

PSRI – Rules for Digital Competition 2012-13

Categories

There is only one category this year: OPEN. As with slides and prints, competitors are limited to two images per category per competition. Any manipulation of the image is allowed, as long as the original digital capture, or scanned slide, is yours and the manipulation work is yours.

Classes

There are three classes, AA, A, and B. Ordinarily, a member starts in class B and earns one's way into class A. The same criteria for advancing to another class apply as for all other categories having classes, namely color prints and slides. However, a member who believes he/she has considerable experience and is qualified for a higher class may petition for advancement.

Sizing and Format

Use the sRGB color space. All digital entries should be in JPEG format and may not exceed 1024 pixels horizontally or 768 pixels vertically. Unlike slides, the vertical limitation of 768 pixels applies to images in either landscape or portrait orientation. Further, the file size should not exceed 500KB. If any image submitted for competition exceeds the 1024x768 pixel limitations or the 500KB file size limitation, the entry form will not upload the image and advise the entrant to correct the images size and resubmit. Images will be projected as submitted, so please ensure that the orientation when entered is correct.

Entering

The same general rules for eligibility and make-ups apply in digital as in the other areas of competition. No entry form is required. Digital entries to the PSRI competition should be entered using the digital upload [form](#). Select the date of the competition you intend to enter, and click on the class to which you are assigned. If you have not competed in the past, your name will appear in Class B. Scroll down the list of names until you find your own and select it. If you do not find your name in the list, contact the digital competition chairperson at Digital@PSRI.us. Your entry must be completed before midnight of the Sunday before the competition.

Naming

There are no special naming requirements other than filling out the form. A title for the image must be entered in the form and the software will create a filename for the image to be used in competition using your name and image title.

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PSRI – How to Prepare Digital Entries for Intra-club Competitions

1. Once you have made the changes to the image that you want (except for sharpening, which should be done later), save the image as a Photoshop document, or whatever type of document your software defaults to. In this way you preserve the changes you have made.
2. Click on “**Image**,” then “**Mode**.” Make sure “**8 bits/channel**” is checked.
3. Click on “**Edit**,” then “**Assign Profile**” (near the bottom). Make sure the file is in or changed to **sRGB**.
4. Check for any further adjustments you would like to make, based on the appearance of the image after these changes.
5. Click on “**Image**,” then “**Image Size**.” Look at the top, where it says “**Pixel Dimensions**.” You can ignore the bottom settings, since they have absolutely NO impact on projected images. The image cannot exceed 1024 pixels in width or 768 pixels in height. Do one of the following:
 - Set the WIDTH to 1024 and check that the HEIGHT is less than or equal to 768—generally the case for landscape images. If the HEIGHT is greater than 768, try step b, below.
 - Set the HEIGHT to 768 and check that the WIDTH is less than or equal to 1024—generally the case for portrait images. If the WIDTH is greater than 1024, try step a, above.
6. Sharpen your image, as desired. Sharpening is best done when the image is the size desired.
7. Click on “**File**,” then “**Save for Web & Devices**.” This is preferable to simply “Save As.” If you select the “**2-Up**” tab at the top, you will see side-by-side images—the original and the JPEG. In the lower-left corner below each image you will see the image size. For example, a PDF original might be 17.2M, and the JPEG 311K.
8. Images cannot exceed 500k. If your JPEG image is over 500K, then select the “**Optimized**” tab at the top and click on the little arrow beside the box under “JPEG.” This box may say “Maximum,” “Very High,” “High,” “Medium,” or “Low.” It probably defaults to “High.” Choose another value. For example, if the image is 311K, you might try a higher setting, just so you do not exceed 500K. If the image is greater than 500K, select the next lowest setting, until the image size is less than or equal to 500K.
9. Save your image according to the naming conventions under Digital Rules.