

Wyoming Professional Photographers Association

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FOR 2026 - Ask questions, but DO NOT send me any images to review. I am judging and cannot see your images. If you have a question that will identify your image to me - Call Kory Bumgardner who will be assisting with print competition. 1(720) 434 8923

Please read the rules before entering. Entries that do not follow the rules will be disqualified.

Entrance and Closing Date: Any professional, or aspiring photographer who registers their case online at www.printcompetition.com by **3pm on March 19th, 2026.**

Entrance fee:

- WPPA members - \$15.00 per entry up to 12.
- NonMembers - \$20.00 per entry up to 6 entries
- Critiques - \$20.00 per entry

Entrance fees are due upon registration of your entries at www.printcompetition.com. There is an additional membership fee payable to printcompetiton.com at the time of upload.

Closing Date: All Entries must be registered on-line via printcompetition.com no later than **March 19th at 3pmMST.**

Image Requirements:

- Files must be sized so the longest dimension is 4,000 pixels. Each file must contain an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and be saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10. Total file size should not exceed 3.5 MB but may in some cases.
- Files are to be named: Image Title.jpg(e.g. See Spot Run.jpg)
- No entry shall have a makers identification on the face of the image.
- Entries of the same subject in multiple images will be allowed, as long as the images are entirely different concepts.
- No entry will be eligible that has been made under the supervision of an instructor or as a class assignment or that has been made in part or in whole through AI programs that require a word prompt.
- Images that were previously entered into WPPA competition that received a score of 80 or above OR received any awards are NOT eligible for re-entry.
- Images that have been entered into MIR and received an Imaging Excellence designated cannot be entered. Images that have been entered into IPC and where in the top 32 or higher, cannot be entered.

- Makers are responsible for updating their printcompetition.com profile. This information will be how awards, and award class eligibility is determined. It is entirely up to the maker to ensure the accuracy of this information.

Open Category. Everything in the image was captured by the maker. In the event of a composite, all elements were captured by the maker.

Adult portrait
Child portrait
Pet Portrait
Commercial
Illustrative
Landscape
Nature/Wildlife

Artist Category. Digitally Manipulated Images – Must Show reference images. These entries may use stock photography, or elements not photographed by the maker.

Portrait
Illustrative

Wedding Category. Images were captured on the wedding day. Can be formal portraits, or candid captures.

Wedding Day

Reportage. Images that illustrate an actual public or non-public event, life, an area of human interest, telling news that has meaning in the context or record of events, high impact, and/or lasting emotional response. Images that illustrate sporting events are included in this category. ONLY basic color and brightness adjustments, cropping, dodging, and burning in are allowed. Only single-capture images will be accepted. Composite and multiple exposure images will not be accepted. The originally captured image (in RAW or jpg) must be available if requested by the committee.

Reportage

***NEW* Annual Member Only Submission category:** This category will change every year to give members an opportunity to think outside the box. Only members may submit into this category. Only one award will be awarded in this category regardless of degree level.

2026 category: Self Portrait

Awards:

Only CURRENT PARTICIPATING WPPA Members are eligible for awards. Current participation being defined as a member in good standing who has been in attendance at any in person WPPA event within the last 15 months, including Shootout, Convention, Super One Day and PPAEdu classes taught by WPPA members. To qualify for awards, you must check

all applicable entry form boxes and specify which category your print is entered in. Any ties for awards are decided by “case” scores (4 best scores of all your entries). AWARDS ARE ONLY GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL COMPETITION IN THE SPRING DURING CONVENTION.

Category awards - Each category will receive a BEST, 2nd, and 3rd place award for Masters and General photographers

Rookie of the Year - A special award will be given to the highest scoring “case” entered by a first time print competition contestant (masters and students are not eligible for this award) Print case scores are determined by the four (4) highest scoring prints by an entrant.

CPP – Any WPPA member who is a Certified Professional Photographer is eligible to win this award – Given to the highest scoring image.

ASP Award – given to the highest scoring entry, entered by an Wyoming declared ASP Member.

WPPA Fellow Award – given to the highest scoring entry from a Wyoming Fellow.

Best Random Title Entry – Member only category - given to the highest scoring “Random Title Entry” image. Winner will receive 6 free entries the following year.

Best of Show - given to the highest scoring General, and Master entry.

Top Ten Photographers- Combined Masters and General Entrants.

Judges Choice – Each judge, JC, and assistant JC awards their award to the member entry of their choice.

Peoples Choice Memorial award– (H. Michael Roberts award) – Each photographer votes on their favorite image. The entry with the most votes wins.

Best of Show NON-MEMBER entry – This award will go to the highest scoring entry over 80 made by a non-member. This is the only award given to a non WPPA member.

Photographer Of The Year - General and Master, awarded to the photographers with the highest score. Score is comprised from the following:

P - Participates. Your attendance at events such as online meetups, and your presence online on the WPPA FB pages that represent your interest in building our photography community.

O - Outstanding. Your best 4 entry scores as well as how many categories you enter that show your diversity and mastery of photography concepts.

T - Teachable. Your attendance at educational opportunities offered online and in person by WPPA that shows your investment to your craft.

Y- YOU. Your willingness to share, inspire, help, and connect with others in the group speaks volumes about your passion for this industry. Everyone will get to vote on

who THEY feel best represents the Photographer Of The Year.

Judging Procedures

- A point system will be used with the scores from 100 to 0 as follows:
Exceptional.....100-95
Superior.....94-90
Excellent.....89-85
Deserving of Merit.....84-80
Above Average.....79-76
Average.....75-74
Acceptable.....73-70
Unacceptable.....69-00
- An automatic challenge occurs when a judge's score is 10 points above or below the average of all five judges.
- The Jury Chairman will have the authority to decide any questions not specifically covered by these rules. Decisions made by the Jury Chairman are final.

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