

**Procedures and Rules for the
Emanuel A. LoPresto Memorial Inter-Club Photography Competition
“The Manny”
7/21/26**

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Purpose

The Emanuel A. LoPresto Memorial Inter-Club Photography Competition, established in 2026, honors the legacy of Emanuel A. LoPresto by fostering friendship, encouraging artistic exchange, and celebrating photographic excellence between the Science Museum Camera Club and the South Towns Photography Club.

Emanuel (Manny) was a long-standing member of both clubs, known for his leadership, photographic excellence, mentorship, humor and competitive spirit. His dedication and passion for photography inspired countless fellow photographers.

Competition Title and Award Title

Competition Title – *The Emanuel A. LoPresto Memorial Inter-Club Photo Competition*

Award Title – *The Manny*

COMPETITION RULES & PROCEDURES

1. Format:

- a) **Frequency and Timing:** The competition will be held annually in April, beginning in 2027. The specific date will be determined by the hosting club.
- b) **Location:** Hosting responsibilities will alternate annually between the participating clubs' meeting locations.
 - Even-numbered years: Hosted by Science Museum Camera Club
 - Odd-numbered years: Hosted by South Towns Photography Club

2. Image Category: Open Digital Image

3. Eligibility:

- a) Only images submitted by current members in good standing of the participating clubs are eligible.
- b) No image may be entered in this competition more than once. Any image previously submitted to the competition, including images that did not receive an award, is ineligible for future entry.
- c) Eligible images must have been entered into the photographer's club competition during the preceding calendar year. For example, images entered in club competition between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026, are eligible for the April 2027 competition.

- d) Both digital images and photographs previously entered as prints are eligible. Prints must be converted to a digital image by the photographer for submission to this competition.

4. Number of Entries: Each club will submit a total of 60 digital images.

5. Image Selection:

- a) Each club's selection committee shall choose images with the goal of maximizing member participation and spreading the entries across all club competitors. The committee shall first select one image from each eligible competitor and then continue selecting additional images, one per competitor, in successive rounds until a total of 60 images have been selected.
- b) Members of Both Clubs:
 - i) Members who belong to both clubs shall be identified prior to the image selection process. For each selected image, the member must designate the club they wish to represent.
 - ii) No image by the same member may be submitted by both clubs.
 - iii) The selection committees of both clubs shall coordinate with dual-membership photographers as necessary to ensure compliance with these rules and to avoid duplicate submissions.
- c) After both clubs have finalized their selections, all images chosen shall be:
 - i) Renamed according to the competition's prescribed file-naming convention to ensure proper sorting, identification, and presentation.
 - ii) Combined into a single presentation sequence.
 - iii) Arranged in random order for judging.

6. Competition Management:

- a) The clubs shall coordinate with each other in planning and administering the competition, including:
 - i) Collection and organization of image submissions per above.
 - ii) Promotion of the event to club members.
- b) The host club shall be responsible for managing the competition procedures, including:
 - i) Assignment of operational duties
 - ii) Equipment and software used
 - iii) Scoring procedures and equipment
 - iv) Announcement of scores
 - v) Tallying and verification of results
 - vi) Announcement of winners and presentation of perpetual award and ribbons
 - vii) Hospitality
 - viii) Any other measures as required

7. Judging:

- a) Two judges from outside the participating clubs shall be secured for the competition.
- b) Judges may not be members of either participating club.

- c) The host club shall arrange for and confirm the judges.
- d) Judging honorarium and related costs shall be shared equally by the two clubs.
- e) The amount of the judges' honorarium will be set by both clubs prior to the competition.

8. Scoring Format:

- a) Each judge shall score every image on a scale of 1 to 9.
- b) The scores from both judges shall be combined to produce a total score for each image.
- c) To determine the winning club, the total scores of all images submitted by each club shall be added together. The club with the highest cumulative score shall be declared the winner.
- d) In the event of a tie, the club with the greater number of images receiving a combined score of 18 shall be declared the winner.
- e) First, Second, and Third Place awards shall be determined as follows:
 - i) Following the initial scoring, the top 20% of images, based on their scores, will advance to a final review by the judges. These images will be recognized as Honorable Mentions.
 - ii) From this group, the judges shall select the First, Second, and Third Place winners and provide commentary during the selection process.
 - iii) Ribbons shall be awarded to the photographers of the First, Second, and Third Place winners.

9. Awards and Recognition:

- a) Janet LoPresto shall donate a perpetual award plaque to be presented annually to the winning club.
- b) Janet LoPresto shall also provide a supply of First Place, Second Place, and Third Place ribbons to both clubs for individual award winners.
- c) The winning club shall be responsible for arranging and paying for the engraving of the perpetual plaque with the club's name and year of victory.
- d) The perpetual plaque shall be presented to the president of the winning club at the winning club's annual awards banquet by a representative of the other participating club.

10. Hospitality: The host club is encouraged to provide refreshments for attendees whenever practical. Refreshments may include light snacks, desserts, coffee, soft drinks, pizza, or other similar items at the discretion of the host club.