

IMAGES FOR CONSERVATION FUND
2010 Pro-Tour of Nature Photography
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
April 2010

SUBMISSIONS: To help ensure the integrity of the Competition each Photographer is required to send in an external hard drive or DVDs containing ALL IMAGES TAKEN during the Competition in RAW format (excluding in-camera deletions as provided in the Rules). These will not be judged. They are for audit purposes only and will be returned if requested and accompanied by a return shipping label and delivery account number or check for postage.

Delivery Deadline: All Portfolios must be received by ICF by 5:00 pm (Central Time) on Monday, May 17, 2010. They should be delivered to Images for Conservation Fund, 2112 West University #801, Edinburg, TX 78539. This is a Mailbox Depot delivery address, not a post office – phone number for delivery purposes only is (956) 380-1544. Portfolios not received by the deadline will not be accepted into the Competition.

Portfolio Submission:

General:

All images submitted should be:

1. Captured through the lens of a digital camera.
2. Standard SLR format (2:3 ratio)
3. Taken by the Registered Photographer during the Competition Period on the Registered Land owned by the Photographer's Landowner Teammate.

Guidelines:

Photographer will submit a portfolio of up to 75 unique images for judging in the form of RAW, TIFF and JPG digital images on hard drive or DVDs. Images must be sorted into five divisions (one folder per division):

1. Birds
2. Mammals
3. Reptiles, Amphibians & Fish
4. Invertebrates such as Insects, Arachnids & Arthropods
5. Landscapes, Plants & Flowers

With the exception of the Landscapes, Plants & Flowers division, where 25 images are allowed, each photographer may submit not less than 10* and not more than 20 images per division. No photographer may submit more than one Portfolio. *Portfolios totaling less than 75 images may have divisions with less than 10 images.

No submitted image may be Similar to another submitted image. (See definition in the Rules). A Portfolio may contain no more than 2 Images featuring the same species in the same Division.

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Format:

1. Original RAW format files
2. TIFF-format corrected files (including color correction, cropping and optimization as described and allowed in the Pro-Tour's Official Rules). The TIFF files in your portfolio are used to create the Pro-Tour book, so we are looking for the best image size and quality possible.

Size / Resolution: As large as possible. At least 30 MB per image.

Color Space: ProPhoto RGB, Adobe RGB (1998), or sRGB

Bit-Depth: 16-bit

3. JPG-format corrected files sized to 1024 pixels on the longest side (for example: 683 pixels high by 1024 pixels wide) The JPG files in your portfolio are used for the Judging and video presentations such as at the Awards Celebration. It is essential that all JPG images are uniform to guarantee an equitable judging.

Size / Resolution: 1024 pixels on the long-side at 100 ppi screen resolution

Color Space: Adobe RGB

Bit-Depth: 8-bit

4. Files should be organized into folders by Format and then by Division. For example:

1. RAW

1. Birds
2. Mammals
3. Reptiles, Amphibians & Fish
4. Invertebrates such as Insects, Arachnids & Arthropods
5. Landscapes, Plants & Flowers

2. TIF

1. Birds
2. Mammals
3. Reptiles, Amphibians & Fish
4. Invertebrates such as Insects, Arachnids & Arthropods
5. Landscapes, Plants & Flowers

3. JPG

1. Birds
2. Mammals
3. Reptiles, Amphibians & Fish
4. Invertebrates such as Insects, Arachnids & Arthropods
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5. All files in TIFF and JPG formats should be renamed using the following naming convention: Free file naming software is available online.

- i. First 4 letters of Photographer's last name
- ii. Division 01 to 05
- iii. Original RAW (filename).extension (tif or jpg)

Examples:

Mart_01_CRW_5386.tif

Jone_03_CRW_1536.jpg

Summary sheet:

Each Photographer should submit a basic Portfolio Summary sheet text document indicating his/her name, the number of Images submitted in each Division and the number of total Images submitted, for example:

2010 Pro-Tour Portfolio Summary

Photographer: Jerry Jones

Division Images Submitted

Division 1 Birds 15

Division 2: Mammals 10

Division 3. Reptiles, Amphibians & Fish 15

Division 4. Invertebrates 10

Division 5. Landscapes, Plants and Flowers 25

Total images submitted = 75

Use the summary sheet to include any notes about any controlled images (Rule36-d), using the image file name to denote which image. This is for ICF information only and will not be given to the judges.

Photographer's Responsibility:

It is the sole responsibility of the Photographer to select the images to be included in the Portfolio in the Competition. The Photographer may not allow competition judges to preview the images in any form, method or format. No image taken during the competition may be published in any form (print, online, etc.) prior to judging.

It is the sole responsibility of the Photographer to determine to which Division each image is submitted in the Portfolio. For example, if an image contains a snake and a bird, it may be submitted as part of the Birds Division or Reptiles & Amphibians Division, but not both.

No member of ICF nor the judges will move any image to any other Division. So, if a bird image is inadvertently entered into the Mammals division, it will be disqualified. Images submitted in the incorrect Division will be disqualified and earn no points.

Damaged or Lost Submissions:

ICF shall take all reasonable precautions to protect the submitted materials but strongly suggests that all photographers also retain copies of their digital files. ICF will return the hard drives sent if accompanied by a request with complete return shipping information and appropriate postage.

Rules: This document does not contain the complete Rules of the Pro-Tour. Please refer again to those Rules as you select your images, make your decisions and prepare the submission.

THANK YOU ALL! We look forward to your amazing images.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: John Martin at (956) 381-1264 or e-mail icfprotour@aol.com