

Competition Advancement and Awards

Each section is divided into classes or levels of expertise, with new members starting in Class B.

There are four ways in which a member may advance to a higher class within a section.

1. Total Accumulated Points

Advancement from Class B to Class A requires the accumulation of points equal to twice the number of annual competitions held in each section. Advancement from Class A to Salon Class requires the accumulation of points equal to six times the number of annual competitions held in each section.

Section	# Competitions	B to A	A to Salon
Color	10	20	60
Nature	8	16	48
Color Prints	6	12	36
Monochrome Prints	6	12	36
Photo Travel	4	8	24
Photojournalism	4	8	24

New members begin in Class B. Members advance to the next class based on the points accumulated in that section, as given in the table above. The total points may have been accumulated over any number of years. All advancements are made at the end of the club year in which the accumulated points meet or exceed the criteria listed above.

2. Most Points in Class for the Year

The member with the most points in any one year in Class B or Class A in Color Images, Nature Images, Color Print, and Monochrome Print competitions advances to the next level.

3. Total Accumulated “Acceptances” (Begins with the 2009-2010 Club Year)

Advancement from Class B to Class A requires the accumulation of acceptances equal to the number of annual competitions held in each section. Advancement from Class A to Salon Class requires the accumulation of acceptances equal to three times the number of annual competitions held in each section.

Each time a member places in a Club competition, one “acceptance” shall be awarded for that section in addition to, but irrespective of the point value. First, Second and Third place finishes, as well as Honorable Mentions will each be counted as one (1) “acceptance”. These acceptances shall have no “point” value and shall be cumulative by section. Upon the accumulation of acceptances as specified in the chart below, the member shall advance to the next class in that section.

Section	B to A	A to Salon
Color	10	30
Nature	8	24
Color Prints	6	18
Monochrome Prints	6	18
Photo Travel	4	12
Photojournalism	4	12

Judges shall receive one acceptance for each section judged.

4. Achieving “Star Ratings” in PSA Exhibitions

In a given section, achieving two Stars in PSA-approved exhibitions places/advances a member into Class A. Similarly, achieving three Stars in these exhibitions advances a member to Salon Class.