

## *Competition Classes and Points*

Regular Section Competition points will be awarded for First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention (HM), depending upon the number of entries.

<b>Place</b>	<b>Point Value</b>
1st Place	4 Points
2nd Place	3 Points
3rd Place	2 Points
HM	1 Point

The total number of places to be awarded will be 30% of the number of entrants rounded up to the nearest whole number, i.e., 65 entrants  $65 \times 0.3 = 19.5$  or 20 total places: First, Second, Third and 17 Honorable Mentions.

No points will be awarded if there are less than two entrants. If there is only one entrant, the single entrant shall compete in the next highest class, if possible.

Judges shall be awarded two points in the section judged.

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## *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.

<b>Section</b>	<b># Competitions</b>	<b>B to A</b>	<b>A to Salon</b>
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.

## 3. 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.

## AWARDS

Awards will be given as follows:

1. For advancing to next higher class in any section.
2. For the winner and the first runner-up of the most points in each class within each section for the Club year.
3. Special Awards for accumulation of total points, in all classes, sections and other specified competitions: 25, 100, 250, 500, 1000 and 2000 points.
4. All images which have won points in regular competitions during the Club year are eligible to compete for “Projected Image & Print of the Year” in their respective sections.
5. An award for “Overall Image of the Year” will be presented to one of the six first place “Image of the Year” section winners.