

Guidelines for Contest Levels

Tidelands Photography Club

Beginner – Someone who has:

- recently come to photography as a hobby,
- is learning how to use his/her camera,
- knows little about post-processing,
- has little idea of what she/her likes to photograph,
- is beginning to learn the basics (depth of field/composition/lighting, etc.)

Intermediate – Someone who has:

- been involved in photography either for a fair amount of time, or is a fast learner who has devoted a significant amount of time to learning how to use his/her camera,
- has experience both learning about and using post processing,
- understands the basics (depth of field, composition/lighting, etc.),
- has shared his/her photographs with other photographers and has gotten feedback from more experienced/knowledgeable photographers,
- is beginning to recognize what he/she likes to photograph.

Advanced - Someone who has:

- been deeply involved in photography either for a long time or intensely,
- knows his/her camera so well, he/she is able to help others with the same camera to use it,
- has lengthy experience and/or use of post processing,
- has had extensive experience sharing his/her photographs with other experienced/knowledgeable photographers,
- knows what he/she likes to photograph,
- knows how he/she likes to present his/her photographs, for instance,

lightly enhanced and corrected in post-processing (color balance, exposure, cropping, contrast, spot removal, etc.

or heavily manipulated in post processing (color change, lighting angle change, addition of things that weren't in the original photo...)