

# OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC RULES

## PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO, INC.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL ENTRANTS:

Please **READ** and follow carefully all the instructions.

**Not doing so will prevent judging of your entries.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any member of PPANM in good standing may entry print competition. All competitors will compete in the General category unless they are eligible for the Salon category. If eligibility for the Salon category has been met, the competitor must compete in that category for the current and all subsequent conventions. Placement in the Salon category is mandatory of the competitor meets one or more of the following requirements:

- A) PPA Master's Degree
- B) PPANM Print Fellow Award
- C) A total score of 15 or more points per PPANM Print Fellow Award rules.

**ENTRIES ALLOWED:** You are permitted to enter all PPANM competitions for which you are eligible. The maximum number of entries in all competitions combined is not to exceed a total of five (5) entries and one (1) 8-pose folio.

### GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ENTRANTS:

These rules apply to all entries, regardless of the competition.

**NO TWO PHOTOGRAPHS SHALL BE OF THE SAME SUBJECT:** Unless the treatment is such as to provide two entirely different photographs. A majority of the jury or the jury foreman may disqualify an entry if similarity is determined.

**EXCESSIVE ARTWORK:** If, in the opinion of the majority of the jurors of the jury foreman, excessive artwork exists on a photograph entered in the Photographic Competition, Folio or the Wedding Album Competition, the entry will be disqualified.

**PRIOR COMPETITIONS:** Entries previously entered at PPA or any affiliate competitions will not be allowed.

**ENTRY FEE AND ENTRY FORMS:** The entry fee for PPANM members in good standing \$30.00. The entry fee for covers one to five entries and 1 folio. Completed official entry forms with signed certification and check or money order made payable to the Professional Photographers Association of New Mexico, Inc. **(must be enclosed with your entries.)**

**CERTIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY:** Entrants must sign the certification on the entry form. Entrant must certify that he has created, composed and made the original exposures, and that the processing and any special effects were done by the entrant or under entrant's direction. No photograph will be eligible that has been made under the supervision of an instructor unless the entrant qualifies for the Student Category.

**IDENTIFICATION:** In order to identify and list all entries, all entries must be titled. The title, name and address of maker, the classification in which the print is being entered, and the print entry number must appear on the top, center back of the print. Use the included forms. No title, name of maker or taped-over name, title or award ribbons or seals may appear on the front of the entry. "Untitled" or "No Title" may not be used. All entries must be titled. A title may appear in the photograph if the title is an integral part of the photograph.

**SHIPMENT OF ENTRIES:** Entries must be shipped in fibre or metal print cases, or, if hand delivered, must be in the same type case. Entries delivered in any other type wrapping will be returned unopened. Only one person's entries are allowed per case. PPANM assumes no responsibility for damage or loss in shipment, storage, handling or exhibit of entries. Entries must be sent prepaid or hand delivered. Entries will be returned COLLECT if not picked up at the end of the competition.

**COMPETITIONS:** The PPANM holds three competitions: Wedding Album (Social Event), Folio and Photographic. Each entrant must follow all specific rules pertaining to one of the competitions. All prints, in both General and Salon Categories, will be judged for a score in each print classification.

**JUDGING:** There will be no designation made at the time of the initial judging (for scores) to differentiate General and Salon prints. If a judge requests information as to which category a print is in, that information will be withheld at the time. Because PPA allows Masters prints to be of a different size than General prints, PPANM will follow PPA Master rules for PPANM Salon competition. Although a print other than a 16x20 would be deduced by the judges as being a Salon print, the judges will be instructed by the print foreman to judge all prints on individual merit alone.

**WEDDING OR SOCIAL EVENT ALBUM COMPETITION:** Albums will be judged for impact, creativity, style, print quality, technique story content, expressions of subjects, lighting, presentation and salability of work. In addition:

- 1) **One entry is allowed per entrant**
- 2) **No Proof Albums will be accepted**
- 3) The album will be counted as one entry
- 4) **Albums may be 5x7 or larger, Digital Albums of any size**
- 5) All photographs in an album must be from the same event
- 6) Events considered appropriate for this competition are Wedding, Bar Mitzvahs, Bat Mitzvahs, Anniversaries, Parties
- 7) The album must be identified and titled. Use the form included with entry material. Make copies if more are needed.
- 8) Albums will be scored on the point system.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION:** Photographs will be judged for impact, technical competence, balance between content and technique, style, meaning, composition and interest. In Addition: (1) Photographs must be designated by the entrant in one of the following classifications:

**Commercial/Industrial** - Subjects of a commercial or industrial nature are to be included. Where composition or other industrial nature are to be included. Where composition or other constraints would be better explained by showing layout constraints, a tear sheet may be included. Jurors will consider the assignment in the scoring. Attach the tear sheet to the top back of the entry. PPANM does not score transparency entries.

**Portrait** - Photographs of people done in the studio or on location. Photographs of brides, grooms, or weddings may not be entered in this classification.

**Wedding** - All Photographs pertaining to brides, grooms or weddings or other social events must be entered in this classification.

**Unclassified** - Photographs not included in other classifications should be entered as unclassified. All pictorials are included in this classification. No tear sheets will be considered. Photographs of brides, grooms and weddings may not be entered in this classification.

