

Photography - 2019 Rules and Categories

1. The rules listed in this section shall be the official rules for any sanctioned ALBERTA 55 PLUS event.
2. All entrants must be current members of Alberta 55 plus. Entries may be submitted in the Photography competition in the Zone in which they reside only. Each Zone will establish submission deadlines and procedures that will be outlined on the Zone Entry Form for Photography. *Participants are requested to ensure that their submissions are adequately and securely packaged for transport to the Alberta 55 plus Medicine Hat Summer Games host community.*
3. All events and categories will be under the same age category: 55 years and over. Competition will be open to Men and Women on an equal basis.
4. Items must have been produced since the 2017 and not entered in the 2018 Camrose Spring Games, and must be the entrant's own work. Persons whose full-time work was formerly or is currently involved in the production of this the item (eg. commercial photographer), are **NOT** eligible to participate. Paid instructors in any included photography are **NOT** eligible to participate in the same category.
5. Photographs will be judged according to composition, lighting and subject matter.
6. All entries must adhere to the guidelines and specifications for each category regarding size limitations, materials/medium, finishing, framing, etc., or the article will be moved to the correct category or disqualified. Specifications will be checked at the zone level competition, but, if necessary, entries may also be moved to another category, or disqualified at the provincial competition.
7. Judging standards for photography in the Alberta 55 plus Games will apply in all categories. Judging score sheets based on these standards will be used at the Provincial Games competition and wherever possible, at the zone competitions.
8. At zone playoffs, any individual may submit a maximum of one article in all categories with only four of that individual advancing to the Provincial Games. Each competitor must complete one entry form listing all items being submitted.
9. In each zone **the top two articles in all categories will advance to the Medicine Hat Summer Games.** (Total maximum of 16 articles per zone). A handicraft tag must be securely attached to each entry.
10. All articles being forwarded from Zone to Medicine Hat Summer Games must be listed on a Zone Inventory List (form will be provided) A copy of the Entry Form for each participant must be forwarded with the Inventory List (ensure that the entry forms include only items which are being forwarded to the Medicine Hat Summer Games).
11. Zone Contact will forward qualifying entries to the Medicine Hat Summer Games Host Community between **specified deadline dates.** No late entries will be accepted.

12. At the Medicine Hat Summer Games, Photography articles may be picked up at a designated time by individuals with the proper claim tag, or arrangements will be made to return items to the zone through the Zone Contact for Photography (or his/her designate).
13. At the Medicine Hat Summer Games, gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three entries in each category. Decision of the judges is final.
14. Procedures for Medal Presentations: Photography medals will be sent back to the zones for presentation at zone level.
15. Articles **MUST** be properly packaged, to ensure safe transportation to and from the Games. Failure to properly package the entry may result in disqualification from the zone level competition. Participants are encouraged to bring their own items.
16. Every precaution will be taken in handling and displaying articles. Insurance is the responsibility of the participant, with his or her own insurance company. It is understood that in no case shall the Alberta 55 plus Games, its organizers, directors, or employees be held responsible for any loss or damage.
17. Entry deadlines will be established in each Zone. Zone Contacts for Photography or Area Directors will supply the entry forms and details of the date and location of the Zone judging.
18. Photography competitors are welcome to make their own arrangements to attend the Games.

Listed below are the Events/Categories for the 2019 Alberta 55 plus Medicine Hat Summer Games:

The top TWO articles in each event/category will be forwarded to the Medicine Hat Summer Games from each zone competition. Please ensure that all guidelines, size limitations, and materials specifications are adhered to for each event/category. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the entry

Re: Photography Categories (#1 to 8, inclusive) - including digital and film images in colour or black & white

- Image size must not exceed 10 inches.
- Entries must be mounted and framed (note: a matte does not constitute a frame). (The wire must be placed across the back of the frame, and fastened on each side with a small “eye screw”; wire ends must be finished with masking tape so that the frayed ends of the wire do not injure those hanging the picture.)
- Entries may be electronically enhanced.

1. Photography (Figures - Birds as the centre of interest)
2. Photography (Figures - Animals as the centre of interest)
3. Photography (Human figures as the centre of interest)
4. Photography (Landscape - Scenery as the centre of interest)

5. Photography (Landscape - Man Made Structures as the centre of interest)
6. Photography (Still Life - a photographic representation of an arranged display of anything that does not move or is not living as the centre of interest)
7. Photography (Floral - flowers in any setting as the centre of interest e.g. garden, wild, or as part of a still life)
8. Photography (Butterflies, Insects, bugs as the centre of interest)

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