

Submitting Images for Coastal Camera Club Competitions 2020-08-14

A. General:

1. In order to enter any competitions (print or digital projected image), members must upload a properly formatted digital image to the website for our competition software by Wednesday at 11:59 pm EST one week before the scheduled competition.
2. In the rare situation that you will not have Internet access (e.g., you are out of the country) when the contest is open, then email your resized images to competition@coastalcameraclub.com before you leave (no one except a system administrator can enter your image for you, although anyone can bring their prints on the day of the competition).
3. The contests will be open so that you can upload your images by the Monday following the last competition, and the contests for the September competition will be open for uploading on September 1.
4. We recommend that you visit our club website, <http://coastalcameraclub.com>, for information on Competition Schedule, Assigned Topics, Competition Rules, and to print out Competition Labels (required for Print Competitions).

B. Resize & Reformat Your Images:

1. Save your original image with another file name (so as not to accidentally resize your original—no constraints on the name as it isn't used by the competition software).
2. Resize longest side to 1440 pixels and make sure the image is no more than 3Mb in size, using your image editing software. If you use Lightroom, you can do both these things in the Export menu. There's a useful article on another way to resize images with Macs at [http://www.wikihow.com/Resize-Pictures-\(for-Macs\)](http://www.wikihow.com/Resize-Pictures-(for-Macs)).
3. Set color Profile to sRGB for best projected image color.
4. Set file Format to JPEG (required by the competition software).
5. Save your resized image to your computer.

C. Upload Your Image

1. Go to <http://competition.coastalcameraclub.com/> (the new competition website can also be accessed by clicking on the **Competition, Results & Gallery of Winners** link under the Competitions tab).
2. Click the “**Click HERE to Sign in**” button at the bottom of the page.

3. Enter your e-mail address and a password. If this is your first time signing in, you should get an error message, at which point you can reset your password. If you use the same computer and don't clear out your browser, you should never have to login again. If you have a family membership, however, and more than one person uses the same computer, you will need separate login credentials for <http://competition.coastalcameraclub.com/> and will need to login and logout each time.
4. Once you are logged in, click on the **Submission Page** tab.
5. You will see a Regular Competition Form, where you can enter titles for your two images, upload your images, and choose the category from the dropdown menu under the Comp Type column. While you will be competing only against others at your Level (1, 2, or 3), you will not see the levels in this column, as the program handles this internally.
6. Enter the title of the image to be uploaded. **The title can be no more than 40 characters long.**
7. To upload an image, click on **Choose File** in the **Image File** column. Then find your resized image in the directory on your computer where you saved it and click on it to upload the image.
8. You will see a thumbnail of your image, with information about its size, color space, and dimension on the long side.
9. Repeat steps 6 and 7 above if you are submitting a second image.
10. After you have uploaded your one or two images, click on **Submit**.
11. You will see your submissions. If you would like to add a 2nd image, or change or delete an image, click on **Add, Change or Delete** and follow steps 6 and 7 again to upload different images.
12. Close the window or, if there are more than one person submitting images in your household using the same computer, log out so the other person can log in and upload and submit images.
13. Congratulations—you have entered your image(s) for the next Digital Competition (nothing else is required for digital competitions) and completed the first step for entering Print Competitions.
14. If you have any questions about these procedures, or suggestions for improvement, please send an email to the Competition Committee chairperson, at competition@coastalcameraclub.com.

D. Submitting Prints for Print Competitions

1. The digital images you submitted the week before the Print Competition will be projected and seen by the audience and the judges will only see, and judge, your prints in the light box (they will be facing away from the projector screen).
2. Affix a supplied Competition Label to the upper left hand corner on the back of your matted print (you can download and affix the label, and enter your print title, name, category, and level before the competition), and fill out the label. Your assigned print number will be added to the label by Competition Committee members the night of the competition.
3. Add your print to the stack of prints for your Group and Contest(s), printed image facing down (the Competition Committee members will ensure that your image is in the correct order).
4. Any digital file without a corresponding printed image, and any printed images without a corresponding digital file, will be disqualified from that evening's competition.
5. Due to the need to ensure that prints are synchronized with digital images, we recommend that you have your print at the print table with the completed competition label attached no later than 5:45 pm, so that we can begin the competition by 6:00 pm. Prints will not be accepted after 6:00 pm.
6. Please see the Competition Rules posted on our website for print requirements as well as judging criteria for prints and projected images.