NG3C 2017 Shootout Participant Rules

Team Leaders

Each participating club must choose a team leader. The team leader will have the following responsibilities:

* Be the communication point person between the Council and their team before, during and after the Shootout.
* Pre-register team participants before the event.
* Insure all team participants have their participant number.
* Insure all team participants are aware of the Shootout rules and geographical boundaries before the event.
* Insure all team participants fully understand and follow the IMAGE NAMING and IMAGE TITLES rules specifically as defined below.
* On the day of the event, be sure to register all participants, including those who did not pre-register on the day of the event.
* On the day of the event, obtain the flash drive and turn in team images on the flash drive as stated below.

Event Rules

* All images must be shot within the boundaries defined by the Council.
* Photographers must set their time and date stamp accurately so it is clear that the images were captured during the event. Random checking of metadata from winning images should be expected for verification.
* All images must be made during the time limits allowed on the day of the Shootout.
* All images must be edited, named and turned in to their club’s team leader.
* The spirit of the competition is spontaneity and to photograph found images based on the topics announced. Items found on site may be rearranged to set-up the shot.

Preparing Images for Judging

1. IMAGE NAMING AND IMAGE TITLES: After photographers edit their photos, they must name the jpeg files according to this convention:

**01-03-006-Image Title.jpg**

Where:

**01** is the Category Number

**03** is the Club Numberş

**006** is the Photographer Number

**Image Title** is the title of your image as described by the Image Title Requirements below

Only dashes are acceptable to separate the fields.

Category numbers, club numbers and photographer numbers will be given to the TEAM LEADER. It is the team leader’s responsibility to make sure all team members have these numbers. Club numbers and photographer numbers may be assigned in advance of the Shootout day but Categories are only revealed during a random drawing on the morning of the Shootout.

**Image Title Requirements: TITLE YOUR IMAGES DESCRIPTIVELY, CREATIVELY or ARTISTICALLY**. There is a difference between a file name and an image title. The **Image Title** in this case refers to what you would name your photograph if you were placing it in a museum, exhibit, publication, or on display somewhere.

Please follow these rules while selecting a title:

* Remove the file name assigned by the camera (e.g. IMG\_1180)
* Do not use “untitled” in the title
* Do not use the category name (topic) in your image title (e.g., “soft focus”)

Examples for **CORRECTLY** named images:

03-07-032-Neon Signs

03-07-032-Red Chevette02

Examples for **WRONG** image names (your images will be disqualified):

03-07-032-IMG\_1180

03-07-032-Unitled

03-07-032-Untitled02

03-07-032-soft-focus-IMGA0829

1. IMAGE SIZING: Images should be sized to 2400 pixels on the longest side (wide or tall) and submitted in .jpg format. We recommend you present your images in the highest quality (least .jpg compression).
2. IMAGE COLOR SPACE: Submitted images must use the sRGB color space.
3. UNIQUE IMAGE SUBMISSION RULE: Each picture entered in the contest may be entered only once and in only one category. If a photographer submits duplicate images, both images will be disqualified.
4. IMAGE MANIPULATION: Digital Image manipulation is allowed.
5. DISCLAIMERS: Submitted images that violate or disregard any of these rules will be disqualified. In addition, please be mindful of your audience, images that are not family friendly or found to be offensive are subject to disqualification.

Submitting Images for Judging

The number of images to be submitted for judging by each club will be determined after the pre-registration process is completed. Each team leader is responsible to convey this information to their club.

Each team’s leader will turn in their team’s images on the flash drive, labeled only with the club number. Make sure the number on the flash drive matches your Club number. Please do not put your club’s name on the flash drive.

No images will be accepted after the turn-in time of 2 p.m. local time. You must NOT be late.