

PSA Guidelines for Entering Division Interclub Rounds

MVPC has decided to enter the following competitions in the Projected Image Division:

1. Projected Image Division Color (PID - Color)
2. Projected Image Division Monochrome (PID – Monochrome)
3. Photojournalism Division (PJD)
4. Photo Travel Division (PTD)
5. Nature Division (ND)

This competition is held three (3) times each competition year, beginning in the fall. Deadline for competitions are November 15, February 15, and April 15. An End of Year competition is held in June with all the Merit images from the 3 rounds.

MVPC Deadline is November 1, February 1 and April 1.

Any club that is a PSA member may choose to compete as a club, with awards going to individuals, and to the top three clubs in each group with the highest accumulated points for the year. The images are to be digital only (see Image Size). (Traditional film images may be scanned into digital format or entered direct from digital cameras). The photographic work must be the maker's, and commercial clip art is not allowed.

- Each club may enter up to 6 images per competition from 6 different makers.
- Once an image has won an award into a specific Division's Interclub Competition, it is ineligible for re-entry in the same Division's competition, even if the maker moves to another club.
- However, the same image may be entered in another Division's competition if it fits its Division's Definition.
- No two clubs may submit images by the same maker. (The first club submitting an image by the same maker is considered the legitimate submitter for the season. If possible, the club in error will be given a chance to resubmit another image.)

Image Release Form:

PSA Interclub Competitions require "Releases" before PSA Representatives are able to upload images. This is the same request for approval from image makers used in all individual competitions but since PSA Representatives cannot sign permissions for another club member, PSA uses Release documents to

- Verify the member images are created by the maker only,
- The maker holds all copyrights,
- Maker gives permission for PSA to post the images on their protected website.
- It must be signed and dated by every club member who wishes to participate and the release form is uploaded in the PSA portal before their image is uploaded into the competition. The release document is for the maker, not the image, and is good for 3 years from the date of the signature.

Note: Release forms are good for 3 years based on the date the form was signed. The PSA Representative from MVPC will contact you when a form is needed.

Image Entries:

- A club can enter 6 images by 6 different makers in each competition.
- **Image Size:** Horizontal images will be no more than 1920 pixels wide or 1080 pixels tall. Vertical images will be no more than 1080 pixels tall.
- There is no specific resolution requirement.
- Save the file in jpeg format only. Unless your image proportions are in the exact ratio of 4 to 3, one of these dimensions will be less than the maximum.
- **sRGB** color space is recommended for optimum results.
- Each image needs a specific title that is descriptive or related in some way to the image.
- An exact copy of a Color image processed as a Monochrome image must have the same title.
- There is no filename or title format. The system rewrites the filename for the scoresheet used.
- The site will accept titles up to 36 characters in length.

Borders for Reality Based Divisions (Travel, Nature & PJ) A single white, black or grey border that is 5 pixels or less is generally considered OK. Colored borders and decorative borders are considered not appropriate for Reality based Divisions.

Borders for Projected Image Division. There are no border restrictions for PID Color or Monochrome Divisions.

Be sure and read the Division Definitions: [Division Definitions \(psa-photo.org\)](http://psa-photo.org)

Guide for Photo Travel Photographers and Judges: [ptd-visual-guide-for-intercl.pdf \(ymaws.com\)](http://ymaws.com)

Guide for Photo Journalism for Photographers and Judges: [pid-visual-guide-for-intercl.pdf \(ymaws.com\)](http://ymaws.com)

Scoring Guides:

PID Color - [pid-color-scoring-guide.docx \(live.com\)](http://live.com)

PID Monochrome - [pid-monochrome-scoring-guid.docx \(live.com\)](http://live.com)

Photo Travel - [travel-interclub-scoring-gu.docx \(live.com\)](http://live.com)

How does a member of MVPC enter a PSA Round?

1. Follow the above guidance in selecting your images.
2. Use the Upload Images feature on the club's website
 - i. Log into website
 - ii. Go to Exhibitions/Upload Images
 - iii. Select Salon/Event to PSA

Salon/Event
PSA ▼

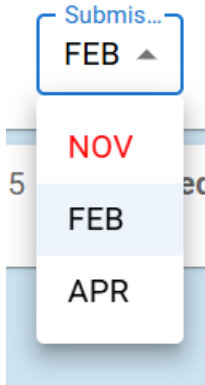
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SELECT IMAGES

SUBMIT CHANGES

SEND EMAIL
CONFIRMATION

- iv. Select the Submission Month
- v. When Month is RED, that indicates the round has been closed



- vi. Click on the Select Images button to choose your images from your computer
- vii. Fill in the Title and Category for each image
- viii. Click on Submit Changes to complete your image submission
- ix. Click on Send Email Confirmation to receive an email indicating your submissions
- x. Should you make a mistake, you can always delete an image and then upload again with your correction

What Happens Next?

The PSA Representative will close the round after collecting the submittals. Should there be more than 6 images submitted in any of the categories, the representative will solicit a team of people who have not entered the round to rank the images. The top 6 in all categories will then be submitted to PSA.

Once the Results are known, they will be announced at the next program meeting the first Thursday of the month. The club spreadsheet of entries and awards gets updated and can be found in the Resources section on our website – [Resources/Exhibitions/PSA](#)

Results on the PSA Website can be found at [Competition Results](#)

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