

# Annual Photography Competition Rules

1. This annual competition is open to all members in good standing of the Photographic Society of Chattanooga (Oct. 1, 2009-Sept. 30, 2010 dues paid before entry).
2. Entries must be received by a member of the Exhibitions and Contests Committee on or before November 26, 2009 (date of November PSC meeting).
3. Each person may have three (3) entries per category (Prints, Slides, or Digital) with maximum total of six (6) entries.
4. Each unique entry may only be entered one time (example: cannot enter same image in digital or slide and again as a print).
5. Each person may only enter at 1 level of expertise (Beginner, Amateur, or Advanced).
6. Entries must be labeled in one of the following manners:  
Beginner a, b and c **OR** Amateur d, e and f **OR** Advanced g, h and i.
7. 2008 judging expertise levels and categories are as follows:  
**Beginner** (has been photographing less than three (3) years and has never won a first place ribbon in an annual contest.)  
a – Prints                      b – Slides                      c - Digital  
**Amateur** (has been photographing at least three (3) years and has never won a first place ribbon in an annual contest at the amateur level.)  
d – Prints                      e – Slides                      f - Digital  
**Advanced** (has been photographing at least three years and has won at least one first place ribbon in an annual contest or is a professional photographer — someone who makes his/her living primarily as a photographer.)  
g – Prints                      h – Slides                      i - Digital
8. **Print entries** must meet the following criteria to be accepted for judging:
  - Image size must be no smaller than 8" x 10" and no larger than 16" x 20".
  - Prints must be mounted on board (mat overlay is optional but overall dimensions may not exceed 16" x 20").
  - No markings may be visible on the front of the entry. The participant's name, phone number and category must be noted on the back.
  - Source may be film or digital.
9. **Slide entries** must meet the following criteria to be accepted for judging:
  - Must be mounted in 2x2 plastic or paper mounts suitable for projection.
  - To mark the orientation of the slide, hold the slide, as you would normally view it and place a dot in the lower left hand corner.
  - The entrant's name, phone number and category must appear on the slide mount.
10. **Digital entries** must meet the following criteria to be accepted for judging:
  - To insure the proper image size and quality for judging, the image file size should be 100kb minimum and 350kb maximum.
  - Each image must have the following maximum size:
    - Horizontal images will be no more than 1024 pixels wide.
    - Vertical images will be no more than 768 pixels tall.
    - Unless your image proportions are in the exact ratio of 4 to 3, one of these dimensions will be less than the maximum. The images will be projected as received, as long as not over the maximum.)
    - Smaller images are acceptable.
  - Save the file in jpeg format to achieve a file no larger than 350Kb on a type of non-returnable media (CD or disk).
  - Save the file using your level of expertise, first and last name, and number of submission.  
(example: BGSallyJonesc1, c2, or c3 or AMDaveJonesf1, f2, or f3 or AVJoeSmithi1, i2, or i3).
11. All items must be delivered in protective packaging. Every effort will be made to handle entries with care but the PSC is not to be held responsible for damage or theft while pieces are in the Committee's possession. If you wish your packaging returned with your entries, please mark with your name. If you will not be able to pick up your entries at the December banquet, please make arrangements with another PSC member do so for you.
12. The judges will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Honorable Mention(s) in each category. The judges' decision is final.
13. All entries will be voted upon for **Members' Choice Award** to be tallied at the December banquet.
14. Winning entries will be scanned for display on the PSC website and newsletter with the entrant's permission.
15. Please note that the PSC Board Directors reserve the right to review the subject matter of all images before displaying to the general membership. Images containing graphic content or nudity may be entered in this competition and will be judged but may not be displayed.