



ODACS RULES ELEMENTARY, LEVEL I, GRADES 4-6

AREA FOUR: ART

GENERAL RULES

1. Entries are not restricted to sacred themes, but entries which reflect sensualism, humanism, occultism, or worldliness will be disqualified; basically, any subject detrimental to spiritual edification will not be allowed. Competition officials shall have full authority for making any determination in this regard. Projects determined to be inappropriate for this competition will be penalized or disqualified.
2. Each entry will be the original creation of the participant alone, but the participant may have had advice or instruction.
3. Each entry must have been created since the last Regional Competition.
4. Entries may not include likenesses or representations of any copyrighted or licensed artwork or characters (such as characters or recognizable environments from animated films or any form of sequential art) in part or in whole, unless written permission is obtained from the copyright owner. Use of such artwork is a violation of international copyright law.
5. Existing artwork or photographs may not be copied in the same medium.
6. It is recommended that two-dimensional works be matted or framed and that three-dimensional works include, if possible, an attached base if one is needed in order to exhibit the work.
7. Special *external* lighting will not be permitted (*i.e., spotlight, overhead, or underlighting*). The lighting in the exhibit room is the only lighting that will be allowed. *Lighting that is part of the piece (integrated into the piece and self-contained) to illuminate areas may be allowed only for Sculpture and Crafts. Power sources for lighting must not require electrical plug in for display.*
8. The student must bring a completed exhibitor tag with his project. See the ODACS website, www.vaodacs.com.
9. *On a separate sheet of paper, each student must write or type and then sign the "Statement of Originality," using the same wording as is used on the Artist's Idea Statement used by Level II and Level III students (see page 180b).* The student must also be present to answer questions in defense of his project.
10. The Artist's Idea Statement is used only for *Level II, Junior High, and for Level III, Senior High. Elementary students are not required to submit an Artist's Idea Statement.*
11. The guidelines used by the competition office in determining disqualifications and penalties for violations are found on page 7 of the General Information at the beginning of this manual.
12. Media may not be mixed unless the rules for the category specifically allow a combination of media.

General Rules for Photography Categories

1. The print may not have obvious "touch up" work. Good retouching, whether digital or analog, cannot be detected.
 - a. Retouching work should be limited to enhancements and modifications that improve the presentation of the image but do not change the truth of the original story. The photographer may not add or replace elements in an image. Red-eye removal and spot editing are permitted.
 - b. Retouching may only include the use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance (for example: levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, color balance, etc.).
 - c. Artistic filters may NOT be used.
 - d. Retouching is part of the creative process. Good retouching cannot be seen and poor retouching will be graded against; therefore, graphics and text must not be included.
2. The print will be judged on the basis of composition, aesthetic appeal, and originality.
3. The name of the student, the school, and the school address must be on a label in the top center location on the back of the print.
4. The minimum print size is 7 x 10 inches.



5. Photos may be matted and/or framed. *White or neutral mats are recommended for this category.* Photos may be double matted, *but* decorative elements (such as scrolling) on the mat are not permitted.
6. Level I students **are not required** to submit the Photography Artist's Idea Statement.
7. Note: Not every photograph will fit one of these categories. To be entered in this competition, a photograph must fit one of the listed categories.

Category 14: People and Animal Photography

1. The photograph must be a single black and white or color image of people or animals.
2. People photography is of an individual or group that is the main subject in the composition. It may be posed or candid.
3. Animal photography is of animals in their captive or natural setting. This category includes any living thing that is not human or a plant.
4. Required paperwork includes photography judging forms with signed Statement of Originality.