

Yosemite Romance Writers The 2012 SMOOCH Contest Score Sheet

Entry Title:

Judge #

TOTAL SCORE:

(95 possible)

Scoring Key:

5=Outstanding 4=Above Average 3=Average 2=Below Average 1=Needs extensive work

Score	Category
	GENERAL IMPRESSION:
	1. Is the scene believable and exciting?
	2. Is there a good balance between character emotions and physical action?
	Comments:
	CHARACTERIZATION:
	3. Can you picture the characters?
	4. Are the characters' actions/reactions appropriate and consistent?
	5. Do the characters change as a result of the scene?
	Comments:
	NARRATIVE/DIALOGUE TECHNIQUES:
	6. Does the dialogue read naturally for the genre and reveal the voices of the characters? Does the dialogue flow?
	7. Is the dialogue tagging easy to follow?
	8. Does the narrative provide imagery? Can you see the characters, time and place?
	9. Is the narrative interesting and necessary?
	10. Does the scene contain elements that promote sexual tension?
	Comments:
	GOAL/MOTIVATION/CONFLICT:
	11. Do the characters have believable motivations for their actions and are their actions logical for the situation?
	12. Can you easily determine what's at stake for both the hero and heroine?
	13. Is there at least a hint of conflict in the scene?
	Comments:
	WRITING TECHNIQUES:
	14. Do you get a vivid picture from the writing? Does the writer use at least a few of the five senses?
	15. Are points-of-view consistent and if transitioned, handled well?
	16. Are actions and emotions shown rather than told?
	17. If research elements are in the story, are they interesting, accurate and important? If no research is evident, is the world/setting created believable?
	18. Is the entry presented professionally with few typos? Are grammar, spelling and formatting in line with contest requirements listed on the website?
	19. Does the author have a unique voice that makes this story stand out?
	Comments: