

Testing the Web Entry facility in PhotoComp and PhotEx

When you have created your competition or exhibition specification and published it to the web, you may want to test it.

You can use either Creator or www.PhotoCompEntries.net/admin.aspx?org=XXX to set the “Entries open” date to today, and tick the TESTING box. This allows you to make entries but will warn anyone who visits the site that any entries they make will not be included in the competition/exhibition.

If you will collect fees by PayPal and want to test the interface, you can do it in two ways:

Use the URL www.photoCompEntries.net?org=XXX&ppTest=YYY

Where XXX is your organisation code and YYY is your FTP password

And this will simulate the PayPal connection.

Alternatively, you can use the URL www.photoCompEntries.net?org=XXX&ppTest=YYY10

You will be transferred to PayPal in the normal way, but you will only be asked to pay 10 cents or 10 pence no matter what fee your entry attracts. This allows you to check the whole PayPal cycle at minimal cost.

Note that these options are only available if you have set the TESTING flag.

You can continue to make entries, download them and change and re-publish your competition/exhibition until you are comfortable that entries are being accepted correctly.

You can remove your test entries by using PhotoComp Settings or PhotEx Settings (available in any program in the suite) . Select the “Folders” tab and Click “Reset the competition to the “unused” state. This removes all the test data for the competition/exhibition from your computer and from the Web. You should then use Creator/Publish to Web to reset the “Entries open” date, and remove the TESTING flag before uploading the specification again.

You can also reset the competition/exhibition data on the web, and change the dates and the TESTING status with www.PhotoCompEntries.net/admin.aspx?org=XXX