**Special Category** - Each year the Board of Directors of PPANM selects a special topic for photographs. Each entrant may enter one photograph in this classification. Originality of interpretation is encouraged. All other general and specific rules apply. The topic or title for this classification will be announced in the PPANM newsletter at an early date.

**Student** - Student members are eligible to enter this classification only, regardless of the subject matter of the photograph. All student entries will be judged as a classification. Photographs may be as a class assignment or under supervision of an instructor. All other general and specific rules apply. See membership application for requirements for Student Membership.

**2) Past-Presidents Category** - This is **NOT** a special category for judging. It is an award category drawn from other entries. Each year the Past-Presidents of PPANM select a special topic for photographs. Each entrant may enter one photograph for this award. Originality of interpretation is encouraged. All other general and specific rules apply. The topic or title for this classification will be announced in the PPANM newsletter at an early date. In order to be eligible for this award, the photograph must be entered in one of the photographic classifications listed in #1 above. It must also be identified on the identification label as entered for this award. Photographs entered for this award will be judged and scored in their classification. Awards will be selected by the Past-Presidents of the Association.

**3) Out of State Category** - This is not a special category for judging. Entries may be entered in any of the other classifications for scoring purposes only. Out of state entries are eligible only for this award.

**4) (a) Mounting (General)** - All prints must be permanently mounted on 16x20 inch maximum, 15 1/2 x 19 1/2 minimum cardboard, foamboard, or sintar. (Prints mounted on anything else will be disqualified) Combined thickness of print and mount shall be a minimum of 1/8 inch and a maximum of 1/4 inch at any point on the entry. Sintar thickness allowable is 3mm minimum, 4mm maximum. The print mat not be under glass, plastic covering is permitted, but not recommended. **Over and underlay mats are permitted.** Minimum total area size of photograph must not be less than 80 square inches. Prints may be less than 16x20 and any shape, but must be mounted on the above mentioned board. To prevent damage to other prints, no foreign material may be added to the surface of the print other than standard retouching material.

**(b) Mounting (Salon)** - PPANM will follow the PPA Master's rules. All of the above rules apply with one exception, the prints may be any proportion or shape but not smaller than 80 square inches, and may not exceed 480 square inches with the longest dimension 30 inches (if an entry is 30 inches long on one dimension, the maximum other dimension is 16 inches) Prints exceeding the maximum or minimums will be disqualified.

**5)** Photographic entries will be judged under 75 foot candles of incandescent light.

**6)** There is no special classification for black & white photographs. These will be judged for the photographic content in the proper classification.

**7)** There is no competition for specialist entries. Hand-colored photographs will be judged with color entries, in the proper classification APG competitions are available at other association competitions.

**8)** Photographs will be scored on the point system.

#### **FOLIO COMPETITION:**

(1) Folios can only be entered in the folio competition. (2) There is a limit of one folio per maker. (3) Folios shall have eight (8) openings, for print sizes 3 1/2x5 through 5x5. (4) The prints included in a folio must be "Raw Prints". No artwork, retouching or spraying is permitted. (5) All prints must be from one photographic session. (6) An

entry label must be affixed to the back of the folio. Any identifying marks of imprinting on the front of the prints or the folio is not permitted. (7) The folio score **will not be added** to the total print score.

**SCORING:** The point system is used for all judging with scores from 100 to 0 possible. The categories of points are: Exceptional, 100-95; Superior, 94-90; Excellent, 89-85; Deserving of a Merit, 84-80; Above Average, 79-76; Average, 75-74; Fair, 73-70; Unacceptable, 69-0. There will be no automatic review of prints receiving scores between 79-81. The final score is the official score, in the event that a score is challenged by a member of the jury panel. The number of points awarded by the jury will be entered on the back of the entry.

**DISPLAY:** All entries receiving a score of 70 and above are eligible for display at the convention. Space limitations will usually restrict these selections, and not all eligible prints will be displayed.

**RIBBONS:** All entries receiving a score of 70 and above will receive display corners. All entries receiving a score of 74 and above will receive a ribbon in addition to the display corner. All Salon category ribbons will be designed as a Salon award.

**AWARDS:** All awards are made at the discretion of the Print Chairman and the Jury Panel. Only those photographs receiving a score of 76 or above will be eligible for awards in the General Category, 78 and above in the Salon Category. These awards will be announced at the Annual Banquet. The list of possible awards is determined by the Board of Directors of the Association and may change from year to year. Plaque award will go to each winning competitor in the two categories (**General and Salon**) for these five classifications.

A) Commercial/Industrial    B) Portrait    C) Wedding    D) Wedding Album    E) Unclassified

All other eligible prints in both the General category and the Salon category will be combined for the remaining Plaque and certificate award selections.

**SEAL OF APPROVAL:** PPNM is not an affiliated Judging. No seal of approval is issued by this association.

**DECISIONS:** The Print Committee Chairman, with the Jury Foreman, will have the authority to decide any questions not specifically covered by these rules. His or Her decisions will be final. **ANY ENTRIES NOT FOLLOWING THESE RULES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.**

The Special Category is  
“Recycled”

The Past President’s Category is  
“The Blues”