



CCHHI Photographic Competition Rules

Step by Step Guide to submitting your image

Competition Committee: 2022 - 2023

Preparation



Read Competition Rules

They're only three pages and provide more detail than this presentation. Be sure your entry complies.



Read Judging Criteria

Not all judges will follow them, but your images will be better if you do.



Understand the Competition Theme

Read the theme description and consider the creative choices available. Don't settle for the obvious.



Review the Themes for the year

Take advantage of the lead time to create images for future competitions. Print competitions require more lead time to create or order the print (up to three weeks).



Research the Judge/Speaker

Google (Internet) is your friend. Learn about their photographic style and preferences and choose your image wisely. It might not make your image better, but it might help you win ribbon.



Ask questions

If you don't understand any part of the competition process, Send email to Competition Committee at competitions.cchhi@gmail.com.

Digital or Print Competition

- CCHHI has two types of competition - Digital File & Print
- Digital File - You will submit a digital file (.jpg or .jpeg) by sending an email to competitions.cchhi@gmail.com and judging will be based on this digital file displayed on a computer screen.
- Print - You will submit a digital image file for presentation, you will bring your print to the meeting and judging will be based on the competition theme print.
- The submission entry/photo process is different for each type i.e.: digital or print.

Competition Levels

Are you Experienced?

- Members compete within four skill levels assigned based on your experience. Go to [Competition Levels document](#) for more information on level assignment.
- You advance between levels based on accumulation of ribbon points earned by placing in monthly competitions. People's choice competitions don't count.
- This ensures a level playing field within your level of competition.

- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Expert

Format your File

Digital Competition

- **File Type:** Your image file must be saved as a .jpg or .jpeg file and size must be converted to fit a specified size range defined by the pixel count along the long side.
- **File Size:** The long side of the image must not be less than 1100 pixels nor longer than 1500 pixels. The image can be vertically or horizontally oriented but horizontal images project larger due to screen height limitations. Choosing 1200 pixels for the long side is a good practice. If you don't know how to resize a digital file, [click here](#) or ask for help.
- **File Naming:** Your image must be named according to the following convention - "Last Name_First Initial_Title_level". Ex. "Adams_A_Moonrise_level.jpg". You may use "Untitled" for a Title if you choose.

To Submit Your Image

Digital Competition

- You may submit your image beginning 25 days prior to the meeting date but no later than 6:00 pm on the Saturday before the meeting. Monthly meetings are usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- Submit your image by emailing to competitions.cchhi@gmail.com and attaching the jpeg image file. Include your competition level – Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, or Expert in the email subject line, i.e. “Month/Level”. If you are not sure what level to compete in, ask the Competition Committee at the same email address above.
- You will get an email confirmation of receipt and, if necessary, a notice of non-compliance and action required.

From File to Print

Print Competition (Cont.)

- Registration and digital file submittal have the same deadline as for digital competitions.
- Print Size: No less than 8 inches on the short side and no longer than 20 inches on the long side, except panoramic images can be printed no greater than 20 x 24 inches.
- Mounting: Images must be mounted to a rigid surface such as mat board or foam board not to exceed 1/4-inch thickness. The print can be mounted without mats or matted white or black. Overall size of mounted and matted prints cannot exceed 20 x 24 inches. No glass framed, metal or canvas wraps can be entered.
- The print shall use a post note to be identified on the REAR of the image with the photographer's name, the image Title and skill level.
- No markings on the front! i.e., no signature, watermark or names on the print.

Submitting - File and Print Print Competition

- Print competitions require CCHHI online registration, email submittal of a digital image file, and delivery of a print from that image to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can ask another club member to take it on your behalf and to collect the ribbon, if one is awarded. Also please let the competition committee know that you are having member stand in for you.

- To register your image, go to:

- [Register a Digital file for Print competition.](#)

- Answer all the questions on the form and submit. You will receive an automatic [email](#) reply confirming receipt.

- Then submit your jpeg image by emailing to competitions.cchhi@gmail.com along with your level in the subject line, i.e., “Intermediate Submission”.

- Using the same procedure above as for Digital Competition. The jpeg image file must meet the size and naming constraints on the previous two slides and be identical in proportion to the final print.

- Bring your mounted print to the monthly meeting before the 7pm start time.

Not the End, But it's Near

- All image files will be retained by the CCHHI Club for future Club events or publicity purposes. The photographer retains prints and all copyrights of their images.
- So many rules! Keep in mind that the reasons to compete are:
 1. To improve your photography skills through practice with constructive feedback, once you feel confidence you can enter the annual Bi-club competition.
 2. To show off your hard work to others
 3. Most importantly - TO HAVE FUN!

Have a Question? - Find an Answer.

Summary of Links

- **Questions:** competitions.cchhi@gmail.com
- 2021-22 Monthly Themes:
[Themes for Monthly Competitions.](#)
- **Registration for Print competitions:**
[Register a Digital File for Print Competition.](#)
- Submittal of digital files for Print or Digital competitions:
competitions.cchhi@gmail.com
- **Competition Rules:** [Rules for Competitions.](#)
- **Judging Guidelines:** [Competition Judging Guidelines.](#)
- **Re-sizing a digital photo:** [Resize an image](#)