



## **Rules and Information**

### **What's this photo contest all about?**

This contest is about using your camera and photos to celebrate bicycles and cycling! It's about sharing your photos with our cycling community and beyond! It's about showing off your photography skills in a friendly competition! And, it's about a diversion from being socially isolated and having fun! Please read on for important details.

### **Who may enter this photo contest?**

Anyone who lives in or around Kingston, Ontario may enter this contest. Avid cyclists, occasional bicycle riders, and even non-cyclists may enter this photo contest. Amateur / Everyday photographers are welcome to enter the photo contest. For those under the age of 14 years, please ask parents before entering the contest. Cycle Kingston Board members, affiliates, and staff are not eligible to enter this contest.

### **Is there a cost or fee to enter the photo contest?**

No, entering the contest is free of charge.

### **What's the theme and are there categories?**

The theme of this contest is, "All Things Bicycles and Cycling!" Within that theme there are two categories: *Artistic Bicycles* and *Recreation & Leisure Cycling*.

*Artistic Bicycles*, as the title implies, are photographs of bicycles, parts of bicycles, images of bicycles, or bicycle related emblems and other objects depicting something cycling related – photographed in an imaginative way. Photo may or may not include people or active use of bicycles. Examples of a photo in this category could be light glimmering off a bicycle spoke; or, cycle racers as a sea of multi-colour jerseys (pre COVID-19).

*Recreation & Leisure Cycling* category is for photographs of bicycles and/or cyclists engaging in use of bicycles for pleasure and recreational purposes – including but not limited to family rides, cycle touring, bicycle picnics, bicycle polo, and urban exploration. Photos may or may not include people; and may or may not include a bicycle, per se. However, images must indicate use of bicycle for recreational or leisure. Examples of a photo in this category could be a loaded touring bicycle parked by a landmark; or, a group (pre COVID-19) of cyclists (as indicated by jerseys, helmets, etc.) having coffee before or after a ride; or, a family riding on a bike path. Note: the objective of this category is to have photos depicting people enjoying cycling and having bicycle-based fun.

### **How many photos may I submit?**

You may submit only 1 (one) photo per category for this contest. It is important that you make it clear when you submit your photograph what category you are entering. If an individual enters more than one photo in a category, only the first one received or listed by date or order will be considered the entry, and all others will not be considered.

### **How will photographs be judged?**

There will be one initial round of judging per category for this contest. A panel of qualified photography judges will evaluate all eligible entries for each category based on the following criteria:

- (1) Creativity 50%
- (2) Photographic quality 50%

Photo judges will use a 10-point scale to independently rate each photograph on both criteria (total of 20 possible points per photo, per judge). All judges' points for each photograph entered will be added together to determine the winners within each respective category. In the event of a tie, judges will confer with each other and declare the winner.

### **What about everyone else's opinions of my photographs?**

In addition to the judging of photos in the two categories, anyone who visits the Cycling Week website can view photos entered in the contest and vote for the ones they like best (all categories). The photo with the most votes in any category will be the winner of the People's Choice award.

### **When will the winner be announced?**

Winners of the two categories and the People's Choice will be announced June 20, 2020. Winning photographs and names will be posted on the Cycle Kingston website.

## **Will there be prizes and if so, what are the prizes?**

The prize for first place in each category and for the Peoples Choice award will be a \$25 Gift Certificate from Camera Kington Foto Source.

## **Okay, I'm in! How do I submit my photo?**

To submit a photo to be entered in the I Love Cycling Week Photo Contest:

- Send your photo via email attachment to [info@cyclekingston.ca](mailto:info@cyclekingston.ca)
- In the subject line of the email use "photo contest" so we can find it
- Photos need to be in jpg photo format with a maximum size of 4032x3024
- In the body of the email, include your first and last name, age (if under 18 years), title of your photograph; category you are entering (*Artistic Bicycles* OR *Recreation & Leisure Cycling*), the date and location of photo, and state that you have read and understand the Rules and Instructions for this contest (this document)

A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of submission. Photos that are non-bicycle related will not be entered in the contest. Unacceptable photos depicting violence, sexual in nature, gross indecency, or other offensive images will not be entered and may be subject to legal investigation.

## **When is the last day and time I can submit a photograph?**

Submissions of photographs for this contest will be open until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, June 6, 2020. Email submissions received after that time will not be considered for the contest.

## **Do my photographs need to be taken recently?**

No, you can submit photos that you have were taken at any time prior to the contest submission closing date. Photos can even be ones you've taken pre-digital, if you want to scan them into a digital format. PLEASE RESPECT SOCIAL/PHYSICAL DISTANCING IF PHOTOS ARE TAKEN DURING THE COVID-19 TIME PERIOD.

## **Can I use my same photographs to enter other contests?**

Yes, as far as we are concerned, you enter other contests with the same photo while our contest is still running. However, you may want to check with the other contest for their rules. Your photograph remains your propriety unless you have signed over exclusive rights to your photo.

## **I'd like to enter a photo that has previously been published. Is that allowed?**

Yes, you may enter a photo that has previously been published – as long as it is your photo and you own the rights to it.

### **Will my photography be seen online?**

Yes, most definitely. All accepted photos for this contest will be posted in an online gallery on the linked from the Cycling Week webpage (Cycle Kingston website).

### **Are release forms required when submitting a photograph to this contest?**

By submitting a photograph to the I Love Cycling Week Photo Contest you warrant that you are the photographer who took the image, the owner of the image, that you alone own the copyright, and that you have obtained any necessary third- party releases.

### **When I submit a photo to the I Love Cycle Week Photo Contest, what rights does Cycle Kingston have to my submission?**

Cycle Kingston, as the organizer of this photo contest, retains a non-exclusive, perpetual right to use your photograph in connection with the I Love Cycling Week Photo Contest and promotion of the Contest, in any media now or hereafter known, including, but not limited to: Display at a potential exhibition of winners, online or otherwise; publication of an article or other written material, online or in print, featuring select entries in the Contest.

### **What is a personal release form and do I need to have one?**

If any person in your photograph is recognizable, you may be asked to provide Cycle Kingston with a personal release form signed by that person or those persons. Images of unrecognizable people do not need personal releases. A personal release form is a binding contract between the photographer and the subject(s) of the photograph. By signing the release, the subject of the photograph forgoes the right to sue for specific types of claims.

### **Do photos of children require personal release forms?**

Yes, if the children are recognizable (see answer above). But personal release forms for anyone under 18 years of age must be signed by the subject's legal guardian—not by the child.

### **Other questions?**

After reading these rules and information, if you have questions about this photo contest, please contact Cycle Kingston's Event Director, Hal, at [veloist360@gmail.com](mailto:veloist360@gmail.com)