



NEW ENGLAND CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

## 2023-2024 Digital Interclub Competitions – What's New

Saturday, November 18, 2023 (images due by November 3, 2023)

Saturday, February 10, 2024 (images due by January 26, 2024)

Saturday, April 27, 2024 (images due by April 12, 2024)

[Click Here for Electronic Entry Form](#)

### Please note:

1. The competition name has been changed to the **Digital Interclub Competition**.
2. The upcoming season for the Digital Interclub Competition **will be a reformatting year**. **This year's digital interclub competition will not be handled the same as last year and going forward will probably not be handled the same next year as this year.**
3. **Competitions this year will have no host clubs** and will be conducted by the Greater Lynn PA and held on three Saturdays at the Greater Lynn headquarters and **will be open to the public**.
4. **The online entry form site and instructions have also been changed**. You will no longer have to pre-register with an email address. Anyone from your club can upload your club's digital interclub entry.

**Due to the many changes for this season, club competition directors are strongly encouraged to read the [competition rules](#) and the [instructions for the electronic entry system](#) as there have been changes to both. Please note these have changed since November 2023.**

- Annual Dues and Interclub Competition Fees may still be paid online with a credit card or PayPal account at: [w.neccc.org/cart/](http://w.neccc.org/cart/). Checks made payable to "NECCC" may also be sent to NECCC c/o Barbara Rozavsky, HonNEC, 62 Valiant Way, Salem, MA. 01970. **The Digital Competition fee has increased and is now \$15.** You may pay this fee for the competition in one check or PayPal payment along with your Annual Dues.
- **New: Please note that there are now three categories of competition:** Color, Nature, and new this year 2023-24, Monochromatic. By request of the clubs, we are adding a Monochrome category which will be comprised of images from both Class A and Class B clubs combined. Clubs may compete in any number of the categories or in all three if they desire.
- Class assignments are the same as the 2022-2023 season **except** that Housatonic will move up to Class A Color and Seacoast will move up to Class A Nature. They were the top scoring clubs in Class B for the 2022-2023 season. **Image sizing remains the same at 1400 x 1050.**
- **New:** Clubs will **not** be required to pre-register to compete in the Digital Interclub Competition.
- **New: Only images that have won a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or an Honor Award are not eligible to be entered again.** If an image didn't win an award in a prior competition it is eligible to be entered again.
- **New:** Chane Cullens, HonNEC has created a gallery of all past digital interclub entries for years 2018-2023. [Click here](#) to access this gallery. After you click on this link, towards the bottom of the page, you will see Clubs Names and individual peoples/makers names listed (it is alphabetized by the first name). Clicking on any of those will show you all the images of that person or club that has previously been entered. There is also a number after each name showing the number of images in the gallery. **We encourage all club directors to make use of this list/gallery for reference in selecting their images for the competitions.**

- Clubs must continue to be vigilant about entering multiple images from the same maker. A maker may be represented only once *in each category* (Color, Nature, Mono).
- Clubs must also be vigilant about makers who may belong to multiple clubs. In any particular competition, a maker may only have images submitted from one club. Please be sure that multi-club participants are not entering images from the other club for that competition.
- In addition, clubs must be vigilant about maker's using unique titles for their images. For instance, let us say an image had been entered as a horizontal image entitled *Scenic* but it did not win an award. The maker decides to revise this image to a vertical and re-enter in the next competition. The image should be retitled to *Scenic 2* or some different title than the originally entered image.
- **New:** We have made revisions to the Rules that say Nature images must be entered in the Nature section and Monochrome images must be entered in the Monochrome section. See the Rules for details. The only exception to this rule is Nature images that have been manipulated in a way not permitted by PSA rules must be entered in the Color section. **Again, please read the revised rules regarding this change.**
- **New:** The web-based entry system is now located at [NECCC Digital Interclub Entry Form](#). As in the past, you will enter your club's images in the Class to which your club belongs and then for the categories Color, Nature and Mono.
- To complete the entry form, once you have selected which class your club competes in, you will be presented with a screen to enter the club's Interclub Director's name and email address, the club for which the entry is for, which of the three competitions the entry is for. Then you are presented with a screen to enter the titles for the four images being submitted in the Color, Nature and Mono categories. Images will be shown and scored by rounds, meaning each club's first image is shown, then their second, then third, then fourth. Thoughtful care should be taken as to the order images are entered. Confirming emails acknowledging receipt of entries will be sent. If not received within a reasonable time, please contact one of the co-directors.
- The dates for the upcoming season's competitions and the deadlines for entry are as follows:
  - Saturday, November 18, 2023 (images due by November 3, 2023)
  - Saturday, February 10, 2024 (images due by January 26, 2024)
  - Saturday, April 27, 2024 (images due by April 12, 2024)
- The following documents with all the competition details are available on the NECCC web site:
  - [Digital Interclub Competition Rules \(revised since November 2023 competition\)](#)
  - [Instructions for Using the Electronic Entry System for Digital Interclub Competition](#)
  - **The upload site is located** at [https://www.greaterylynnphoto.org/neccc\\_entry.php](https://www.greaterylynnphoto.org/neccc_entry.php)
- All competitions will be judged live at the Greater Lynn Photographic Association, 564 Boston Street, Lynn, MA. The judging is open to anyone who would like to attend. Reminder notices will be sent out well ahead of the competition with information about the start time and the judges selected.
- **New:** Depending on the number of images submitted, we may have brief critiques by the judges on the images.

- Participating clubs will receive a reminder e-mail in plenty of time to submit entries for each competition.
- **New for 2023-2024, entries will be checked prior to the competition.** If a problem is found that can be easily rectified, such as images by the same maker entered for two clubs or a non-nature image entered in nature, clubs will be notified and clubs will be asked to submit a replacement image at that time. **If a replacement image is not received prior to the competition, those images will be disqualified and the club will lose points towards their total end of year cumulative score. No make up images will be accepted.**

**New for 2023-2024: under Nature, photographs that do not adhere to the PSA nature definition** such as cultivated plants or visible hand of man **will now be disqualified.** If at all possible, clubs will be notified prior to competition and allowed to submit a replacement image.

No paper entry form is required to enter digital interclub competitions. Simply upload your images on the online entry system before the closing date. Results will be returned to the club's contact person(s) by e-mail as soon as possible after the competition has been judged. **Remember that no make ups are permitted so be sure to send your entries well before each closing date so that if there are any problems they can be resolved in a timely fashion.**

Each entry will be automatically acknowledged by return e-mail after it has been received and checked by the web site software. Watch for the return e-mail and inquire if the receipt isn't received within a reasonable time. It is important to monitor your entries to be sure they were received and are correct.

If you have any problems with the entry system notify us and we will help. If you make a mistake in the entry let us know so we can fix the files on our end.

## **Additional Information**

If you have any questions, please contact the NECCC Digital Interclub Competition Co-directors:

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