Competition Rules

Eligibility:

- Membership dues must be paid in full before entering a competition
- Club visitors cannot submit images for any competition
- Entires must be the original work of the photographer submitting the work
- The exact same image can only be entered in one regular club competition, but it is still eligible to be entered into exhibits
- Images must have been made within the last 5 years

Entries:

- No member can submit more than eight (8) entries in a single competition
- No more than three (3) entries in a single category are permitted
- Two (2) or more people constitute a competition in any category
- Projected digital image files can be no larger than 1920x1080. This means your submitted image can be no wider than 1920 pixels and no taller than 1080 pixels
- The program chairperson shall designate a file submission deadline prior to the competition night. Submissions should be sent to clubcoastalcamera@gmail.com with the subject line: Competition, (date of competition). Be sure to check that your mailing program has not downsized the images.

Categories:

- **Projected-Open**: Images can be of any subject matter within the bounds of good taste, and can be digitally captured, or scanned from slides, film or print.

- **Projected-Black & White**: Same as open category, but must be monochrome. “Black & White” includes sepia tone or any other monochrome color image.

- **Projected-Artistic**: This category is designed for images that are radically altered from what the viewfinder shows. This may be done either in camera or post-processing, resulting in images that are a step (or 2!) beyond reality. Let your imagination and processing skills run wild.

Digital File Naming:

To make the process of handling digital files easier we ask that you adhere to the following naming convention for all images submitted to the Coastal Camera Club for Competitions, Critiques or for the Image Bank. Images that do not conform to this naming convention may not make it into the desired competition, exhibit or slideshow.

X#$Coastal$Last$First$Title$YYYY-MM.jpg

X = the category for the image; in the case of club competitions this will be either “O” for Open, “B” for Black & White, “A” for Artistic [or “Q” for Critique]

= the number of the submission, and will usually mean the order in which it is shown; for example, if submitting two images in the Open category, the first is O1, the second is O2

Coastal must be on all files and denotes the club

Last = the last name of the maker

First = the first name of the maker

Title = the title of the image

YYYY-MM = the 4-digit year and 2-digit month of the event the file is to be used in

File format must be .jpg

An example of a completed file name would be:
O2$Coastal$Smith$John$Sunset At The Beach$2025-04.jpg