

# 2020 Fall Open Theme

## Scope of Competition

Open Theme - Images submitted into this competition can come from a wide range of topics.

For this competition, photographers are encouraged to submit their best artistic or documentary images that express their interests and passions in photography.

## Competition Details

For the purposes of balancing out the judging for this competition, you are asked to submit your image into one of the following themes:

1. **Close-up**(achieving magnification of a subject by using lens and/or technique – reproduction ratio ranging from 1:10 to just below life size)
2. **Person(s)**(portraiture, candid, documentary)
3. **Natural Landscape**(country side, rural scene, varying terrain, seascape, waterscape, astronomical events, etc... - can include 'hand-of-man' and/or long exposure)
4. **Urban Landscape & Architecture**(can include low-light and/or long exposure)
5. **Animals/Birds**(wild or domesticated – 'hand-of-man' is permitted)

## Editing Criteria

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 different in-camera, on-camera and post-processing techniques can be used. This includes combining multiple images and elements in a final image. The entrant must have taken all components of the final images. Digital frame, pin-line, borders and mats are permitted in this competition. Colour, monochrome, infra-red and HDR images will be accepted.

## Specifications

## Naming Image Filename

Prior to uploading your image into a competition, please ensure your image filename contains the name of the photographer and a unique title for each submitted image — such as:

*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*

Camera club coding or camera club names are not required in the filename.

Do NOT:

- use “jpg” or “no title” as a filename
- use only numbers (for example: 123456.jpg)
- include punctuation or symbols (such as , ; : “ ” ! ? & \$%\*{} [ ] @ # &) in the filename (for example: dave/smith-“red rose!!!”..jpg)
- use more than one period in the filename - .jpg (For example: Robert Smith-Wonderful Sunset.....jpg)
- use the same filename for more than one submitted image
- use non-English characters in a filename, such as (â, ê, î, ô, û, é, à, è, ù) due to software limitations

### *Image Size - Dimensions*

You must ensure your image is re-sized to meet the following two parameters:

1. Saved as a jpg image with a maximum file size of 1.8 MB.
2. Dimensions: Maximum horizontal size: 1400 pixels and maximum vertical size: 1050 pixels.

Note: Images smaller than the maximum dimensions will ONLY be accepted when one of the image edges has a horizontal size is 1400 pixels or the vertical size is 1050 pixels. For example: square image – 1050 x 1050 pixels; landscape 1400 x 800 pixels; or portrait 700 x 1050 pixels.

Note: Images will NOT be rotated by the judges and will scored as submitted.

During the uploading process of your image, our online competition system will verify if the image is less than 1.8 MB and meets the two parameters.

If your image fails this verification process, you will receive an error message and it will appear below the upload image box.

Depending on the error message – you will need to either reduce the file size of the image to be 1.8 MB or less or re-size the dimensions of your image. After doing so, please re-try uploading your image.

Suggestions – Use sRGB colour space for your image. For colour accuracy: we strongly recommend that you calibrate your monitor to ensure colour accuracy from your monitor to the image projected to the judges.

## Image Titles

When images are uploaded into a competition - you are required to enter the title of your image into the Title field. Title can be in either English or French or both.

An image title should be simple and introduce or set the mood or perspective for your image.

Do NOT:

- enter the name of the photographer or club name in the title field
- include punctuation or symbols (such as / – \_ , ; : “ ” ! ? & \$%\*{} [ ] @ # &) or quotation marks in the title (For example: “Running\_the\_Roads-in/style
- include punctuation or symbols in the filename (for example: dave/smith-“red rose!!!”..jpg)

## Judging Criteria

1. All submitted images will be pre-screened by the Director prior to the ‘day-of-judging.’ If deficiencies are detected then the entrant will be advised and encouraged to make the necessary changes prior to the ‘day-of-judging’ - if possible.
2. Image title should complement or contribute to the vision or message being presented in the image
3. Judges will award their scoring based on key elements such as: compliance with Scope of Competition, composition, technique and subject matter. However, the judges will have a strong emphasis on the creative message, quality of execution, innovation, appropriateness to this competition, and ‘wow’ factor.
4. Judge may disqualify an image if it does not meet the Scope of Competition provided the majority of judges are in agreement.

## Competition Processes

- Closing Date of Competition – **November 15, 2020** at midnight Eastern Standard Time (Ontario).
- Open To – All paid-up CAPA members and camera clubs associated to CAPA. [Read Eligibility here.](#)

- Two Parallel Competitions –CAPA Fall Open ‘Individual’ Competition for only CAPA member and CAPA Fall Open ‘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.
- There will be a Merit Award Certificates awarded for each of these themes. In addition, CAPA medals will be awarded to three entrants who receive the highest overall accumulated score in this competition.
- How To Enter Competition – check out our [How To Upload Images To CAPA Competition here](#).
- Competition Coordinator– CAPA Director of Competitions - [competitions@capacanada.ca](mailto:competitions@capacanada.ca)

## **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 images in this competition will be considered for possible inclusion into CAPA’s submission for the international [Four Nations competition](#). For each selected image, CAPA will contact the photographer and seek their permission prior to including the image in the noted submission.