2026 ROV Photo Challenge Scoring Rubric

Category	Points	Comments
Technical Relevance (25%): Does the photo clearly showcase ROV technology in action? We're looking for shots that highlight: • ROVs being deployed, piloted, or tested • Engineering work behind the scenes (builds, repairs, system integration) • Fieldwork in operational environments (labs, classrooms, vessels, pools, or at sea) • Innovation in design, structure, or use Tip: Show your ROV doing something, not just sitting on a table.	0/25	
Mission Context & Storytelling (25%): Does the photo tell a story about the ROVs purpose, environment, or users? Photos should go beyond just hardware and highlight: • The human element - students, engineers, or operations at work • The setting - show us the environment where ROVs are solving problems • The bigger picture - how does this image connect to marine technology goals? Tip: Use your caption to explain why the moment matters.	0/25	
Composition & Visual Impact (20%): Is the image well-framed, well-lit, and visually engaging? Judges will look for: • Clear subject focus • Balanced composition and use of color • Use of perspective to create drama, scale, or emotion Tip: Action shots and unique angles tend to stand out.	0/20	
Authenticity & Realism (15%): Does the image feel real and unfiltered—like it truly happened in the field? We value: • Grit, problem-solving, and process • Candid, behind-the-scenes moments • Functional setups, not overly polished or staged shots Tip: Cables, crew gear, workshop benches - those details add realism.	0/15	
Creativity & Originality (15%): Does the photo bring a fresh perspective to the ROV world? This can include: • Unique subject matter (e.g., unusual terrain or use case) • Surprising points of view (e.g., underwater shots, extreme weather) • Unexpected storytelling (e.g., quiet moments or teamwork in action) Tip: Show us something we haven't seen before.	0/15	
Total Points:	**0/100**	