

Gulf States Camera Club Council

Competitions Report

2006-2007

GSCCC had its first digital competitions during 2006-2007 and to accommodate them, a large number of rule changes. Our experiences with the new rules revealed several unforeseen problems and the need for a few changes to correct them, as discussed below.

Rule Change #1 – No minimum size requirement for prints.

The minimum and maximum sizes for large prints were carried over into the updated rules, but then at the request of several people, the minimum size was changed from 8x10 to 80 sq. inches, to allow for panoramas. However, the allowance for over-matting was left off, and several people over-matted their 8x10 prints, which made them too small. The big problem was that the minimum size rule was not enforced consistently. Some of the judging clubs disqualified the too-small prints and some did not.

Rule Change #2 - No maximum size requirement for digital files. However, the files must be jpg and the images must be no larger than 1024x768.

The 300k maximum file size was to make emailing images easier, in case a judging club preferred to receive the entries by email. However, this didn't happen. Also, many entering clubs had a difficult time sizing the files to 300k.

Problem 1 – The judging club sends Carol McCreary and me incorrect club scores on the Competition Reporting Form.

After judging a competition, the judging club must send copies of the Competition Reporting Form to Carol McCreary for publication in the News and to me for record keeping. We discovered that about 50% of the time, several of the club scores on the form were incorrect, and Carol had to run a correction in the next month's News. Whoever tabulates the scores and fills out the Competition Reporting Form should have someone double check their work. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT.**

Problem 2 – The judging club is required to send me the Competition Log of all the scores, but they are not doing that in a timely manner.

I frequently have to send multiple emails or call on the phone to get the judging club to send me the Competition Log. Consequently, it is several days or even weeks after receiving the Competition Reporting Form before I receive the Competition Log. The log is needed to check for errors or to answer questions that arise after the entering clubs receive their entry scores.