

Trillium Photographic Club

O3C Open Challenge Summary 2026

A promotional banner for the 2026 Open Challenge. The banner has a black top section with the year "2026" in white and "OPEN challenge" in large, bold, orange letters. To the right is the Ontario Council of Camera Clubs logo. Below this is a blue section with a camera lens image and the text "Submissions: May 3, 2026" and "See Rules & Guidelines for Details". The bottom right section is purple and contains the text "11 Updated Categories", "Theme Topic: Street Photography", and "Awards: Photographer of the Year, 11 Category Specialists, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Category Winners, 11 Club Awards, 3 O3C Showcase Awards, Honorable Mentions".

2026 OPEN challenge 









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Theme Topic: Street Photography

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The **O3C** hosts an annual Club Competition, open to all **members of the O3C Clubs**.

-  For 2026 there are **11 categories** including an annual Theme Topic “Street Photography”.
-  Members can enter a max of **12 entries** in any combination quantity per categories.
-  Cost is **\$2 per entry**, (payable to the club)
-  Categories include: *Nature Birds, Nature Animals, Nature Botany, Nature General, Scapes, People, People in Action, Architecture, Pictorial, Creative Vision, and Street Photography*
-  There are individual Category awards of **First, Second, Third** and **Honorable Mentions**.
-  There are also individual **Specialist Award** for each of the Category.
-  There is one **Photographer of the Year** award.
-  There are **11 Club Awards** for each of the Categories as well as **3 O3C Showcase Awards**.



 <https://o3c.ca/competitions/open-challenge/>



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Deadline for submissions to Trillium for inclusion in this years O3C open challenge is ~~April 12th~~

April 19th

Oct/Nov 2026 Tentative Awards Day (to be confirmed). Location & format TBA.



Open Challenge Entry Submission

 *Member Phone Number:

Category / TITLE not all caps	*Image File
<p>*Category:</p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>Nature Animals <input type="text"/></p> <p>Nature Botany <input type="text"/></p> <p>Nature Birds <input type="text"/></p> <p>Nature General <input type="text"/></p> <p>Scapes <input type="text"/></p> <p>People <input type="text"/></p> <p>People In Action <input type="text"/></p> <p>Architecture <input type="text"/></p> <p>Pictorial <input type="text"/></p> <p>Creative Vision <input type="text"/></p> <p>Thm-Street <input type="text"/></p>	<p><input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen</p>
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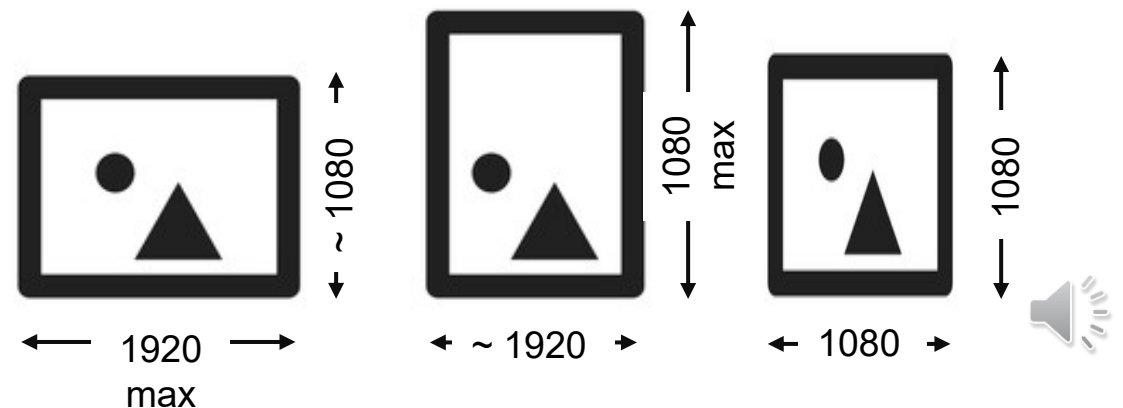
 

Image Sizing

-  • The recommended size for images **1920px x 1080px**.
-  • Image Format: JPEG, Quality 90-100
-  • Color Space: "sRGB IEC6 etc."
-  • Monochrome images are acceptable in all categories
-  • Use of Image or Keyline Borders



Category Descriptions

- Birds, HOM allowed. This category is open to any type of bird; domesticated or wild.
- Animals, HOM allowed. This category is open to any type of animal; domesticated or wild.
- Botany, HOM allowed. This category is open to any type of botany; wild or cultivated.
- Nature General, HOM allowed. Nature General is a category meant for nature photographs in general that do not fit into other existing categories, e.g. natural phenomena, fungi.
- Scapes, HOM allowed. This category is open to Landscapes, Cityscapes, Seascapes and Skyscapes including astronomy.
- People. This category is limited to images of human subjects only as the primary subject.
- People in Action. This category must include a person, or a group engaged in an activity depicting energetic physical motion.
- Architecture. This category is limited to images of any architectural manmade structure.
- Pictorial. This category comprises subject matter that does not already fall into any other category.,
- Creative Vision. The objective of this category is to tell a story or evoke an emotion through creative use of photographic art.
- Street Photography. Defined as: “the candid, unposed capture of everyday life in public places, focusing on chance encounters, random incidents, and the human condition.”



Naming / Titling of Entries

- Architecture, Pictorial, People, Creative Vision, Scapes, People in Action, and Annual Theme can be Titled as it suits the maker.
- For Birds, Animals, Botany and Nature General the Titles should be the common or scientific name of the subject.
- However, descriptive names as it pertains to the subject are allowed.
- Refrain from giving pictorial like names to images in Nature categories.
- No image may display any titling or maker identification that could serve to identify the maker or club.

Judging / Use of AI / Artificial Intelligence / Digital Manipulation / Image Qualification / Honour System

Awards

Complete challenge competition rules and guideline can be found here:

<https://trilliumphotoclub.org/events-2/oc3/oc3-events/>

<https://o3c.ca/competitions/open-challenge/>.



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O3C INTERCLUB OPEN CHALLENGE RULES & GUIDELINES

Version	Release Date	Description of change
Version 26.1	November 21, 2025	- DRAFT rewrite
Version 26.2	November 28, 2025	- Update Theme Topic to "Street Photography" Page 7 and 10 - Draft update
Version 26.3	December 7, 2025	- Update to AI, What's Allowed - Draft update
Version 26.4	December 18, 2025	- Draft update on trophies
Version 26.5, 26.6, 26.7	January 13, 2026	- Grammar and spelling, Club Codes update
Version 26.8, 26.9, 26.10	January 19, 2026	- Award based on Membership Roster
Version 26.11	February 04, 2026	- Added Animals exclusion to Pictorial

NOTE:
2026: updating or correcting this file please document the change in this table together with affected page number.
2025: update the version number and release date in the document footer.

Previous releases for:
2 - 2027 rewrite
Version 2021 - 2024 Rules, 22.2, 22.3, 22.8, etc. will represent changes within the same competition year.
Version 2020 - 2021 Rules, etc.
Version 2019 - 2020 Rules, etc.

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to competitions@o3c.ca

Recommendations for changes and modifications can be emailed to competitions@o3c.ca

Please obtain the latest version of these guidelines available on the O3C O3C site at <https://o3c.ca/>

