

2023 MHBA/MHYF Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals Photography Contest

Scorecard, Submission Form, & Statement of Authenticity

Overview:

The Photography contest is designed for youth to demonstrate his/her creative abilities and expression through photography. Youth are eligible to submit **up to three** photographs (one submission for the 'On the Farm/Ranch' category, one submission for the 'At the Show' category, and one submission for the 'These Old Boots' category). Entry fees for each of these photography categories are assessed *only* for youth **not** entering cattle in the 2023 MHBA/MHYF Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals.

All photographs **must** be taken by the contestant themselves, without the assistance from a parent, guardian, or other adult. Contestant will be required to sign a Statement of Authenticity (which is included on the following pages). Photographer must demonstrate originality. Should the photograph submission be determined to be the result of plagiarism, then all photograph entries made by the contestant will be disqualified. Photograph enhancements are allowed, provided that they are the original work of the contestant and are clearly acknowledged or described in the photo submission.

Photographer contestants are not required to be present at MHJN in Salina, Kansas in order to participate in this contest. Rather, all photographs must be **submitted via email** to the Photography Contest Coordinator by June 1, 2023 in order to allow for distance judging of the photographs. **Photography submissions after June 1st will not be accepted.**

Scorecard:

Professional photographer(s) will be the judges for the Photography Contest. The following is the scorecard that will be utilized during the judging of all photography submissions. Judging will be conducted according to contestant age class and photography category (i.e. a Pre-Junior submission for 'On the Farm/Ranch' will not be compared to an Intermediate submission for 'At the Show'). Please note that judges will not have access to contestant names, as a method of avoiding potential conflicts.

Please refer to the following pages for the Photography Contest Scorecard and the Photography Submission Form that must be filled out by each contestant, for *each* submitted photograph, and returned via email to the Photography Contest Coordinator, Alyssa DuVal (duval.alyssa3@gmail.com), no later than **June 1st.**

Photographs will be on display for public viewing throughout the duration of the MHJN. All submitted photographs will be eligible for the 2023 MHJN People's Choice - Photography award.

Photography Scorecard

Criteria	Elements Considered	Score	Judges Comment(s)
Creativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity is clearly evident • Viewer attention is “drawn” to the intended focus or impact • Photograph has a defined subject • Photograph is clearly intentional (i.e. the photograph submitted has a purpose/message) & delivers intended message in a clear, creative way 	_____ out of 20 points possible	
Presentation and Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting photograph environment or staging of subjects in the photograph is pleasing to viewer • Photograph meets the minimum quality and could therefore be utilized for a number of applications (printed photo, canvas or metal art, etc.) 	_____ out of 10 points possible	
Technicality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph perspective is properly utilized • Photograph focus is appropriate (in-focus or intentionally out of focus) • Proper use of lighting in terms of brightness, exposure (subject details are visible and not washed-out or too dark), etc. • Applied enhancements (if any) were appropriate and correctly utilized 	_____ out of 20 points possible	
Written Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes photograph subject, action, and setting • “Tells the story” behind the photograph (i.e. the photographer interpretation) and explains why the photograph is applicable to the submitted contest category 	_____ out of 15 points possible	
Photograph Category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph is clearly relevant to submitted contest category (On the Farm/Ranch, At the Show, These Old Boots) (this will be evaluated based on viewer visual confirmation as well as information included within the written description) 	_____ out of 5 points possible	
TOTAL POINTS: _____ out of 70 points possible			

Submission Form – Photography Contest:

Each contestant must complete the following form and include with each of his/her photograph submissions (i.e. please print out a separate submission form for each photograph contest entry). Submissions must be received by the Photography Contest Coordinator via email (duval.alyssa3@gmail.com) **no later than June 1, 2023**. Photographs submitted after this date will **not** be accepted and entry fee will **not** be refunded. Photographs may NOT be submitted during MHJN Check-in at Salina, Kansas.

1. Contestant Name:
2. Contestant Age:
3. Photography Class (select one):
4. Photograph Title:

***Note:** Please ensure that the submitted digital photograph file name includes the contestants name and the photograph title listed here. For example, the digital file name could be “DuVal_Alyssa – Smelling the roses”.

5. Date Photograph Capture (i.e. the date the photo was taken):
6. Location of Photograph Capture (i.e. where the photo was taken):
7. Camera Utilized (examples: iPhone X, Canon XS540, Nikon Coolpix B500, etc.):
8. Filters or Enhancements? Yes No
 - a. If yes, what filters or enhancements were applied and why?

9. Written Description of Photograph:

***Note:** Contestant written description (i.e. the photographer's intention & interpretation) should describe the photo's subject, action, and setting. Contestant should tell us a story of the photograph by explaining the meaning of the photograph and identifying the message/intent of the photograph (at a minimum). The description should also explain how the submitted photograph fits within the respective category.

Type your written description here:

Statement of Authenticity – Photography Contest:

Each contestant must sign this 'Statement of Authenticity – Photography Contest' and include with the photograph submission.

I, _____, do agree that all of the works submitted for the 2023 Miniature Hereford Breeders Association (MHBA) / Miniature Hereford Youth Foundation (MHYF) Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals (MHJN) Photography Contest are the result of my own creativity and activities. I agree that I physically took the submitted photograph and that the information included with my Written Description is the result of my own thoughts, intent, and interpretations. I also consent that my photograph(s) may be utilized in MHBA, MHYF, and/or MHJN publications.

Contestant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

***Note:** A Parent/Guardian signature is required for contestants in the Pre-Junior *and* Junior Photography contest. A parent/guardian may assist with completing this form (i.e. typing), but the submitted information must be sourced directly from the contestant and in his/her words.