

Contest Corner

Take Your Best “Shot” And Land A Spot In The Pro Football Hall Of Fame

(NAPSA)—As children across America put on their helmets and pads and take to the gridiron to play football, parents will fill the stands, cameras in hand, hoping to capture priceless moments in their children’s lives. One will also capture first prize in a football photography contest.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is looking for the best youth football photos from across America. Football fans are encouraged to pick up a camera and enter the sixth annual “Why Do You Love Football?” Photo Challenge. The image of a child’s first time taking the field to a player making a leaping catch to a cheerleader rooting for the home team could earn the winning photographer a trip to attend Super Bowl XLV in North Texas. In addition, the winner will receive a trip to the 2011 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Celebration and have his or her photo displayed in the Pro Football Hall of Fame for a year.

A judging panel consisting of Archie Manning, former NFL quarterback and father of two Super Bowl MVP quarterbacks; Peter Read Miller, Sports Illustrated photographer; and other prominent staff photographers and photo editors will determine the group of 14 finalists in each division. Once the field is narrowed, fans will make the final



The latest annual “Why Do You Love Football?” Photo Challenge grand prize winners were Justin Tijerina of Harlingen, Texas (Teen Winner) with “Luke Catch” (l) and Casey Berner of Naperville, Ill. (Adult Winner) with “Impact” (r). Both are on display at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

call by voting for their favorite photo from December 20, 2010, through January 7, 2011, via the contest website.

“Year after year I look forward to seeing how fans portray their passion for the game of football through their photography,” said Manning. “Each year the photos entered in the contest get better and better and I am looking forward to see what this year’s will produce.”

Making photography part of your day-to-day routine lets you capture memories that last a lifetime. Here are some sports photography hints that may help:

- **Get to the game early** so you can find the best place from which to take your pictures.

- **Get panning down pat.** When you move the camera in the same direction as the action, you

get the subject in sharp focus and the background blurred.

- **Vary your shutter speeds.** Very fast shutter speed will get a stop action look. Slow shutter speeds will give the picture the appearance of motion.

- **Prefocus your camera** so you can get the shot as it happens, unless your camera has a “quick release” setting.

- **Try to stay steady.** Use a tripod or other sort of support to keep camera from shaking.

- **Vary the angle** at which you take the picture.

- **Enter the contest.** You can submit as many as 10 images each from September 2, 2010, to December 1, 2010, by visiting Canon U.S.A., Inc., a leader in digital imaging, at www.usa.canon.com/nfl and following the online instructions.