

# Definition of Photojournalism Division's Human Interest Image

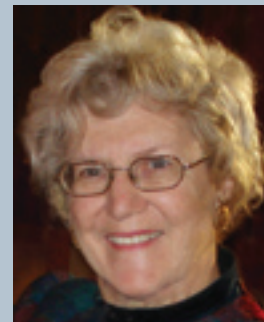
Remember that Photojournalism Division's (PJD) Human Interest (HI) sections are for story-telling images that feature interactive, emotional, or unusual moments. For this reason, the HI definition has always excluded sports action, but judges were finding it increasingly difficult to interpret which entries depicted real sports. When were surfing or biking or swimming or skateboarding sports, and when were they not? Did the exclusion apply only to organized sports? Because the HI category is intended for images that do not derive their impact from capturing the peak of action, the membership agreed at the San Francisco Conference to try to clarify it by excluding recreational action as well. The updated definition: **"Human Interest images depict a person or persons in an interactive, emotional, or unusual situation, excluding recreational and sports action."** But if you

spend a lot of time at sporting events, be aware that many human-interest images can be captured there, featuring moments that happen off the playing field. Sports-related story-telling images such as these could qualify for PJD's HI sections in spite of their sports connection. ■

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*Dousing the winning coach delights a spectator*



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*A disappointed wheelchair racer is encouraged by his coach*



*One team member is unable to play due to injury*