



Member PSA

CORAL SPRINGS CAMERA CLUB CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND RULES FOR COMPETITION—2008

CONSTITUTION

Amended: January 2015

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Coral Springs Camera Club, hereafter referred to as CSCC.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of CSCC is to promote photography in and around Coral Springs, Florida.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any person or institution interested in photography may become a member of CSCC, as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

The officers of CSCC shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V – VACANCIES ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. If the office of President becomes vacant, it shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the First Vice-President. If the First Vice-President is unable to serve, the office will be filled by the Second Vice-President.
- B. If any other office becomes vacant, it shall be filled by appointment by the President, until an election by the Board of Directors, for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Regular meetings of CSCC will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Sartory Hall (in Mullins Park, 29th Street, east of the Coral Springs City Center), January through December, with informal meetings approximately once a month in June, July, and August. The Board of Directors may occasionally change the date and/or place of a meeting, with adequate notice to members.

ARTICLE VII – BY-LAWS

By-Laws for the transaction of business may be adopted, revoked, or amended at any meeting by a majority vote of the membership present.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any time after prior written notice to the membership. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of paid members present shall be required. A quorum of at least one-third of the paid membership must be present before an amendment may be voted upon.



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BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any person, 14 years of age or older interested in photography may apply.
- B. The dues for regular members, their spouses, and/or children shall accompany the application.
- C. Any member whose dues are thirty (30) days in arrears shall be dropped from the Membership Roster until said dues are received.

DUES

- A. Annual dues shall be \$40.00 for an individual (\$70 for a couple), payable on or before the first meeting in January.
- B. Applicants joining during the year will have their dues pro-rated:
 - a. After January 1st \$40.00 for the calendar year
 - b. After July 1st Half of the annual dues
 - c. After October 15th Full dues will be collected to apply to the following year

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the Officers, Immediate Past President, and all Committee Chairpersons.
- B. The purpose of the Board of Directors shall be to conduct and monitor the business of CSCC.
- C. The Board of Directors will appoint a Nominating Chair by the November board meeting. The slate of officers will be presented to the membership during the first regular meeting in December, when nominations will be called for from the floor. Nominees will be announced and voted at the second December club meeting. Voting may be done by show of hands or ballot, as directed by Board.
- D. Nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to take office during the first regular January club meeting. The term of each board member is one year.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- A. **President:** The President, the Chief Executive Officer of CSCC, shall preside at all meetings of the club and its Board of Directors
- B. **Directors:** By definition, the President is a member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee, and shall see that all Committee Chairpersons know and perform their duties. The President shall perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.
- C. **First Vice President:** The First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is absent. He/She shall assist the President in any way possible. The First Vice President shall be **Chairperson of the Competition Committee.**
- D. **Second Vice President:** The Second Vice President shall perform the duties of the First Vice President when he/she is absent; shall assist the President in any way possible; and shall serve as **Chairperson of the Program Committee.**
- E. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep minutes of, and read if so requested, all business meetings of CSCC and the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall take care of necessary correspondence; and is responsible for notifying the Officers and Committee Chairpersons concerning action required by CSCC or Board of Directors decisions as recorded in the minutes.

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- F. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect and keep accurate records of all funds, finances, and bank records of CSCC; will pay all bills of CSCC and prepare a written report, to be included in the minutes and reported to the membership; shall work with the Membership Chairperson and Secretary on the Membership Roster; and will keep the Board of Directors informed on the dues status of members. The Treasurer or President may authorize payment of expenditures under \$100. Expenditures over \$100 must be authorized by the Board of Directors. The President, Treasurer, or any other designated Officer must sign all checks.

COMMITTEES

The President, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons, with the exception of the Program and Competition Committees.

TERMINATION OF THE CLUB

If membership drops below five people, the Club shall be dissolved. The Board of Directors shall decide the disposition of any assets. No member or officer shall have a vested interest in any funds or assets of the Club.

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RULES FOR COMPETITION

The Coral Springs Camera Club holds competitions on the first Tuesday of the months of January through May and September through December. Only paid members may enter.

1) Sections and Categories

There will be competitions in **Digital**, **Color Prints**, and **Monochrome Prints**.

Monochrome Definition: A picture done in different shades of a single color.

For example: Black and white, sepia, blue and white.

