there are **12 or more entries but** no ties for **Third** place then entries with the next lower score will receive **Honorable Mention** ribbons.

HM Adjustment: If there are ties for **3rd** place, but not enough to provide the following minimum number of HM's based on the number of entries, then HM's will also be awarded to all entries receiving 1 point below 3rd place.*

<u>Entries:</u>	<u>Minimum HM's from ties for 3rd</u>
13 to 15	1
16 – 24	2
25 – 35	3
36 - 50	4
50 or more	5

Entries one point below **Honorable Mention** will receive **Acceptance** ribbons. (No acceptance awards will be given in Division C)

Acceptance Adjustment: If the above schedule does not award ribbons to at least 25% of the entries in a category, then **Acceptance** ribbons will also be awarded to the next lower score.*

* The **HM** or **Acceptance Adjustments** will not be made if their application results in > 60% of a category receiving ribbons.

In the event that these guidelines result in an award distribution that seems inappropriate, the Chairmen may use their best judgment and make an adjustment.

5. **Certificates** will be awarded to members for the following achievements in Grand Photos competitions:
 - Moving from Division A to Division B (requires 16 points).
 - 50 points
 - 100 points (and every 100 points thereafter).