

## CONTEST RULES

### GENERAL

1. Entries are judged on interest, impact, composition and technical skills.
2. No professional photographers may enter. For professional definition see Fair Rules and Regulations, #20.
3. **Photo entries must have been taken within the last year.**
4. The photographer's name, phone number, contest category and photo title must appear on the back of each entry.
5. **All entries must be matted.** Frames and glass mounts are not allowed.
6. The superintendent may limit awards in categories with less than 10 entries.

### ADULTS

1. Minimum entry **image size** is 5"x 7".
2. Maximum entry **size with mat** is 18"x 24" Any matted photograph **exceeding** 18"x 24" will not be accepted.
3. Division I- Maximum of 5 prints may be entered per adult photographer.
4. Division II- Maximum of 10 prints may be entered per adult photographer, maximum of 2 prints per category.

### YOUTH

1. Minimum entry **image size with mat** is 5"x7".
2. Maximum entry **image size with mat** is 16"x20"
3. Division III- Maximum of 4 prints may be entered per youth photographer in P12(ages up to 12) or P13(ages 13-16)
4. If a youth aged photographer chooses to be judged in an adult category, use the rules and categories for adults, not P12 or P13.

### REGISTRATION

1. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.** Print a registration sheet from [chesterfair.org](http://chesterfair.org), then mail a completed form to Ray Oakes, 23 Jones Lane, Deep River, CT 06417 or email [oakeshome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oakeshome@sbcglobal.net). Entrants pre-registering by August 14th will be mailed entry tags to facilitate the registration process.
2. All photo entries must be delivered and registered at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 27, 2026. Registration will be held from 6-8:30 p.m.
3. If personal registration is not possible on August 27, call 860-526-3650 to make arrangements for prior delivery.

### ENTRY PICK UP

1. All entries are considered part of the exhibit and may not be picked up until the close of the Fair on Sunday evening.
2. If unable to pick up entries on Sunday evening, the photographer is responsible to make other arrangements with the Superintendent. All unclaimed entries will be discarded in seven days.