

# 2021 Canada: My Country - Mon Pays

## Scope of Competition

For this competition, we are seeking your best image(s) which symbolizes our unique Canadian identity and the natural beauty of our country.

## Definition

To assist you in seeking out the best image for this competition, we have included below some ideas:

- cultural heritage
- geographical uniqueness
- historical events or locations
- iconic landscape/city scape
- roughness of Canadian landscape
- seasonal uniqueness
- symbols of caring, confidence, courage, encouraging, helping others, nurturing, pride, respect, self-sacrifice and trust
- nature
- wildlife specific to Canada

Your image can include aircraft, animal (feral or wild life), architecture, landscape, objects, people, plants, sea mammals, trains, vehicles, vessels, etc... This competition will have thirteen themes each representing a province or territory in Canada.

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Ontario
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland & Labrador
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Prince Edward Island
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon

You are encouraged to submit your images which exemplifies the unique beauty of one or more themes from your perspective as either a resident or a visitor.

You are permitted to enter your images in one or more of the geographical themes but your total number of submitted images cannot exceed: 4 images for a

CAPA member or 6 images from a camera club (all images from different photographers).

**Special Note – Image must have been taken within the past three years and submitted has not previously been entered into this competition.**

## **Editing Criteria**

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1. **Eligibility Criteria** – Prior to submitting any photo in a CAPA competition, all entrants must first read the CAPA Eligibility Criteria relating to images submissions. – [READ ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA HERE](#)
2. **Open Editing**– All in-camera, on-camera and post-processing techniques are permitted. Only exception – skies cannot be replaced. Final image can be a combining multiple images and elements in a final image. However, all components of the final image must have been taken by the entrant. Images that are created totally electronically with no photographic origin are prohibited from this competition. Colour or black & white or monochrome images are permitted.

## **Image Specifications**

Submitted JPG image must comply with the following:

1. Dimensions: Maximum horizontal size: 1400 pixels and Maximum vertical size: 1050 pixels  
Note: One of the dimensions must be exactly the maximum allowed size and neither dimension may exceed the maximum pixels for that dimension
2. Colour Space: Should be sRGB
3. Colour Accuracy: Strongly recommend that you calibrate your monitor to ensure colour accuracy from your monitor to the image projected to the judges
4. Maximum filesize: 1.8 MB

Note: Online system will check for the above parameters and if they are not met then your image submission will not be accepted and you will receive a message explaining which parameters are not acceptable.

## Filenames

Restrictions on Image Filenames:

I am encouraged to include my name followed by a – and the title of my image such as the following:

*Sally\_Brown-The\_Wild\_Rose.jpg*  
*Walter\_Rightside-The\_Wild\_Rose.jpg*  
*Oliver\_South-The double rainbow.jpg*  
*Winston\_Rogers- CanadaDay.jpg*  
*John\_Wayne-Sandy beach.jpg*

Do NOT use only numbers (i.e.-123456.jpg)

Do NOT include \, /, ' , " , !, ? , & , or @ in the filename

Do NOT use extra punctuation, such as ".....", "." (other than .jpg)

It is not necessary to prefix the filename with a sequence number

Do NOT use the same filename for more than one image in a submission, such as "untitled.jpg" or "flower.jpg"

Please refrain from using non-English characters in a filename, such as (â, ê, î, ô, û, é, à, è, ù) due to software limitations

## Image Titles

Restrictions on image titles which may be displayed to the judges:

For the uploading of my image into a competition, I am required to enter the name of my image in the Image Title field.

NOTE: In all of our CAPA competition, the judges are asked consider if the image title compliments or contributes to the vision or message being presented in the image and include this aspect when assigning a score for the image presented to them.

Following are some samples of creative and inviting image titles.

*Drained Of Emotion*  
*Essence Of Victory*  
*Agony Of Defeat*  
*Flood Season*  
*In A Days Work*  
*Dashed Hopes*

Titles may NOT contain the club's name or the photographer's name

Do NOT include \, /, in the title

Please refrain from using ALL CAPITALS

Please refrain from using non-English characters in a title, such as (â, ê, î, ô, û, é, à, è, ù) due to software limitations

## Judging Criteria

1. Image title should compliment or contribute to the vision or message being presented in the image
2. Judges will award their scoring based on key elements such as composition, technique and subject matter. However, the judges will have a strong emphasis on the creative message, quality of execution, innovation, and 'wow' factor.

## Competition Processes

- Competition Coordinator – **Sheldon Boles** at [competitions@capacanada.ca](mailto:competitions@capacanada.ca)
- Closing Date of Competition – **April 15, 2020** at midnight Eastern Standard Time.
- Open To – All paid-up CAPA members and camera clubs associated to CAPA.
- Two Parallel Competitions– CAPA Canada: My Country 'Individual' Competition for only CAPA member and CAPA Canada: My Country 'Club' Competition for all camera clubs. CAPA members can upload a maximum of 4 images. Whereas camera clubs can upload a maximum 6 photos but all images must be from different photographers.
- How To Enter Competition – check out our [How To Upload Images To CAPA Competition here](#).

## Special Note

Questions about the scope of the competition and/or the editing criteria should be directed to the [Competition Coordinator](#) prior to the closing day of the competition.

The top 75 scored images from this competition will be included in the selection process for CAPA's submission to the international **Four Nations competition**.

All images submitted into the 2020 Canada: My Country competition will be considered for selection as the top 39 (3 images per theme) winning images for the 2021 Salon My Country. The Director of Competitions will contact each entrant whose image was selected as one of the top 39 images and request that they provide their selected image with the following parameters for printing by MNP • minimum size of image file – 10 MB • image print size – minimum 11 x 14

inches or maximum 16 x 20 inches • Resolution – 300 pixels/inch During the Salon, the organizers will recognize 3 images that best represent the province/territory.

All copyright will remain with the photographer. CAPA, MNP & Olympus may use the images for promotional purposes with credits to the photographer.

### 2020 Salon My Country

The Musée National de la Photographie (MNP) in association with CAPA and Olympus will host a three month print exhibition from January to the end of March 2021 called “2021 Salon My Country.” A total of 39 images representing our Country with 3 images depicting each province & territory.