

March 2024 Suggestions for New Competitions

- **Current individual CAPA member survey (478 responses received):**

- Artistic creative (abstract, altered reality) – 7 respondents
- Astrophotography – 2 respondents
- Black & white – 8 respondents
- City Life/Urban – 2 respondents
- Cultural travel (related to events on vacation, for example - a parade, a festival, or particular custom) – 1 respondent
- Dedicated landscape – 7 respondents
- Fine Art – 9 respondents
- Flowers – 1 respondent
- Intentional Camera Movement – 3 respondents
- Lines & curves – 2 respondents
- Nature or Open (Change them every year)– 17 respondents
- Photojournalism – 1 respondent
- Silhouettes – 1 respondent
- Smartphone – 3 respondents
- Still life – 5 respondents
- Street photography – 10 respondents

- **Past individual CAPA member survey (138 responses received):**

Individual surveyed were not asked about what competition they thought that CAPA should offer.

- **Current CAPA Camera Club survey (48 responses received):**

- Architecture – 1 respondent
- Abstract – 1 respondent
- Intentional Camera Movement – 2 respondents
- Macro – 2 respondents
- Minimal manipulation – 3 respondents
- Multiple exposures – 1 respondent
- Open theme – 2 respondents
- Portrait – 1 respondent
- Smartphone – 1 respondent
- Sport – 1 respondent

- **Past CAPA Camera Club survey (8 responses received):**

Individual surveyed were not asked about what competition they thought that CAPA should offer.

Response: Thank you for these suggestions, and we appreciate the opportunity to address each which are included in the responses below:

For CAPA's participation in the annual Four Nations competition, we are mandated to organize four specific competitions:

- **Nature/Wildlife** – adherence with FIAP Nature/Wildlife definition and editing requirements.
- **Black & White** – adherence with FIAP Black & White definition.
- **Colour**
- **My Country** – image captures within the geographical boundaries of Canada.

From these four competitions, we select the top 80 images (15 nature/wildlife, 15 black & white; 35 colour and 15 My Country) to represent Canada in this international competition.

Traditionally CAPA has organized an Annual Photo Challenge exclusively for individual CAPA members.

Over the past few years, we have introduced **five zone competition** – one for each region of Canada.

For each competition, a period of 5 to 7 days is allotted for the volunteer judges to complete the judging and tie-breaking processes. An additional 5 to 7 days are required to verify the authenticity of images, create custom award certificates them and sending out the awards.

Given the substantial workload associated workload associated with our volunteers in managing both national and zone competitions, the Board of Directors has recommended limiting the total annual competitions to 13. These competitions are scheduled from October 1 to early May each year.

As a result, with the aforementioned mandatory competitions, we have only three available spots for new competitions. Based on our survey suggestions, we have decided to proceed with the following three competitions:

- Artistic
- Curves & Lines
- Photojournalism

Moreover, notable adjustments have been made to the themes for the Colour, Curves & Lines, Canada My Country, and the Annual Photo Challenge competitions. These modifications are designed to provoke and enhance your photographic skills, providing a fresh and challenging perspective.

While retaining the open theme for each Zone Competition, it provides an opportunity to address all the photo genres as suggested in our 2023 CAPA survey responses. In addition, we are also introducing the 'Zone Skill Level model.' Under this model, photographers will be categorized into three skill levels – Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. Each skill level will compete exclusively against their peers within their proficiency range, and medals will be awarded to participants in each skill category.

Details about how individuals are allocated into skill-levels can be found here (English – <https://capacanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Tiered-Skill-Level-Zone-Competitions.docx.pdf>) (French - <https://capacanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Tiered-Skill-Level-Zone-Competition-FRENCH.docx.pdf>)

Here is a list of our competitions for the 2024 – 2025 cycle:

- Nature/Wildlife – closing October 15, 2024
- Black & White – closing November 15, 2024
- Ontario Zone – closing January 15, 2025
- Fine Art – closing January 30, 2025
- Quebec Zone – closing February 15, 2025
- Colour – closing February 28, 2025
- Photojournalism – closing March 15, 2025
- Curves & Lines – March 30, 2025
- Atlantic Zone – closing April 15, 2025
- Prairie Zone – April 15, 2025
- Canada My Country – April 30, 2025
- Annual Photo Challenge – May 15, 2025 (Individual ABC members Only)

Competition details will be available on our Current Competitions webpage on our website, either on or shortly before April 1, 2024.