Instructions and Suggestions for submitting to Digital Image of the Year competition (2026)

Overview

Recall that the Digital Image of the Year competition has the following rules:

> Each member is allowed to submit up to three (3) images.
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> Only Images that were entered during the previous competition year are eligible. They may have been entered in any of the Digital categories (Assignment, Open, Creatures, Monochrome, Creative/Altered).
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> Minor revisions of your original entry are allowed. Examples of acceptable revisions include fixing color and contrast issues, removal of small elements, straightening horizon lines and similar… All revised images should be submitted as a new image with the title updated with Version 2, V.2, or similar appended to the end. **Note**: If you intend to submit a revised image, we suggest that you upload the image to your Image Library and get its title correctly formed before you submit the revised image to this competition.

Note that…

> We recommend that you use the "My Image History" page to help you make a list of potential images, images that you _may_ want to submit. Using the filters on this page will help you restrict your search to only those images that meet the competition rules.
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> After you have created your list of potentials, you will use your judgement to select the images that you _will_ submit.

Suggested Procedure to create your list of "potentials"

On the website, use the command My Account | My Image History

Open the "Image Search Options" dropdown (also known as the "filter panel")

Use the "Lowest Competition Date to select" date picker and enter the date 5/1/2025 – you must meet the date rule

Use the Competition Type dropdown and select the competition type to limit the potential submissions list to one of the Digital types (Assignment, Creative/Altered, Creatures, Monochrome, Open) – you must meet the digital category rule

If desired, click the checkbox to "display thumbnail images"

Finally, click the “Display Filtered Images” button to generate your list of potential images to submit.

Cull down your list until you have 3 or fewer images to submit.

While culling down the list, make a note of the Image Id of each image you are seriously considering.

Submitting your images

1) Submit your images on the website using the command “Competitions | Submit Images to a Competition.” You will use this command as you normally do, with the suggestion noted below.

2) Select the competition “2025-2026 Digital Image of the Year”

3a) For this competition, **we suggest** that you only use the button “Add Images from my Image Library” to submit images. Using this button will help prevent errors, especially if you are submitting a revised image.

> Recall that you are allowed to enter a “revised image” that has minor modifications to an image that you entered previously, and that if you do so, the title of the revised image must begin with the original title but then have “Version 2” or “V.2” appended to the original title.
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> If you first upload the modified image to your Image Library and then use the button “Add Images from my Image Library” you will be able to see your original image title and the modified image title right next to each other in the list.

3b) If you **choose to ignore the suggestion** and use the button “Upload Images into the Competition” to upload your revised image and enter it into the competition at the same time, YOU MUST ensure that the title of the revised image is correctly formed from the original title at that time.

4) If you have made a note of the image Ids you want to submit, you can enter them in a comma separated list, into the panel “Image Id’s”

5) Click the “Search for Images” button.

6) Once you see the images you want to submit, proceed as usual to enter them into the competition.

Confirming your images have been submitted

You can always use the website command “My Account |My Image History” to confirm that an image has been entered into a competition.