

Print Competition Photo Matting Guidelines.

Sparta Camera Club current size guidelines for print submissions for print competitions/critiques and EXPO. To summarize, all images must be matted with a 16 x 20 mat and have a backing board in place. New sizes are as follows.

Pictures must be no smaller than 7 inches and should not exceed 14 x 18 inches. (See examples below.)

THE DETAILS:

- All entries must be matted at 16 x 20 and also have a backing board attached to ensure the safety of print during judging, storing/transporting and the exhibition.
- There must be, at a minimum, a 1 inch mat surrounding your image (See example 1).
- The 16 x 20 mat can be cut to accommodate any size print as seen in the examples below. The smallest size print is a 7 inch by 7 inch photo. (See example 6).

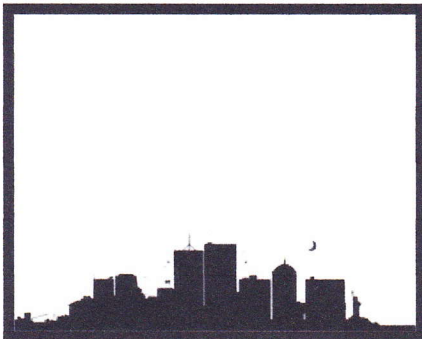
NOTES:

- The bigger the better. This is a visual medium we are creating, so offering up a larger image may increase your chance of scoring higher during the competitions. However, a 1inch border may be distracting and is not usually recommended.
- Some unique sizes require custom mat cutting, so we suggest that you allot for time before the competitions to allow for your mats to be cut to the size you require.

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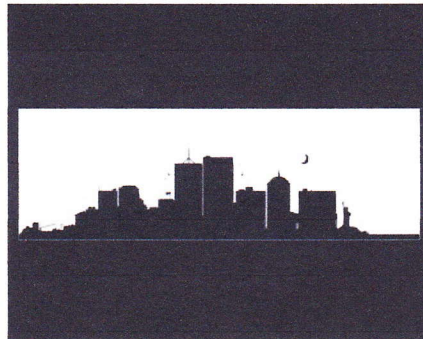
Example 1

16x20 mat w/ 14x18 image area centered



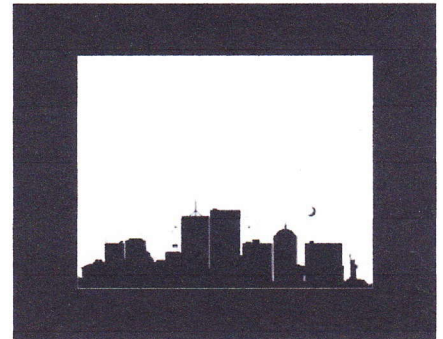
Example 2

16x20 mat w/ pano centered



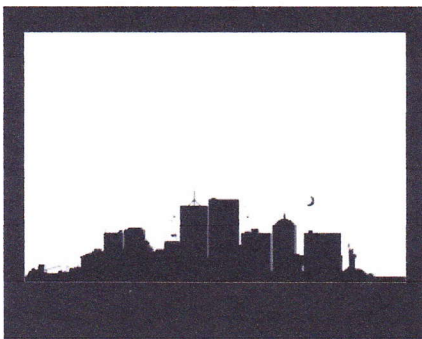
Example 3

16x20 mat w/ 11x14 image area centered



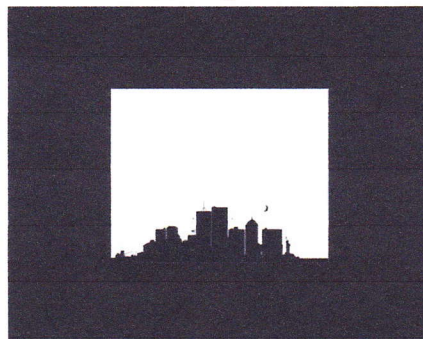
Example 4

16x20 mat w/ 12x18 image area offset



Example 5

16x20 mat w/ 8x10 image area center



Example 6

16x20 mat w/ 7x7 image area center

