

Final score:

The final score of 30 will be determined by combining the scores from three of four judges, or by combining the scores from the three judges, where one of the judges is the author of the image being judged. The author abstains from judging his / her own image.

The lowest (or one of the lowest scores) will be discarded to determine the score out of 30, when all four judges score an image.

Image Scoring:

Each judge scores the image from five (5) to ten (10) based on how well the image captures the assigned topic and incorporates the following “Elements of Photography”.

Each judge awards a score as follows:

- 5 or less for photographs that are very below average
- 6 to photographs that are below average
- 7 to photographs average
- 8 to photographs above average
- 9 to photographs that are very above average
- 10 to photographs that are outstanding with Impact and no flaws

See Image Score Detail table below with more detail descriptions for how to award these scores

Image Score Detail

<p>“5” Very Below Average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not relevant to the category• Out of focus (unless intentionally)• Over- or under-exposed• Snapshot type of picture• Little impact or imagination	<p>“6” Below Average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technically correct in many aspects (focus, exposure, etc)• Good colour for the subject and background• Little impact or imagination• Relevant to the category
<p>“7” Average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technically correct in most aspects• Good presentation• Good composition• Good pictorial treatment• Tells a story• Relevant to the category	<p>“8” Above Average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technically correct in most aspects• Good presentation• Good composition• Good pictorial treatment• Tells a story or creates a mood• High impact to the viewer• Relevant to the category
<p>“9” Very Above Average:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technically correct in all respects• Outstanding composition• Tells a complete story or creates a mood• High impact to the viewer on first sight• Exemplifies the category	<p>“10” Outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Knocks your socks off”• No Flaws or Room For Improvements