

## Guidance for Organising Clubs

To be read in conjunction with the Rules and Guide for Photographers.

### ***General Rules***

1d) If you receive any images that are formatted incorrectly (see 2 below) then the participating club should be invited to resubmit them, but only if they can do so by the closing date. Under no circumstances should images be resized by the organising club.

1f) Relating to eligibility of images.

Note that the age of an image is largely irrelevant in digital imaging. It is possible to create a new version of an old image simply by using Save As ... Whilst the camera can record the origination date in the EXIF data, this is all editable. Dates are, therefore, impossible to enforce.

For that reason, the rule states that “An image is not eligible if it has been entered as substantially the same image in any previous SxPF competition as a print or slide or projected digital image (PDI).” This prevents someone from scanning a previously entered slide or submitting the digital version of a previously entered print.

### ***Image Formats and Media***

2a) Colour Space: The relevant PAgB standard is B.01.

There should be little or no difference between the Adobe RGB and sRGB colour spaces, but to minimise potential error, the sRGB colour space is recommended. Display software will usually default to sRGB if no profile is embedded with the image.

2b) Dimensions: The relevant PAgB standard is B.02.

Image dimensions must not exceed the native resolution of the projector. In the case of an SXGA+ projector that means 1400 pixels wide x 1050 pixels high i.e. a full screen 4:3 aspect ratio. The following are important to note:

- A ‘portrait’ image will be a maximum of 1050 pixels high.
- A ‘landscape’ image will be a maximum of 1400 pixels wide and 1050 high
- A square image will be a maximum of 1050 pixels on all sides
- A cropped image, a panorama or a 3:2 ‘landscape’ image (native to some cameras and 35mm scans) should be 1400 x (less than 1050)

Any image supplied with less than the 1400 x 1050 should be projected with black space around it, and not resized to display full screen.

2c) File Naming: The relevant PAgB standard is B.03.

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The standard suggested allows images to sort themselves into rounds with clubs in a random order. This should be compatible with all operating and file systems and software.

2d) File Format: The relevant PAGB standard is B.04.

Unless saved at a high-compression (poor quality), there will be no discernible difference in the quality of a low-compression JPEG and the uncompressed original (Tiff or PSD). Since there is a substantial file-size and processing benefit, JPEG is the required file format.

2f) Delivery Media: The relevant PAGB standard is B.05.

Please specify ONLY the delivery media you are able to accept.

- If in doubt, be safe and stay with ISO-9660 CD media.
- If you have a fast broadband connection then email may be acceptable.
- If you are running the latest operating system for PC or Apple Mac then most USB and camera flash memory should be compatible.
- Re-writable CD and DVD often have compatibility issues – best avoided.

This guide will develop according to clubs' experiences.