

# Photography

## 2023 - Nebraska State Competition



### PRINT COMPETITION

1. Submit **TWO board-mounted** prints taken with a **DSLR camera** with following criteria:

**\*\*\*Cell phone photos will be immediately disqualified!\*\*\***

- A. **Print Size:** 11x14
- B. **Mounting:** Each print **MUST** be mounted on **black foam-core** poster board
- C. **Label Images:** (YourContestantNumber)-Image(01 or 02): (YourImage Title)

**Example:** 1465-Image01: Nebraska Sunset & 1465-Image02: Black Cat

**Be sure these images reflect your BEST work and the style you enjoy capturing the most!**

2. A typed, single page **Print Description** will be submitted with the above prints.

#### INCLUDE:

- A. Contestant Number & First Name **ONLY** at **TOP LEFT of page**
- B. A brief, 2 sentence statement about your photographic experience & skills
- C. List the equipment used for EACH print
- D. Tell us a little about what type of photography inspires you (5 Sentences MAX)  
**(Graded on Grammar, Punctuation, Presentation, Layout, and Descriptiveness)**

### COMPETITION EXAM

Student **must** pass a multiple choice test of photographic knowledge with a **70% or higher**. The test will include questions on Photographic history, lighting, lenses, camera parts, settings, and more.

### FIELD COMPETITION

A field assignment will be given **ONLY** to those that pass the exam described above. This assignment is an opportunity to showcase camera **and** photoshop skills.

**(No Auto Settings Allowed)**

- A. First Image will be submitted as a **RAW format** digital file.
- B. Second Image will be submitted as a **jpeg** digital file - **edited per instructions given**.
- C. Label each image **CORRECTLY** as below: (YourContestantNumber)\_RAW OR\_Final

**Examples:** 1465\_Raw.CR2 and 1465\_Final.jpg

**Assignment is due by 2:30pm for final judging. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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### CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

1. Provide two 11x14 mounted prints with a Print Description for evaluation.
2. Pass a multiple choice test **without** assistance.
3. Receive field assignment from the event coordinator **AFTER** you pass the exam.
4. Use **Manual Mode** setting & capture a **RAW image** for the field competition.
5. Produce a creative image with photoshop manipulation per assignment specifications.
6. Contestants may **not** disturb any other event in progress, enter restricted areas, interrupt conference functions, or participate in any behavior unbecoming to a national participant.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Laptop
- **Adobe Photoshop** CS4+ or higher
- DSLR camera with compatible lens
- extra batteries and charging cables
- an 8gb+ memory card for camera
- a **blank** USB memory stick
- card reader or camera cable
- 2 print competition images (**SEE ABOVE**)
- Print Description sheet (**SEE ABOVE**)
- Pencil

### **Black Foam Core Boards:**

Walmart - <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Elmer-s-Sturdy-Foam-Board-Sheet-Black-20-x-30-x-3-16/17011432>

Amazon - <https://a.co/d/gjRtKvc>

Target - <https://www.target.com/p/elmer-39-s-20-34-x-28-34-presentation-board-black/-/A-17088991>

## **PRINT COMPETITION EXAMPLE LAYOUTS**

Keep  
2" spacing  
around  
print



Final Mount:  
15"x18"

Prints are 11x14 and centered on a 15x18 piece of black foam core, leaving a 2" space around the print to the edge of the foam core.



Print descriptions sheets are to be laid out as shown below.



### **Points are deducted for not following the directions!**

You will be evaluated on not only grammatical errors, but also color balance, sharpness, exposure, creativity, lighting, design, composition, proper mounting of your prints, and a few other technical standards in the photo industry.

**If you have questions at anytime, please contact your event coordinator.**

Contestant Number  
First Name (ONLY)

A brief description of your experience and skills in photography.  
Please keep this section to just two sentences.

**List of equipment uses: Image #1**

- Camera type
- Lens
- Photoshop/Editing Software
- Other

**List of equipment uses: Image #2**

- Camera type
- Lens
- Photoshop/Editing Software
- Other

For this section, tell us a little about what type of photography inspires you. Please be eloquent and precise. Keep your description to no more than 10 sentences.