

Photo Contest Rules

Please read these rules (the Rules) before submitting your photo(s) to Collin County Hobby Beekeeping Association (CCHBA) contest. These are General Rules governing all contests hosted by CCHBA, unless so specified in the Specific Rules that may be applicable to individual contests. By participating in the contests, you understand, acknowledge and unconditionally agree to abide by the following Rules:

BASIC SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

1. The contests are open for online submissions only, through the contest page available on CCHBA web site.
2. Submissions will not be accepted once the deadline lapses.
3. **Photos submitted must be at least 850 pixels on the shorter side, and about 1100 pixels on the longer side. Images should be about 2MB. Photos must be in JPEG format. It is suggested that landscape format is used.**
4. You may submit as many entries per contest as you wish, unless specifically mentioned otherwise in the contest specific rules. However, we will only accept one image per-email at a time.
5. You are required to provide a unique title & description for each image submitted.
6. The same photo can be submitted for more than one contest. Photos that have won previous awards, including CCHBA prior contests, may be submitted again, unless otherwise mentioned in the contest specific rules.
7. All submitted photos must contain the original EXIF metadata information. However there must be no border(s), logo(s), copyright marks, identifying marks, or any other visible references and/or marks on the image.
8. Basic editing, including color enhancement, the use of filters, and cropping of the Photo(s) is acceptable, provided any such editing does not affect the authenticity and/or genuineness of the Photo(s).
9. Advanced editing used to create illusions, deceptions and/or manipulations, and the adding and removing of significant elements within the frame is prohibited.
10. Every image uploaded is subject to a moderation process before it becomes visible on the contest page. CCHBA reserves the right to assess and disregard any submitted photo at our its discretion.
11. Photos that portray or otherwise include inappropriate and/or offensive content, including provocative nudity, violence, human rights and/or environmental violation, and/or any other contents deemed to be contrary to the law strictly prohibited and will be immediately discarded.
12. A participant who submits any such photos may be permanently banned, subject to CCHBA discretion, from participating in any future contests.

THE JUDGING

1. CCHBA will appoint a judge / judges for each contest. This will comprise of members of the executive team and / or external judges
2. The judging panel shall assess and determine the winning Photos. The results and the winners will be announced on the website and at the club meeting.
3. The decision of CCHBA judging panel will be final and binding on all Participants in respect to all matters relating to the Contest.

4. CCHBA reserves the right to call for original JPEG or RAW files with unchanged EXIF for the purpose of authentication. An image maybe disregarded if this information cannot be provided.

THE PRIZES

1. Prizes (if any) will be distributed at a club meeting.
2. Any state/ provincial/ territorial, and/or local taxes, fees and surcharges and taxes (whether foreign or domestic, and including income tax) on any prize that may be awarded to You under the Contest will be solely paid by You.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

1. Submitted photos must be original, created and/or taken by the contestant. It must not contain any materials owned or controlled by a third party for which you have not obtained a license, must not infringe the copyright, trademark, moral rights, rights of privacy/ publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity.
2. CCHBA respects photographers' copyrights and copyrights shall remain vested with the creator of the image. Upon making the submission, you grant CCHBA, worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty free, sub-licensable right and license to use, publish, reproduce, display, perform, adapt, create derivative works, distribute, have distributed, print, in whole or in part, in any form, in all media forms now or hereafter known, to promote the contest, image, the photographer or for editorial or educative use.
3. The Photographer will be credited wherever the image is used.

LIABILITY

1. You hereby hold harmless, release, indemnify and discharge CCHBA and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents and their employees, officers and representatives from all liability, claims, judgments, demands, controversies, agreements, damages, actions and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related in any way to the contest or the conduct of the contest and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded, whether in law or in equity, no matter what the cause or nature, and You further waive any claims that You may state or assert against CCHBA in association with the contest or any of its associated activities, or in any way related to or resulting from the contest even if such injury or claims results from or is caused by the negligence or gross negligence of CCHBA, in whole or in part, due to human error or otherwise. You further agree to indemnify and hold harmless CCHBA from any claim arising out of your participation in the contest including, without limitation, all claims brought or asserted by any third party as a result of any injury or loss that You or they may sustain in any way associated with your participation in the contest.
2. Under no circumstance will CCHBA be liable for any:
 1. lost, late, misdirected, stolen, illegible or incomplete Submissions
 2. error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, submitted Photo(s);
 3. problems, failures or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, providers, computer equipment, software, email, players or browsers, on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet, at any website, or on account of any combination of the foregoing;

4. incorrect or inaccurate information, caused by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest or by any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of the Photos and/or the Submissions; and/or
 5. injury or damage to any Participant or to any computer related to, resulting from or in connection with the Contest.
3. If, for any reason, the contest is not capable of being conducted as anticipated, due to computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of CCHBA, which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the contest, CCHBA reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest as deemed appropriate, disqualify any Participant, and/or select winners from all eligible Photos submitted prior to the termination, cancellation, modification or suspension. CCHBA reserves the right to correct any typo-graphical, printing, computer programming or operating errors at any time.