



2019 AIM Image Competition Rules

An Image Judging Competition for the Animal Image Makers Conference

Print Judging Date: 10:00 a.m. central time Saturday, April 13, 2019
Hilton Bloomington MSP Airport Mall of America
3800 American Blvd E
Bloomington, MN 55425

Registration Deadline: 5:00pm central time Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at printcompetition.com

Entry Fee: \$15 per entry

All images must be pre-registered and pre-paid at printcompetition.com by the deadline

IMPORTANT

Please read the following print rules carefully.

This is a digital competition only. **All images must be pre-registered and pre-paid at printcompetition.com by 5 p.m. central time Wednesday, April 10, 2019.** Uploaded files must be sized so the longest dimension is 4,000 pixels (20 inches at 200 ppi). Each file must contain an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and be saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10.

Additional rules and information follow below. Additional questions can be addressed by contacting the Print Chair Lisa Asp at info@lisaasp.com or 952-303-3619.

The purpose of this competition is to allow photographers to enter digital prints to be judged relative to Professional Photographers of America's 12 Elements of a Merit Print for the purpose of critique and/or competing for awards. For more information, see: <http://www.ppa.com/competitions/content.cfm?ItemNumber=1792&navItemNumber=2213>

Judging will be to PPA standards but it should be noted that this is NOT a PPA Affiliated Competition and PPA merits can NOT be earned. These rules pertain to images created by traditional photographic processes as well as those captured electronically with a digital camera or scanner. This competition is open to anyone.

Printcompetition.com: As mentioned earlier, *ALL entries must be pre-registered and the entry fee pre-paid at printcompetition.com by 5:00pm central time Wednesday, April 10, 2019.* You may view live judging through the Print Competition Game Day app on your computer, smart phone or tablet that will allow you to watch the judging as it happens. You will see the current image that is being seen by the judges and watch the results

come in. The app automatically refreshes so you just sit back and watch. In addition to the current image being judged, you will also see thumbnails of the top 16, a list of the last 20 scores and a list of the next 15 up. For an additional fee, you can upgrade to the premium membership which gives you even more features.

Questions: Contact Competition Chair Lisa Asp at news@lisaasp.com or 952-303-3619.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The entrant must have captured and created the original exposure.
2. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photograph, portrait, graphic or any other artwork produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and will not be judged, accepted, or displayed. If an entry, in the good-faith opinion of the Photographic Competition Committee, violates copyright, trademark or any other applicable law that entry shall be disqualified.
3. The entrant's name shall not appear anywhere on the face of the entry.
4. There is no limit to the number of entries may be submitted per entrant. Each print submitted counts as one entry.
5. Entrant must have a model release on file for each entry submitted.
6. No entry will be eligible that has been made under the supervision of an instructor/speaker or workshop.
7. The same subject may be in more than one of the entrant's submitted images.
8. Entries previously merited at any PPA International Competition are not eligible, including any image from a merited album.
9. *No Late Entries will be accepted - please note the deadlines above.*
10. Entry fees will be paid on PrintCompetition.com at the time you register.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

1. **Dogs:** Everything Canine. Indoor, outdoor, posed, candid, running, sleeping, etc. It's all about the dogs!
2. **Cats:** Feline lovers unite! Show us your cute and cuddly kitties.
3. **Equine:** A horse is a horse, of course of course. But is yours a horse of another color? Show off that majestic trot, larger than life jump, braided manes or exotic breeds.
4. **Other Domestic Animals:** Lizards, fish, birds, guinea pigs, snakes, etc. Anything else that could be a pet.
5. **Wild Animals:** African safari, trip to the zoo, crazy fox in your back yard. If it lives outside, it's wild!
6. **Babies:** Baby animals are just too cute to compete with the adults - they'd win any day of the week! So they get their own category. Everything six months and younger should be in this group.
7. **Animals and their Humans:** Everyone once in awhile someone wants to be photographed WITH their pet. Show off how you captured their relationship.

The print chairperson, jury, and/or board of directors have the right to question the category of any entry. The judges have the option to change the classification and their decision is final.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES ALLOWED: You may submit any combination of images in any of the categories.

AWARDS

The top three images in each category will be recognized. First place in each category will take home a trophy and certificate and compete for “best in show”. Second and third place will each be awarded a ribbon and certificate.

All seven first place winners will compete for “best in show” with the top winner being selected by the judges. The “best in show” winner will be awarded a second trophy.