

Kingston Photographic Club

DIGITAL SLIDE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

(This is for **Main Club Competitions** – for the Online Competitions, see the relevant page)

Digital slides, whether captured by a digital camera or slide scanner, will be treated the same as film slides i.e., same category, number of submissions, etc. In addition, digital slides will be judged using the same criteria as for film slides, and eligible for the same awards. Note that 'Pictorial' and 'Nature' are different categories.

Projection

- All digital slides will be projected from a laptop via a digital projector onto a white screen.
- Club members are strongly advised to calibrate their monitors, or to at least ensure that their image will have consistent quality on different monitors. (Calibration tools can be expensive - see if you can borrow one or share costs).

Submission Requirements

Once editing is completed, make sure that the digital file being submitted is sized properly:

- Whatever the orientation of the image, the height can be no more than 768 pixels and the width can be no more than 1024 pixels - this means that, in a rectangular image (which has a normal ratio of 3:4), the width in a 'portrait' orientation would have less than 768 pixels, so the image will appear a lot smaller (showing less pixels) than a 'landscape' orientation. A square image can only be 768 pixels on each side. NOTE: Image quality will be compromised if the pixel count is less than 600 Pixels across the widest dimension and it will 'fall off the screen' if it's too big.
- The file should, when possible, be saved in the sRGB colour space, the same as the projector will display. (Very few computers and projectors can display in the wider 'gamut' AdobeRGB or others, so saving in anything other than sRGB is pointless and can actually make the image colours look poor).
- Note that, when dealing with an actual number of pixels on your image, the "Pixels per Inch" figure becomes quite irrelevant - but also remember that most computers can only display at 72ppi, so save the image at 72ppi. Higher 'resolution' will just make for larger file sizes. The *Physical Dimensions* for an image saved in this way will be a maximum on the horizontal of 14.222", with the vertical always 10.667".
- Save the digital file as a high quality JPEG, i.e. low compression. This is roughly '9' in the scale found in Photoshop and Photoshop Elements.



Submission Methods:

Three methods of submission are available: (Whichever method you use to make submissions, save the file in JPEG format as above).

1. **Electronically** by email (to gunion@sympatico.ca or other appointed organiser). All members submitting their images by Email should have their email client software set up to have a "Request Read Receipt" to ensure confirmation of delivery. However, it is noted that not all 'Webmail' type email clients (e.g. Hotmail, Yahoo) can do this - please make a note of this on the email itself so that the Competition Organiser can still send a receipt.
2. **CD** - Label your CD and store in an appropriate container. Either a CD-R (write once), DVD or CD-RW (write many/reusable) can be used.
3. **USB Memory Stick** - if prepared to leave a Memory stick with the Competition organiser, place it in an envelope with your details on, or identify in some other way.

All email submissions must be received by the competition closing date. When the above guidelines are not followed, the Organiser will do his/her best to correct matters - but this cannot be guaranteed. It is the responsibility of the members submitting images to follow the above instructions. **(In almost any competition *outside* the club, submissions not following the instructions don't even get looked at - so this is also a chance for members to learn to 'follow the rules'. The club will compromise when it can but members may be asked to re-submit in accordance with the guidelines).**