

## December 2023 – Changing Number of Images That Can Be Submitted

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- **Past individual CAPA member survey (138 responses received):** no responses provided to this topic.
- **Current CAPA Camera Club survey (48 responses received):** no responses provided to this topic.
- **Past CAPA Camera Club survey (8 responses received):** no responses provided to this topic.

**Response:** Thank you for these suggestions, and we appreciate the opportunity to address each which are included in the responses below:

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Traditionally for individual CAPA members were permitted to submit a maximum of four images per competition. In all our competitions, the submissions from individual CAPA members accounted for represents 80% of total entries.

Starting in our 2016 – 2017 competition cycle, the participation in our online competition system has experienced significant growth, escalating from a total of 2,148 to 7,971 in our 2021.

In 2021, I made the decision to the number of total images being submitted by individual CAPA members from four to three. This adjustment was prompted by several considerations:

- Many volunteer judges expressed reluctance in evaluating more than 450 image per competition. It was increasingly challenging to secure judges for our competitions. To address this, I made a commitment to limit judges to

evaluating no more than 400 – 450 images. This commitment has proven effective in recruiting and retaining judges.

- Give the judging commitment, our competitions are now requiring between 3 and 9 judges. If the total submitted images exceeds 1,250 then 12 judges will be required.
- Managing a competition with 4 to 5 themes, 9 or more judges and two categories (club & individual) became a complex task akin to mental gymnastics.
- Numerous suggestions had been received advocating for a reduction in the total number of individual CAPA members-submitted images for each competition.

In our 2023 CAPA members survey, a notable majority of respondents expressed support for the reduction in the total number of images submitted by individual CAPA members, compared to those advocating for maintaining four or more submitted images.

In 2022, we introduced the CAIT Tools which have significantly aided us in managing tie-breaking, final tabulation of competition results, and the renaming of winning images.

As we progress through each forthcoming competition cycle, I am committed to refine our competition configurations to sustain participation levels and streamline our processes for optimal efficiency.