



## Getting Advice on Your Photography at the Oshawa Camera Club

All our club members are enthusiastic students of photography, eager to learn, but also willing to help others along the path to becoming better and better. We all recognize that we have responsibility for our own development, but occasionally could benefit from some advice and guidance from another club member. We are all respectful of the time of our companion club members and manage those interactions accordingly.

### There are several ways to get advice:

1. At any club meeting, approach any other club member with a question. These questions should be ones that can be answered verbally in a few minutes.
2. At a club outing or event, approach any attendee or the organizers with a question. Members are glad to help each other with advice on camera settings or composition for the event.
3. Post your question on the club Facebook page. Group members are always eager to help.
4. For questions on preparing and submitting photographs for competition, contact any of the members listed on the Competitions Advisors page on the website. You can find it here after logging in: <https://www.oshawacameraclub.ca/members/competitions/occ-judges/>
5. For general photography questions, or questions on using your gear or using specific software for organizing and editing your photographs, contact any of the Leads of the First Steps Group listed on the website. You don't need to be a new member or beginning photographer. They are here to help with any general question. You can find their names here after logging in: <https://www.oshawacameraclub.ca/members/fsg-first-steps-group/>
6. Attend a club-sponsored or advertised workshop. Ask lots of questions as you learn.
7. Do your own research, using online tools, the public library or external training opportunities. Some options are listed on the club Education and Resources page. You can find them here after logging in: <https://www.oshawacameraclub.ca/members/program-year-in-advance/education/>

### On the question of long-term coaching or mentorships:

While all club members are willing to help each other, there may be limitations on availability or the amount of time that can be offered. We all have other lives and commitments. Some club members constantly receive questions and requests. All members who receive questions and requests are fully free to say they can't help right now and to redirect a question elsewhere or to say that the amount of time being asked for is too much. Please do not be insistent or persistent in your requests.

The Oshawa Camera Club does not bring together club members for long-term one on one mentorship or coaching. If two club members agree between themselves to make an arrangement for coaching, that is between them. Members are free to accept or decline such arrangements as they see fit. Members are also free to offer and accept arrangements for paid coaching. Again, that is between the two members themselves. And again, please do not be insistent or persistent in your requests.