

ACCC Digital Contests

ACCC is in a transition process to modernize the way in which digital entries are received and judged. It also is responding to requests for different types of contests that members are interested in having. Ultimately, ACCC will have a web based entry process but in the meantime, certain changes are required while the process is being evaluated.

To begin with, all images will be limited to jpeg at 1024x768 and a quality size of 500kb. Any image that is received that is greater than the stated quality size will be not used, the club reps will be notified and the rep will be responsible for contacting the entrant and getting a corrected image to the contest chairperson. There will only have a three day period in which to obtain the corrected image and have it emailed to the contest chairperson. Therefore, all club reps should review each image prior to it being put on the final disk.

This change will also facilitate clubs which choose to permit online entries for those persons who leave for periods during the year. However, until the complete changeover is made by ACCC, the club rep will still be responsible for submitting a disk of all entries at the Board Meeting prior to the Fall/Spring Round-Ups. In the future we plan to just have an online submission process and hope as well to use a system such as PayPal to receive funds for digital images.

Until a fully automated system is implemented, we will require the disks to be submitted for each Round-Up by each council and have chosen a revised naming process to be used. That process will no longer require a space after the commas. For example: O,SCW,Smith,George,Funny Girl. The first letter is for the category; the next three letters are the club's designation e.g. Open,Sun City West,Last Name,First Name,Title of the Image.

Further, because the total number of entries are approaching our ability to comfortably handle the submissions, all future contests will limit the total number of entries per person to no more than six and no more than two images in any one category, regardless of the number of categories that are entered.

Finally, there also will be a new category added starting in the Fall 2010 which is Monochrome for digital. By definition, monochrome will permit one color in addition to Black and White, which are not considered to be colors. The category will be an "Open" designation, permitting any type of image to be included.

We appreciate your cooperation and hope that the changes move further to bring the digital contest(s) current and expand the opportunities for entrants to demonstrate their photographic abilities.