

TOPICS Camera Club
Rules for Color Slide Competitions
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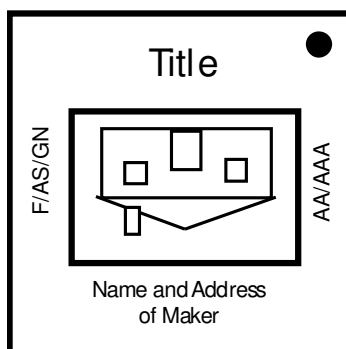
1. Only members whose dues are paid for the current year are eligible to enter Color Slide Competitions.
2. There are two levels of competition within the Color Slide division: Class AA (beginner-intermediate); and Class AAA (advanced). All new members must spend their first year in Class AA.
3. After 20 wins (First, Second or Third place) and two full years of competition in Class AA, a member may move to Class AAA. This rule will not apply to current Class AA members who are "grandfathered", that is, current Class AA members may move to Class AAA upon achieving 15 wins.
4. New members who have completed one full year of competition in Class AA, who have demonstrated exceptional photographic competence, and who feel they are misplaced in the lower class, may petition the Color Slide Competition Chairman to request that they be permitted to move to the higher class after only one year. The move may be made with the approval of the Color Slide Competition Chairman, Co-Chairman, and club President. Moves to a higher class be made only at the beginning of a competition year.
5. If a Class AA member is eligible to move to Class AAA but feels he or she needs more experience before moving to the higher class, the member may petition the Color Slide Competition Chairman to remain in the lower class. The final decision will be made by the Color Slide Competition Chairman, Co-Chairman, and President. If permission to remain in the lower class is granted, the member retains all wins and is eligible to advance to the higher class at the beginning of the following competition year.
6. If, after competing in a higher class for a minimum of one year, a member feels he or she needs more experience in a lower class, the member may petition the Color Slide Competition Chairman to be placed in a lower class. The decision to allow the member to move to a lower class will be made by the Color Slide Competition Chairman, Co-Chairman, and President. If permission to change is granted, the member starts over with no wins in the class to which he or she moves. Moves may only be made at the beginning of a competition year.
7. During the club year (September through May), there will be five competitions. Each competition will have an assigned topic and a general topic. A slide entered in the Assignment must have as its main subject the assigned topic. Any slide of the member's choice may be entered in the General category without regard to theme.
8. A maximum of four slides may be entered in any competition. All four slides may be entered in the Assignment, or the General category, or may be divided between the Assignment and General categories in any combination.
9. Every competition has an assigned topic or theme. The assigned topics are chosen by the TOPICS Board of Directors and are announced at the April meeting each year. Slides taken for the Assignment after the April meeting in which they are announced earn one additional point in competition.
10. Slides to be entered in competition are to be delivered to a designated person by a specified date. The date and place of delivery is selected by the Competition Chairman. Delivery of the slides, on time, is the responsibility of the member. Normally, information about competitions will be conveyed to club members at club meetings and via the club newsletter.
11. Competition slides will be judged by a panel of three non-member judges. The judges will select First, Second and Third place slides and Acceptances in both the Assignment and General categories.
12. Images which are deemed not to fit the Assignment category by the judges or competition chairmen may be moved to the General category.
13. Winning images (First, Second, Third or Acceptances) may not be reentered in any future Color Slide competition. They are to be considered "retired" and may not resurface sporting a new title. Non-winning images, however, may be reentered as many times as desired, or until they achieve a win.
14. Winning color slide images may be reentered in other divisions. For example, a winning slide could be reentered as a print, or even a digital image. However, a winning slide may not be reentered in another division in the competition year in which the win occurred. It may only be reentered in a future competition year.

15. Competition entries will be shown on regular club meeting nights in September, November, December, February and April. Slides will be shown in random order, ending with the Acceptances, Third place, Second place and First place in each category (Assignment and General). Ribbons are awarded for winning slides. Constructive comments may be made by qualified club members or other competent photographers during the presentation of the slides.
16. All winning slides (First, Second, Third or Acceptances) are eligible for the Image-of-the-Year competition at the end of the club year. These images, collected at the April meeting each year, are re-judged by a new panel of judges and are shown at the annual Awards Banquet.
17. The winning images of the Image-of-the-Year competition receive awards which are presented at the annual Awards Banquet in May. In addition, awards for most points earned in Classes AA and AAA are also presented to the winning club members.

A plaque with a plate engraved with the member's name, number of points earned, and the year the points were earned, will be awarded to all members achieving their first 50 points in competition. Additional inscriptions will be made on the plaque's engraved plate upon achieving 100 points, and then for each additional 100 points.

Members who earn 500 and 1000 points will be awarded a large plaque mounted with a print of the member's choice.

18. Slides which are entered in TOPICS Color Slide competitions must be marked as follows:



- Slides are placed upside down in the projector as shown above. Upside down labeling enables the projectionist to read titles and insures the slide will be projected properly. The thumb spot in the upper right hand corner of the upside down slide enables the projectionist to place slides in the projector quickly and easily.
- Place an "F" on slides which are entered in the Assignment category and which were photographed after the April meeting in which slide assignments for the coming year were made.
- Place "AS" on slides which are entered in the Assignment category but which were photographed prior to the April meeting in which slide assignments for the coming year were made.
- Place "GN" on slides which are entered in the General category.

19. Points awarded for color slide competition entries are as follows:

Place	F	AS	GN
1 st	6	5	5
2 nd	5	4	4
3 rd	4	3	3
Acc	3	2	2
Entry	2	1	1

- F = For Assignment: Image taken after the April meeting at which assigned topics were announced.
- AS = Assignment: Image taken before the April meeting at which assigned topics were announced.
- GN = General: Competition category without assigned topic.
- Entry = Points awarded for non-winning slides.