

# PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING PROCESS AND PROCEDURES USING PSWD GUIDELINES

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# First Step: 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Place Winners

- ▣ This first step in judging Photographs is the same as the first step in judging Horticulture and Arrangements.
- ▣ Judges do a walk-through to get a feel for the overall quality of the show.
- ▣ Then – and this is very important in Photography – *utilizing the Score Card*, assign each Photograph a 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Place Ribbon (or sticker, or whatever), or mark “Judged.”

# Number of 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners in a Class

- ▣ This is no limit to the number of 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners in a Class.
- ▣ Judges are encouraged to award as many 1<sup>st</sup> Places as there are deserving Photographs within a class.
- ▣ If there are no deserving Photographs, then a 1<sup>st</sup> Place is not required to be awarded.
- ▣ The PSWD Photography Committee strongly encourages Positive Judging!

# Some Important Items to Remember When Judging

- ▣ Try to avoid the use of “I like. . .” or “I don’t like. . .” whenever judging.
- ▣ Try to use the criteria of the Score Card when commenting on the good points and less good points of a Photograph.
- ▣ Try to judge using only the criteria on the Score Card.
- ▣ Try to write notes commenting on something good about the Photograph, and something that could have improved the Photograph.

# Determining Class Winners

- ▣ Once all Photographs within a Class have been judged, the team assigned to that Class shall choose the Best of Class.
- ▣ This may be done by informal conversation.
- ▣ If the judges disagree on the Photograph that should be Best in Class, the Team Leader should notify the Chair of Photography Judges, who may then ask another team to decide, or call for a secret ballot, or both.

# Determining Section “A” Winner

- ▣ Once all Classes within Section A (The Rose) have been determined, the Photography Judges Chair shall call for a vote by all Photography judges.
- ▣ This shall be done by secret ballot.
- ▣ Each judge shall indicate, *in order*, his/her top three choices from the Best of Classes within Section A.

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- ▣ The votes shall be weighted, with 3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, and 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.
- ▣ The Best of Class within Section A with the highest number of points shall be declared the Best of Section A.

# The Other Sections

- ❖ Section B – The Rose Arrangement
- ❖ Section C – The Rose Garden
- ❖ Section D – Rose Art
- ❖ Section E – Budding Photographers (Juniors)
- ❖ Section F – Judges

# Determining Winners of Sections B, C, D, E, and F

- ▣ In most shows, these Sections will probably have fewer total entries than Section A.
- ▣ The judges who judged the Classes within each Section shall decide among themselves the Best of Section winner.
- ▣ All judges involved in judging Classes within that Section shall participate.
- ▣ If the judges cannot agree, the Photography Judges Chair shall call for secret ballot like the one to used to determine the winner of Section A.

# Determining Certificate Winners

- ▣ Once all the Best of Class winners have been selected, the Judges Chair shall have runners move the ones from Sections A, B, C, and E that are Photographer-grown and/or Arranged to an area for voting by secret ballot.
- ▣ All Best of Class winners from Sections A, B, C, and E that are Photographer-Grown and/or Arranged are eligible for Medal Certificates.

# Certificate Winners – Continued

- ▣ All photography judges shall vote, by listing, *in order*, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices.
- ▣ The votes shall be weighted, with 3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, and 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.
- ▣ The Photograph with the highest number of points shall be declared the winner of the Gold Certificate.

# Certificate Winners – Continued

- ▣ The Photograph with the next highest number of points shall be declared the Silver Certificate Winner.
- ▣ The Photograph with the third highest number of points shall be declared the Bronze Certificate Winner.

# Determining Best of Show

- ▣ Best of Show shall be awarded to the Photograph deemed the best Photograph in combined Sections A (The Rose), B (The Rose Arrangement), C (The Rose Garden), D (Rose Art), and E (Budding Photographers).
- ▣ Entries in Section F (Judges) are not eligible for consideration for Best of Show.

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- ▣ Each judge shall indicate, *in order*, his/her top three choices from the Best of Sections A, B, C, D, and E.
- ▣ The votes shall be weighted, with 3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, and 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.
- ▣ The Best of Section from Sections A, B, C, D, and E with the highest number of points shall be declared Best of Show.

# Thank You

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