

CONSTITUTION

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 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 Tuesdays, January through May and September to December, with informal meetings approximately once a month in June, July, and August. The meetings will be held virtually (e.g.: ZOOM) or at a location announced to the membership in advance.

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. Virtual or email voting is acceptable

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. Virtual/email voting is acceptable.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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 \$200. Expenditures over \$200 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 persons, 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.

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

SECTION I – RULES FOR COMPETITION

- A. An image submitted for competition must originate from the member's photograph, not a software generated image (i.e.: Photoshop, LightRoom, Luminar, etc.)
- B. If an image is a composite, the source of all used images must be the member's own images. Textures and filters from image software may be used.
- C. Each submitted image must be a stand-alone image, not a diptych or triptych or other variation of multiple images.
- D. Images of someone else's artwork or photographic image as the main subject will not be accepted unless the Theme or Assignment calls for it.
- E. Sexually explicit or suggestive images will not be accepted for competition. If unsure, ask the Competition Chair one week prior to competition image submission deadline.
- F. All images entered into competition must be the work of the member. Work that is not completely created by the member photographer is not allowed. Clip art, images, and photographs obtained online or from other sources are not allowed. Textures and filters from image software may be used.
- G. Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) Generative software on all or parts of an image is not allowed unless it's part of a specific Club assignment.

SECTION II – SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

- A. There are two levels of expertise: one group for Advanced, includes beginners and intermediate, and one group for Masters. Competition in the Masters group is by invitation only.
- B. Two categories can be entered: Open in which any subject is allowed, and Assigned Theme.
- C. Assigned Themes will be provided by the Board for each month of competition. The Assigned Theme must dominate the submitted image. The Competition Chair has the discretion to challenge and disqualify entries that do not meet the definition of the assignment.
- D. The Open Category and Assigned Theme will be two separate competitions with two separate cumulative scores for the year.

SECTION III – NUMBER OF ENTRIES

- A. OPEN: Two Open
- B. ASSIGNED THEME: One Assigned Theme
- C. END OF YEAR COMPETITION: Two images selected from Open or Assigned Categories

SECTION IV – SIZE AND DIMENSIONS

- A. Pictures must be sent as JPGs.
- B. The maximum horizontal dimensions should be no more than 1280 pixels
- C. The maximum vertical dimension should be no more than 800 pixels.
- D. If your picture is in horizontal or "landscape" format, the maximum horizontal dimension must be 1280 pixels (when you set this, the number of vertical pixels will adjust itself automatically) and maximum vertical pixels should be no more than 800 pixels.
- E. If your picture is in vertical or "portrait" format, the maximum vertical dimension must be 800 pixels (when you set this, the number of horizontal pixels will adjust itself automatically).
- F. The resolution should be set at 72 dpi, keep images below 1MB, use the sRGB color space.
- G. Save your JPEG images as .JPG.

SECTION V – SUBMISSIONS

- A. Entries to be submitted by email at least one week before competition date; please send your digital entries to the Club's Gmail account: cscameraclub@gmail.com.
- B. Send your three pictures in the same email. Please do not send your images in "zip" format; this just makes more work.
- C. Title your pictures as follows (note that this is to be the file name of your image; do not send your image with the file name assigned by your camera.)
- D. Your name in full (no spaces), followed by a dash; then your group (A or M level), followed by As for Assigned (THEME), or Op for OPEN; followed by a percent sign (%), then the title of the picture (you may add spaces but keep the total title brief).
- E. A title of "untitled" is unacceptable. The file name given to an image by the camera is also unacceptable.
- F. Name In Full – Group and Category % Title.JPG
- G. EXAMPLE:
 - JohnSmith-MAs%Farm Wheels.jpg
 - John Smith, Masters Group, Assigned Category, Farm Wheels is title of image

SECTION VI – ENTRIES

- A. 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 for the following month's competition. The Assigned Theme will be judged as Assigned.
- B. Any individual image may be entered into the club's competitions once. In other words, any image may only be entered into regular monthly competitions once in a lifetime.
- C. Similar images of the same subject taken at the same time may not be entered into any category in the same month's competition. Only one of the images may be entered into

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a competition in any one month. Enter similar image from the same shoot in a different competition.

SECTION VII – 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 with the same title as used in its first competition. Re-entering a picture with a score of 6 or 7 will not erase the initial score. That score will remain as well as the new score. The maker may edit the image receiving the 7 or below before resubmitting. Resubmitted images count as one of the two OPEN images in a subsequent competition.
- C. The name of the photographer will be announced for any scores of 8, 9, or 10 following the scoring of that entry.
- D. Member images submitted to competition that are not presented to the judge during live competition, will be submitted to the judge after the competition via email with a request for critique and scoring. Member's name will be maintained anonymous in the request to the judge for image critique and scoring.

SECTION VIII- THE ANNUAL AWARDS MEETING

The meeting will be held the third Tuesday in January. Recognition will go to the members from each group scoring in the top positions in each section. An End of Year Competition will be held at the meeting. Members may submit a maximum of two Digital images-the exact images that had been entered during the previous year with no changes. The two images are to be selected from Open or Assigned Categories that had been shown in the previous year's monthly competitions. Awards will be presented at the awards meeting. The Competition Chair of the previous year will be responsible for obtaining all awards to be presented at the awards meeting.

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