Myrtle Beach Camera Club
Competition Rules

(Revised October 2026)

Catetgories

All Competition entries must start with an image created from a camera or phone
Never from an A.I. created image.

Artistic Category
This is for the photographer who loves taking a photo and turning it into a piece of art. Imagination will rule this category.

Open Category
This is for the photographer who wants to present their strongest image. Any subject rules this category and will be judged as a photograph with editing allowed but **NO** artistic manipulation.

Traditional Category
Must follow the **Theme** for that month. This is for the photographer who loves to produce powerful images that excel through composition, light, timing and technical skills at the moment of exposure. Post processing should support the original capture without significantly altering the scene. Exposure,color correction, white balance, sharpening, noise reduction and cropping are allowed but **Additions** or **Removals** of image content are **NOT** allowed.

Enhanced Category
Must follow the **Theme** for that month. This is for the photographer who enjoys enhancing a photo beyond what was captured in camera. No editing limitations, just an inspired vision of the theme is all that is required.

Monthly Points Scoring & Accumulation

•There will be no tie breakers used in our monthly competition. We will award ties **Equally.**

•**Largest number of votes** will receive 1st place ribbon and 5 points along with **all** who received the same amount of votes.

Second largest number of votes will receive a 2nd place ribbon and 3 points along with **all** who received the same amount of votes.

•**Third largest number of votes** will receive a 3rd place ribbon and 1 point along with **all** who received the same amount of votes.

Year End Awards

The Year End Awards has a Tie Breaker rule to handle the situation if a tie occurs in points to determined the Award Winner. So if the number of 1st place wins doesn't break the tie, then we look at the number of 2nd place wins. As a last effort to break the tie, we look at the number of 3rd place wins. If still tied. we give both co-winners an Award.

Formatting Rules

•No limitations, use of Photoshop, etc. is acceptable

•All images must be no more than 10 inches long on longest side. ***(8x10, 4x10, 7x10,etc.)***

•Nothing larger than the 10 inches will be allowed to compete ***(i.e no 8x12, or 10x14, etc.)*** and no images smaller than 10 inches on one side ***(i.e. no 5x7, 4x6 or other snapshot sizes.)***

•All photos must be matted or mounted on stiff background for ease of handling.

• No size limitations on mountings.

•Photos can be Color or Black and White and can be home or commercially printed.

•Print Name and Category *(Title optional)* on back of matte or backing. No names on front.

•No frames.