

MANIPULATION (as per the PSSA rules)

Manipulation shall constitute any or all the following modifications to the original image:

- Adding an element to the image that was not contained in the original scene;
- Removing an element from the image that was contained in the original scene;
- Moving or repositioning an element of the image that was contained in the original scene.

In the categories Nature/Wildlife and Photojournalism, manipulation is not allowed.

In Open there is no restriction whatsoever in the way authors choose to post process an image.

The following actions are allowed and are not seen as manipulation:

- Cropping
- Correction of lens distortion, chromatic aberrations, purple fringing, lens vignette and Vertical/horizontal perspective adjustments;
- Flipping an image horizontal or rotate;
- Removal of dust spots or scratch marks from sensor or scanned images;
- The blending of different exposures of the same scene to broaden the dynamic range e.g. High Dynamic Range (HDR);
- Photo stacking to overcome the limitations of the digital sensor heat artefacts in long exposures.
- Focus stacking to widen the depth of field especially in Macro photography.

In the case of Nature and Wildlife, HDR and focus stacking will not be considered as manipulation and may be used provided that the result is a faithful representation of the original scene.

Please note:

HDR and Focus stacking are not allowed in Photojournalism.

Study the rules for each event as they will be unique.