

# Wisconsin Print Circuit Rules

## 2023-2024

We are going to run the Print Circuit starting in November 2023. We know that some clubs are still meeting 100% virtual but most clubs have been doing a hybrid of in-person and virtual. To accommodate clubs as much as possible, we are proposing some slight changes to the guidelines.

Here are the guidelines:

1. Each club will have a set amount of time (ie, 2-3 weeks) with the prints in their possession. Judging does not need to be done during a club meeting. The schedule will be set up so that clubs that are meeting in-person will have the prints during a period of one of their meetings. Clubs that are 100% virtual may not be scheduled during a regular meeting.
2. If a club is 100% virtual and wishes to participate in the circuit with members' prints, then the club could designate a minimum of 3 members to judge the circuit. This judging could be done with all the judges scoring the prints at one time/location, or the club could make arrangements for the judges to score individually. Any member of the club who wishes to judge should be allowed to do so.
3. Circuit will run from November 2023 to end of October 2024.
4. Circuit chairperson will be contacting delegates to confirm interest in participation and best dates for participation. Please communicate to your members immediately after the August delegates meeting so a schedule can be developed before the next delegates meeting.
  - A. The circuit will consist of two (2) divisions – Color and Monochrome.
- B. General Guidelines:
  1. A member of a participating club may submit only one (1) print in each division.
  2. Each club and print owner must assume his/her own risk of damage to prints.
  3. It is understood that each club will handle the prints with the utmost care.
  4. Subject matter in both divisions is open.
  5. Post production processes of any type are allowed.
  6. Images submitted in previous Print Circuits are not allowed.

### C. Prints submitted:

1. Size of paper should be between 8 - 12 inches on its longest dimension. The other dimension is limited to a maximum size of 8 1/2 inches. Therefore, the largest image size that a print may be is 8 1/2 x 12. Paper may be trimmed to remove excess.
2. Square prints are limited to a maximum size of 8 1/2 by 8 1/2.
3. Images that are larger than 8-1/2 x 12 or 8-1/2 x 8-1/2 will be disqualified. Images submitted on paper larger than 8-1/2 x 12 will be disqualified.
4. Prints must be loose – no mounting allowed.
5. Monochrome prints are defined as “representations in black & white or in varying tones of only one (1) color”. Prints that include a second color will be disqualified.
6. Each print must have TITLE, photographer NAME and CLUB listed on the back of the print.
7. Being a member of more than one WACCO affiliated club does not entitle the entrant to submit more than one (1) color print and one (1) monochrome print.

### E. Showing and judging of prints:

1. Participating clubs will judge all prints except those entered by their club.
2. Each print should receive a score from 1-5 based on technique, composition and interest. An average score would be 3.

### F. Awards:

1. Medals will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place based on the overall scores.
2. Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded based on the overall scores. The number of HM ribbons awarded will be determined by using 10% of the total number of entries.

### G. Club and Delegate responsibilities:

1. Each club shall pay for any and all shipping costs incurred by their club while participating in the circuit.

2. Each club shall be responsible for timely shipping in order to ensure that prints arrive on time to the next scheduled voting club. Please review the included Club Delegate list and posted meeting date.

3. Each club shall be responsible for sending score sheets to designated committee member within 1 week of voting. Pre-printed mailing envelopes are included with prints. Please make sure score sheets are returned to the competition committee in the envelope labeled with your club's name.

4. Delegate of mailing club should notify delegate of receiving club via email that the prints have been shipped. Providing a tracking number is highly recommended. Competition chair should be carbon copied on that email.

5. Delegate of receiving club should then notify mailing club and competition chair that prints were received.

#### H. Record-keeping:

1. Chairperson will provide delegates with a copy of the score sheet to be used by voting members via email. Delegates can print as many copies as they need. This score sheet will be specific to each club, as it will X off that club's images. Clubs do not score their own images. A hard copy will be included along with the prints.

2. Responsibility for tallying individual score sheets lies with the Competition Committee.

Delegates are to send individual score sheets to the Competition Chair at:

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