



Nevada Camera Club Merit Awards System

Purpose

The Nevada Camera Club (NCC) Merit Awards System is designed to encourage and reward members for photographic growth and experience, club participation, service to the club and activities related to photography involving non-NCC entities.

NCC activities carry more weight than non-NCC activities. At least 75% of the merit points earned by a member in any one calendar year must be generated by NCC activities and only 25% may come from qualifying non-NCC pursuits as described in Section C. 2a and 2b and in Section D. Merit points earned in one calendar year may not be carried over into the next calendar year.

Instructions for Claiming Merit Points

To report merit points, you may use the Merit Points Reporting Form which is available from the Nevada Camera Club web site Publications page. See <http://nevadacc.org/publications.html>. You may also use plain paper or email but must include all the information requested on the Merit Points Reporting Form.

Information required consists of the applicable section and paragraph, the number of merits earned, a brief description of the activity, date of the activity and, where specified, a copy of proof.

Examples:

D.1.	10 merit points	PSA Membership	October 2010
C.2.b.	8 merit points	1st place in <i>Nevada Magazine's</i> Photo Contest	May 2010

Submit the form to the Merit Awards Chairperson.

Any merit points earned in one month must be turned in by the end of the next month: e.g., merit points earned in May must be turned in by the end of June.

A. Attendance

- 1. NCC Monthly Meetings/Special Meetings. 5
- 2. NCC Scheduled Field Trips (each day), Club Shoots (each shoot) 5
 - a. An overnight/out of town.....10
- 3. Bring a new member..... 5
- 4. Bring a new guest..... 1

B. Club Service

- 1. Serving as Elected Officer or Trustee:
 - President.....100 (each 6 months)
 - Vice President.60 “
 - Secretary.....60 “
 - Treasurer.....60 “
 - Trustee.....20 “
- 2. Serving as Committee Chairpersons: **
 - Community liaison.....50 (each 6 months)
 - Competitions.....50 “
 - Membership.....50 “
 - Merits.....50 “
 - Programs.....50 “
 - Publications.....50 (each 6 months)
 - Web Site.50 “
 - House.....50 “
 - Modules(Panels)Coordinator.....25 “
 - Advertising30 “
 - Club History.....30 “
 - Field Trips.30 “

Public Relations.....	30	(each 6 months)
Specific Interest Groups.....	30	“
Each instructional period.....	5	
Education.....	20	(each 6 months)
PSA Liaison.....	20	“
Apparel	10	“
Past Presidents Advisory Council Representative.....	10	“
3. Serving as a Special Committee Chairperson (short term).....	10	
4. Serving as a Special Committee Member (short term).....	5	
5. Assist committee when extra help is needed.....	10	(Maximum each time)
6. Presenting a program at NCC meeting	30	(each time)
7. Teaching photographic course one night for NCC	15	

* Subject to review and approval by the Executive Board

** Merit points will be prorated if the assigned position or duties are not adequately filled or accomplished.
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Notes: Merit points will also be awarded to elected officers and the committee people for any additional time spent outside of regular duties; e.g., acting as advisor or coordinator for outside agency activities or inception of other new competitions as approved by the Executive Board.

Any chairperson shall receive merit points based on activity as any other member in attendance of same activity.

C. Competitions

1 . NCC Competitions (Merit points for each photograph (except for NCC Juried Exhibition) are awarded on score, not final placement.)

a. Monthly Competitions

Score of 27	10
Score of 26	9
Score of 25	8
Score of 24	7
Score of 23	6
Score of 22	5
Score of 21	4
Score of 20	3
Score of 19	2
Each entry submitted.....	1

b. NCC Sponsored Competitions (except NCC Juried Exhibition) Annual Electronic, Annual Print and all other NCC or co-sponsored competitions as approved by the Executive Board.

Best of Show	12
Best of Category	10
1 st Place	8
2 nd Place.....	6
3 rd Place.....	4
Honorable Mention	2
Each entry submitted	1

c. NCC Juried Exhibition

For each acceptance 8 POY points and 2 additional merit points

2. Non-NCC sponsored Competitions and Contests. As noted in Paragraph 1 under Purpose, merits earned in this section, both 2.a. and 2.b plus any merits earned in Section D., may not exceed 25% of a member's annual merit point total and any excess may not be carried forward to the following year.

- a. Photographic Society of America Recognized Exhibitions and/or FIAP Patronage Exhibitions
 - Medal.....12
 - Honorable Mention.....6
 - Acceptance.3
- b. Clark County Fair, Red Rock National Conservation Area, Nevada Magazine and any other competition or contest sponsored by a nationally recognized photographic entity subject to executive board approval.
 - Best of Show.....12
 - Best of Category..... 10
 - First Place.8
 - Second Place.6
 - Third Place.....4
 - Honorable Mention. 2

D. Merits for Outside and/or Extra Programs

As noted in Paragraph 1 under Purpose, merit points earned in this section, together with any merit points earned in Section C. 2a and 2b, may not exceed 25% of a member's annual merit point total and any excess may not be carried forward to the following year. A copy of proof of activity must accompany the Merit Reporting Information Form.

- 1. Member of PSA.....10
- 2. Completion of accredited academic photography course(s).....25
- 3. Attending accredited all day seminar/workshop - each day with maximum of 25..... 5
- 4. Having photos/articles published in publicly or privately sold or distributed books, newspapers, magazines or photographic journals - per item10
- 5. Attending PSA annual or regional convention or seminar.....5
- 6. One person photographic exhibition sponsored by a local, state or national public agency.....25
- 7. Being a guest speaker or photographic judge at any other recognized club, community agency or PSA affiliate.....15
- 8. Giving photo-related instruction class for outside agencies on a volunteer basis 25

Merit Awards

Pins and bars are awarded club members who reach a particular merit point level. Merit awards are given as shown in the following table.

<u>Merit Points</u>	<u>Designation on Bar</u>	<u>Additional Awards</u>
200	200	
500	500	
1000	Master	Plaque
1500	Associate	Plaque
2500	Fellow	Plaque
4000	Horizon	Plaque, Lifetime membership
10000	Diamond	Diamond Trophy

The appropriate bars and plaques are also presented to the NCC President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Photographer of the Year at the annual awards banquet as are the plaques for merit points.

NCC Photographer of the Year

Effective January 1, 2015, candidates for Photographer of the Year must have attended between January 1 and the November competition meeting of each year five (5) recognized NCC functions for which merit points for attendance are recorded. This includes general meetings, specific interest group meetings, and field trips. Social functions such as the annual banquet do not contribute to this requirement.

The NCC member with the highest total merit points, as listed below, for the calendar year is the NCC Photographer of the Year (POY). The merit points for POY are identical to sections C.1.a. and C.1.b. except that merit points for each entry submitted do not count for POY. A plaque is awarded to the NCC Photographer of the Year at the Nevada Camera Club Annual Awards Banquet.

1. NCC Monthly Competitions Merits

Score of 27.....	10
Score of 26.....	9
Score of 25.....	8
Score of 24.....	7
Score of 23.....	6
Score of 22.....	5
Score of 21.....	4
Score of 20.....	3
Score of 19.....	2

2. NCC Sanctioned Competitions -- Annual Print, Annual Electronic Image and all other NCC sanctioned or co-sponsored competitions as approved by the Executive Board specifically for POY merits points.

Best of Show.....	12
Best of Category.....	10
1 st Place.....	8
2 nd Place.....	6
3 rd Place.....	4
Honorable Mention.....	2

3. NCC Juried Exhibition

Each acceptance.....	8
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