

General Rules for Print Competitions

1. All competition participants must be paid up members of PRPA by the closing date of the competition.
2. Entries must be **received** by the judging clubs by **April 1**.
3. Review the specific rules for the print competition(s) you are entering. Keep this information in mind when selecting images to enter in the print competitions.
4. The same image may not be entered in more than one PRPA competition in the same year. Images that have previously received an award in a PRPA competition cannot be entered in any future competitions. Images in a series with only slight variations will be considered substantially the same image. An image rotated, flipped, cropped, or converted to monochrome will be deemed substantially the same image. An image entered in a competition may also be used in a slideshow competition in the same or subsequent years.
5. Photographs in all print competitions may be post-processed using fundamental editing techniques including cropping, dust removal, noise reduction, sharpening, and adjustments to exposure, color temperature, clarity and saturation, **and** monochrome conversion. HDR is also allowed. Minor elements may be removed.
6. Photographs that alter the original image to enhance reality with new elements or objects may only be entered in competitions which specifically allow such manipulation.
7. Your prints should be mounted on foam-core or matted. If matted, tape on a backing sheet to protect the print and allow it to be displayed on a stand. Do not use glass or frames.
8. Mat or mount size must be 11" x 14". Print size may be smaller.
9. Label the back of the print with the Title, Maker's name, and Club (or address).
10. Download and print the Folding Title Card page. There are 8 cards on each page. If possible print on heavy paper or light cardboard. Cut out and fill out one card for each entry. To cut the slot use a knife or fold the card and use scissors. Do not enter anything in the Judging number area and if you attach the Title Card to your entry use an easily removable adhesive. These cards will be used during the judging and in the display at the Outing. Check with your PRPA Club Representative who may have some of the Title Cards and Entry Forms already printed.
11. Ensure there is no copyright mark on your entry or it will be disqualified. Entering any PRPA competition implies your consent for PRPA to publish the image in the Prairie Focus newsletter and on the PRPA website and for possible promotional or educational uses. The maker retains all other rights to the image.
12. If the maker's name is visible on the front of the print, it will be disqualified.
13. Select the appropriate entry form for the print competition you are entering:
 - a) Gerry Fish Club Competition Entry Form – Gerry Fish Club Competition
 - b) PRPA Print Competition Entry Form – Attanyi; Human Portraiture; Sports in Action; Altered Reality competitions
 - c) Portfolio Print Competition Entry Form – Portfolio Print Competition
 - d) Outing Print Competition Entry Form – Outing Competition, Prints
14. Download the entry form from the PRPA website and save it to your computer. Open it in Adobe Reader, type in the information, and save it again. Print one copy to send with the entries. Print another copy for your records if you wish.
15. Send the completed entry form and one completed title card with the entries to the Judging Club so that they receive it by the April 1 deadline. Check with your Club Representative before sending your entries as there may be other entries that could be sent together. If possible, arrange to send the entries to the spring Board Meeting, usually held in March.
16. Arrange for someone from your club to pick up the entries at the June Outing if you are not able to attend yourself. If you need your print returned by mail, please enclose a mailing label and sufficient funds to cover postage.
17. Thank you for entering and good luck!