

RPC IMAGE EVALUATION LEVELS AND PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

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Image Evaluations and Skill Levels

Members have the opportunity to have their photographic skills evaluated by entering their images and having them scored by a judge or panel of judges, including a verbal critique. On an Evaluation Night the submitted images are judged and a score between 1 – 10 points per image is given, based on the skill set objectives for the level.

Evaluation nights are not a club competition and there is no competition between members. The judge's score is a reflection of his/her own opinion of each of the images. Possible scores are shown in table below:

Award	Score
No Award	1-7
Bronze	8
Silver	9
Gold	10

Advancement through the levels requires members to accumulate a predetermined number of awards (Silver or Gold) as specified on the progression chart. There is no time limit within which the awards must be accumulated. Award totals carry forward year to year, allowing the member to continue to acquire the number of awards needed to progress. This information will be tracked by the Evaluation Chair. When a photographer has met the requirements to advance, the Evaluation Chair will notify the executive and the member of the advancement and the member will be at their new level beginning with the next evaluation meeting. The award count starts at zero in each new level.

Member Level	Skill Set	Requirement for Progression to Next Level
1. Novice	Understanding/Control of exposure, focus and basic composition. Basic understanding of Depth of Field, forms, lines, angles General entry level for all new members, basic club photographer	5 Awards of Silver or Gold
2. Intermediate	Understanding/Control of Level 1 criteria plus the following: Advanced design and creative composition; Selective use of depth of field and lighting; Expressive use of color, form, lines and angles. Intermediate club level photographer	10 Awards of Silver or higher, minimum 5 gold
3. Advanced	Understanding/Control of Level 2 criteria plus the following: Advanced image making techniques and knowledge of media used. Creative imagery. Advanced club level photographer	20 Awards of Silver or higher, minimum of 10 Gold
<p>4. Master Designation: Has shown continuous understanding/control of Level 3 criteria. Level 3 evaluation criteria is used to judge individual images submitted in image evaluations.</p> <p>Once so designated, continuous demonstration of this significant skill set in the club image evaluations nights is recognized at year end when 5 awards of silver or higher, minimum 2 gold, were received in that club year.</p>		

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Starting Level

On joining the club, the default level for new members is as Level 1. Novice. Members who chose to submit images into the Image Evaluation Nights are shown at that level until they meet the award requirements to progress to the next level, or are reassigned to a new level through a Member Level Review.

Member Level Review

Any member may request a review of their evaluation level in writing/email to the Evaluation Chair, with cc to the Competition Chair, attaching five (or more) images and providing any other relevant information. (e.g. previous club experience elsewhere). The Competition Chair with at least two other members of the competition committee will complete the review, assign appropriate level and advise the member with cc to the Evaluation Chair for immediate level (re)assignment.

All new members will be advised of this option at time of joining.

The Evaluation Chair may initiate a review of any member's level when that member's images are repeatedly demonstrating skills above their current assigned level.

The Executive Committee may initiate on occasion a review of any level(s) and reassignment of individual members appropriately.

Effective Date

This policy took effect in July 2016 and tracking of progression began in the 2016-17 club year. It was amended effective September 1st, 2020.