



COMPETITION SCOPE

15th Annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition

Official Competition Name: Photography - Outdoor
Category: Abilympics
Competition Location: NSCC Waterfront
Competition Date & Time: April 5, 2012

Timeline

Orientation/question period:	7:30 am-8:30am
Photographing the competition:	8:30am-10:30am
Processing images:	10:30am – 12:30pm
Mandatory lunch break:	12:30pm – 1:00pm (lunch provided)
Printing photos:	1:00pm - 2:00pm
Judging:	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Purpose of challenge

Production of five documentary/news photographs on the theme of the 15th Annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition in the Nova Scotia Community College – Waterfront Campus.

Take photographs of various scenes from the various competitions occurring on campus and produce a series of five documentary/news photographs of the event.

How to present the work

Competitors should select five photos from the shots taken. Competitors will store finished prints in a USB drive (to be distributed on site). Competitors will present USB drives with finished photos to the organizer within the allocated contest time. Photographs will be printed on site using the photo quality paper provided. The final prints (11”X14”) will be judged.

Examples of photographic subject

- View of the event site
- View of the indoor contest site
- Scene from the skills contests
- Shot of competitor(s)
- Shot of spectator(s), official(s), etc.

- Scene from other events in the 15th Annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition

Specific instructions

1. Competitors should take adequate care not to disturb the progression of other contests/events or to inconvenience others, especially other competitors or officials.
2. For the save format of the image use only JPEG (high resolution). (Images in RAW format cannot be processed.)
3. Competitors are not permitted to edit the photographs selected for printing in anyway whatsoever, including brightness and contrast levels and trimming. The programs installed on the computer are only to be used for confirming, selecting, and printing photographs.
4. *Note* Competitors who need special assistive technology/device (hardware and software) shall notify the Skills Canada~Nova Scotia Disabilities Services Coordinator in advance. In principle, such competitors should bring it into the contest site during the orientation session and install/attach it in the presence of judges. No special consideration will be given if there is any trouble with installed/attached technology/device.

Equipment, tools, supplies, clothing

To be brought by each competitor:

Item	Remarks
Digital Camera	Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) camera(s) with a resolution of at least 6 million pixels. A flash (strobe light) and a monopod may be used.
Connection cable, etc.	Equipment (cable, adapter, etc.) to download selected 5 photos onto the personal computer through USB port.

To be supplied on site:

- Table & Chair
- Personal computer (OS: Windows XP Professional or MAC OSX)
- Software: Adobe Photoshop CS2 (or later)
- Epson 1900 printer & Adobe Lightroom
- Epson photo luster paper
- USB memory: For storage
- Calibrated lap top dedicated to Epson 1900 printer

Point Breakdown

The skills of each competitor will be assessed based on the final work produced.

Items to be evaluated	Maximum marks allotted
Theme Based	30
Creative	30
Technical	40
Total	100