- A. Those sections with enough participants will be divided into up to three classes: **B (Beginner/** less experienced; **A (Advanced/more experienced)**, or **Master** (the most experienced). Members may change their classifications at the beginning of a competition year. People at the top of their competition class should be encouraged by the **Competition Chair** to move up into the next class. Those classes with less than five entrants will be combined with others.
- B. Two categories can be entered: **Open** in which any subject is allowed, and **Assigned Subject**, to be submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors. The Assigned Subject must dominate. The **Competition Chair** has the discretion to challenge and disqualify entries that do not meet the definition of the assignment.

2. Number of Entries

With the exception of the December competition, the number of pictures that may be entered in each of the following categories vary:

- A. **Digital:** One Open and one Assigned Subject
- B. **Color Prints:** One Open and one Assigned Subject
- C. **Monochrome Prints:** One Open and one Assigned Subject
- D. **December competition:** Same number of entries in each category (2 Digital, 2 color prints, and 2 monochrome prints), but limited to pictures taken at the year's field trip destinations, to be published in the newsletter and via email; no more than half can have been taken at any one location.

3. Entries

- A. **Prints** should be in before 7:15 pm. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the **Competition Chair**. Members unable to attend a competition meeting should submit their print entries to the Competition Chairperson prior to the meeting or ask another member to submit for them. If a member is unable to enter their prints in time for a competition, make ups are permitted and the **Competition Chair** must be notified prior to the competition. All make up prints are to be submitted after the missed meeting as soon as possible but before the December meeting of that year. All prints that missed the competition should be entered at once for judging. The assigned subject prints will be judged as assigned, if possible, at the **Competition Chair's** discretion.
- B. **Digital** entries must be sent to the Digital **Competition Chair** at CSCAMERA CLUB@GMAIL.COM at least one week prior to Competition Night. A detailed explanation of how to send is available. If a member is unable to enter their digital images in time for a competition, make ups are permitted and the **Competition Chair** must be notified prior to the competition. All make up digital entries are to be submitted after the missed meeting as soon as possible but before the December meeting of that year.

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All digital images that missed the competition should be entered at once for judging. The assigned subject prints will be judged as assigned, if possible, at the **Competition Chair's** discretion.

- C. In the interest of self-improvement, members are encouraged to enter pictures that are less than 2 years old.
- D. Participants may not enter the same picture in different categories in the same month.

4. Judging:

- A. Each picture is to be judged on its own merits and not by comparison with other entries. The judge will critique each picture, scoring it (from 6 to 10). Scores will be recorded and accumulated from month to month.
- B. A picture that receives a score of 8, 9, or 10 may not be re-entered in subsequent competitions, except for the End of Year competition. Those with scores of 7 or below may be re-entered in the open category in either of the next two competitions.
- C. The name of the photographer will be announced for any scores of 8, 9, or 10 following the scoring of that entry.

5. Entry Preparation:

- A. **Prints:** Minimum print size is 8" x10" or 80 square inches. Maximum outside mat size is 16"x20." Prints must be firmly mounted or matted, with self-stick labels (supplied by the club) legibly completed and affixed to the back in the upper left corner. No frames will be permitted.
- B. **Digital entries**, to be emailed to the Digitals Chairman at CSCAMERACLUB@GMAIL.COM at least a week in advance of Competition Night, must be sized correctly (72dpi, a maximum vertical height of 800 pixels, and maximum horizontal width of 1280 pixels) in jpg. Subject line in email must identify that they are "CSCC Entries for (insert date of Competition Night). Pictures must be labeled with your initials-A, B, or M Group and whether Open or Assigned SubjectPictureTitle.jpg. Thus: **CR-AOp-DunesAtDusk.jpg**.
- C. All pictures must have a title. The title "Untitled" is unacceptable. The same title may not be reentered unless it received a score of 7 or less at a previous time. If similar but different pictures are entered, they should have different titles. For example: *Blue Heron*, *Blue Heron Portrait*, and *Blue Heron 2* would be considered different pictures. If you enter a picture a second time to raise its score, it should retain its original title.
- D. Participants may not enter the same or similar pictures in different categories in the same month.

6. The Annual Awards Banquet

The banquet will be held in January. Recognition will go to the members from each group scoring in the top positions in each section (Digital, Color Prints, and Mono Prints). Up to three awards (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be given. An End of Year Competition will be held at the banquet. Members may submit a maximum of two Digital, two Color Prints, and two Monochrome Prints in the same categories as submitted during the previous year. Only images that had been shown in the previous year's monthly competition are eligible and the entrant must have entered at least three competitions during that year. Awards will be presented at the banquet to the First, Second and Third Place winners in each category. The **Competition Chair** of the previous year will be responsible for obtaining all awards to be presented at the banquet.

If you have any questions, please contact a club officer or chairman.