

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 13, 2023

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per entry

DELIVERY OF PHOTOS – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 4

AUCTION FOR QUALIFYING PHOTOS – 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 18

RELEASE OF PROJECTS – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 19

SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All participants must be enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school and be at least 5 years old and under 20 years of age as of September 1, 2022. All participants must reside in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy counties
2. The exhibitor will enter in the division according to his/her age of September 1, 2022
 - a. Sub Junior Division – Grades K – 2nd
 - b. Junior Division – Grades 3rd – 5th
 - c. Intermediate Division – Grades 6th – 8th
 - d. Senior Division – Grades 9th – 12th
3. All photography must have been taken between March of 2022 and January 2023. Photographs may not have been entered in a previous Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for damaged photographs. Participants may protect their entries with clear plastic. Entries must be suitable for all groups. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified. The photography committee reserves the right to reject material considered inappropriate. Settlements of any disputes or discrepancies that may arise are at the sole discretion of the Photography Contest Committee. All decisions of the judges are final. All photos must have been taken by the person entering the photo. Photography of copyrighted material is strictly prohibited. Professionals will not be allowed to enter. A professional is defined herein as one who is involved in photography as a livelihood
4. Exhibitor may enter only one photo for judging. Entries must be submitted online at www.rgvls.com.
5. Photos must be 8"x10" and must be matted with a black, white, or black with white. Mats must be 11"x14" with an 8"x10" opening. Cardboard or foam backing of matted photo is permissible but not required. The maximum dimension of the entry is 11"x14". No framed pieces will be accepted
6. All photos should have an Exhibitor Information Form taped to the back of each. Each entry must also include an EXHIBITOR ID TAG. This tag can be downloaded from the RGVLS website, www.rgvls.com. Exhibitors should fill out the tag and securely mount it to the front left bottom corner of the mat. Exhibitor information will be covered by committee members prior to judging

7. Exhibitors should NOT attach hanging tabs to mats. RGVLS standard hanging tabs will be attached by committee after judging
8. All entries must be checked in at the Event Center at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Showgrounds on Saturday, March 4, 2023, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. This will be a drive-thru check in. All proper paperwork must be in place prior to drop off. Forms and supplies will not be provided. If photography piece is not properly matted with forms in place it will not be accepted
9. Judging will be based on the following criteria
 - e. Composition
 - f. Originality
 - g. Quality of Print
10. Categories are as follows for each age division:
 - A. BLACK AND WHITE – Photos can be of any subject as long as they are printed in black and white. Black and white photos are not permitted in any other category. Images may not be printed in Sepia (brown tones), ONLY BLACK AND WHITE. Sepia images do not qualify in any category
 - B. PEOPLE – Photos focus on a person or people from all walks of life – parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports and couples
 - C. ANIMALS & BIRDS – Photos focus on all types of animals or birds, wild or domestic. Photos in this category may also include all types of bugs, insects and fish
 - D. STILL LIFE – Photos of one or more inanimate (not living) objects in a composition, where the photographer has clearly given thought to the arrangement of objects and to their lighting, focus and background. The objects in the photos must be ones which can be moved and rearranged, not part of the landscape or the fixtures of a building. Lighting can be either natural or artificial. Where the picture is just of a single object, it fits with this category, as long as obvious thought has gone into the placement of the object.
 - E. LANDSCAPE & SCENERY – Photos focus on the beauty of nature. Photos in this category would include sunsets, sunrises, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, farms, nature images and other outdoor scenes
 - F. ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY – Photos of any object in motion. Subjects can be those playing sports, dancing, race cars, running animals, etc. as long as the focus of the photos is in motion
 - G. PLANTS & FLORA – Photos of interesting, unique and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plants/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category
 - H. CURRENT LIVESTOCK SHOW THEME – Photos that express or exhibit the current theme of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

- I. FOOD – This category is a still life specialization of photography aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED
- J. ELEMENTS OF DESIGN – Photos showcasing elements of design such as line, shape, patten, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photos consist of any subject matter as long as focus is clearly on an element of design

11. All photographs must be picked up Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Event Center. Photos will be released to the exhibitor, their ag/art teachers or 4-H club managers only. Photos not picked up on Sunday will be brought to the Livestock Show Office. Photos not picked up are not the responsibility of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Inc., its employees, or committee members

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

AWARDS

Overall Grand Champion – Buckle

Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Plaque

1st place – Rosette

2nd – 10th place – Ribbon

Champion winners in each division will compete for Overall Grand Champion Award. Reserve Champion winner in division that produced the Grand Champion will compete with the remaining Champions for the Overall Reserve Grand Champion Award.

The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion projects will be eligible to participate in the Sale of Champions on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. This is a premium auction only; the actual projects will not be sold to the buyers.