



NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

2018-2019 Electronic Photograph Interclub Competitions

NECCC has had twelve successful seasons for the Pictorial and eleven successful seasons for the Nature categories of the Electronic Photograph Inter-club Competition. For the 2018-2019 season there are no changes to the rules. However, several reminders are detailed below.

- Because of requirements for the web based entry system it is mandatory to register by Sept. 15, 2018, so that the internal tables can be updated before the site is opened for Fall competition entries. (See rule number 5 in the competition rules document for details about the information needed.)
- Last season we had a number of cases where we received two entries for an individual who belongs to more than one club in one of the categories in violation of rule #4. We routinely check each category to be sure an individual is not entered twice in a category for each competition. If that happens we will attempt to determine which club has the individual's permission to use his/her entries and disqualify the other entry. Each club rep has the responsibility to check with his/her members to be sure that only a single club is using their entries for each competition. It is also the club rep's responsibility to determine the images that may have been entered previously for an individual when competing from another club. When we check images for possible previous use it doesn't matter which club entered it previously. It is understood that this may be a daunting task, and may be difficult to verify every image, every time. However if duplicates are received, the Co-Directors have no choice but to disqualify this duplication. We do this in order to maintain an even playing field for all competing clubs. Note, we have also had problems with different images being entered, but with the same title as previous entries. In that case we attempt to determine if the images are in fact different before disqualifying the new one. Please emphasize to your members the importance of using unique titles for all their images.
- It is important the Host Clubs return our score spreadsheets with **no changes** except to add the scores. We have had clubs that sent score sheets they designed themselves or used programs such as Mac Numbers. When that happens we have to copy the scores to our spreadsheets so that they will work within the rest of our system. Your cooperation will be appreciated.
- Class assignments are the same as the 2017-2018 season except for the Westfield Camera Club which moves from class B to class A in pictorial and North Haven Camera Club which moves from class B to class A in nature. These were the winning clubs in class B for the 2017-2018 season.
 1. The following documents with all the competition details can be found on the NECCC web site at <http://www.neccc.org/p/interclub-competition.html>.
 2. 2018-2019 Electronic Photographic Inter-club Competitions (this document)
 3. Electronic Photograph Inter-club Competition Rules
 4. Electronic Photograph Inter-club Competition Instructions for Host Clubs
 5. Electronic Photograph Inter-club Competition Information for Judges

6. Instructions for Using the Web-based Image Upload System for the Electronic Interclub Competition The upload site is located at <http://cgburke.com/neccc/>.
7. An alignment image to be used to check that your projector is showing the complete image. This image is exactly 1024 x 768 pixels in size and has a one pixel wide stroke around the entire image. If that stroke is **not visible on all four sides** your projector needs adjustment which can easily be performed through the projector's menu system. This is supplied primarily for host clubs to check their projectors before their competition night, but it is also available to any club that wants to be sure it's projector is adjusted properly.

Competitions for 2018-2019

Participating clubs will receive a reminder e-mail in plenty of time to submit entries for each competition assuming they meet the September 15, 2018, registration date.

The dates and host clubs for each competition of the 2018-2019 season are as follows:

Fall Competition: The first NECCC Electronic Photograph Inter-club Competition of the 2018-2019 season will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, hosted by The North Haven Camera Club. The location will be Hope Christian Church, 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT 06473 (<http://www.northhavencameraclub.com/directions-parking/>) The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. **The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday, October 22, 2018.**

Winter Competition: The second NECCC Electronic Photograph Inter-club Competition of the 2018-2019 season will be held on Monday, February 4, 2019, hosted by the Manchester Camera Club (snow date 2/11/2019). The location will be at the St. Paul's Methodist Church, 335 Smyth Rd., Manchester, NH 03104 (<http://www.manchestercameraclub.org/about/directions/>). The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. **The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday, January 21, 2019.**

Spring Competition: The third NECCC Electronic Photograph Inter-club Competition of the 2018-2019 season will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, hosted by The Seacoast Camera Club. The location will be Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road (27 Elwyn Rd for GPS), Portsmouth, NH 03801 The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. **The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday, March 18, 2019.**

No entry form is required to enter individual competitions. Simply enter your images at the web site before the closing date. The information collected by the web site forms substitutes for a paper entry form. Results will be returned to the club's contact person(s) by e-mail as soon as possible after the competition has been judged. Remember that **no make ups are permitted** so be sure to send your entries well before each closing date so that if there are any problems they can be resolved in a timely fashion.

Each entry will be automatically acknowledged by return e-mail after it has been received and checked by the web site software. Watch for the return e-mail and inquire if the receipt isn't received within a reasonable time. It is important to monitor your entries to be sure they were received and are correct. If you have any problems with the entry system notify us and we will help. If you make a mistake in the entry let us know so we can fix the files on our end.

Future Seasons of Competition

The image size remains unchanged at 1024x768 pixels for the 2018-2019 season. However, for seasons beginning with the 2019-2020 season we plan to change the size to 1400x1050 pixels. It is our understanding that the PSA Projected Image Division is going to this new size for the 2018-2019 season. This advance announcement of our plans will allow clubs to plan for the change.