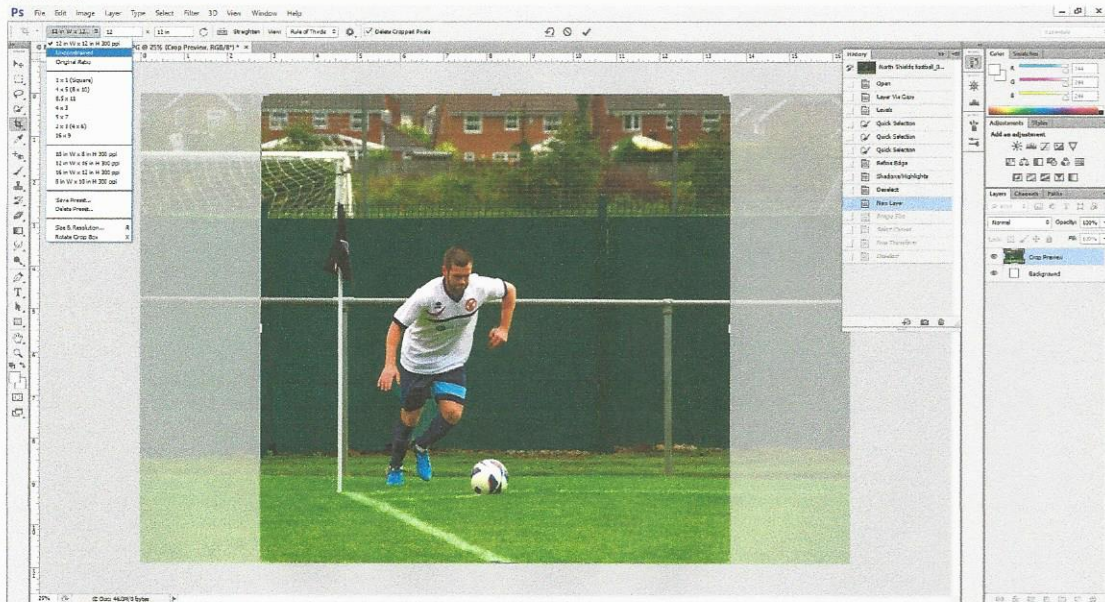


To crop an image to specific sizes



This image is 16.4 by 10.8 at 300ppi. This is not a standard size for most print shops. If you are printing at home, it's at a good resolution and you can always crop the paper after printing. To resize to a standard size go to photoshop. image>image size will show you the present dimensions and resolution. To change to a standard size, choose the crop tool.

The image will be shaded to show the last crop used. Go to the crop preset box in the menu.



The drop down menu has a range of standard sizes as well as other choices such as "unconstrained", "original ratio", "size and resolution". If the standard size you require is there, choose it and the shaded box will change to this ratio. To alter the size and position to get what you want,

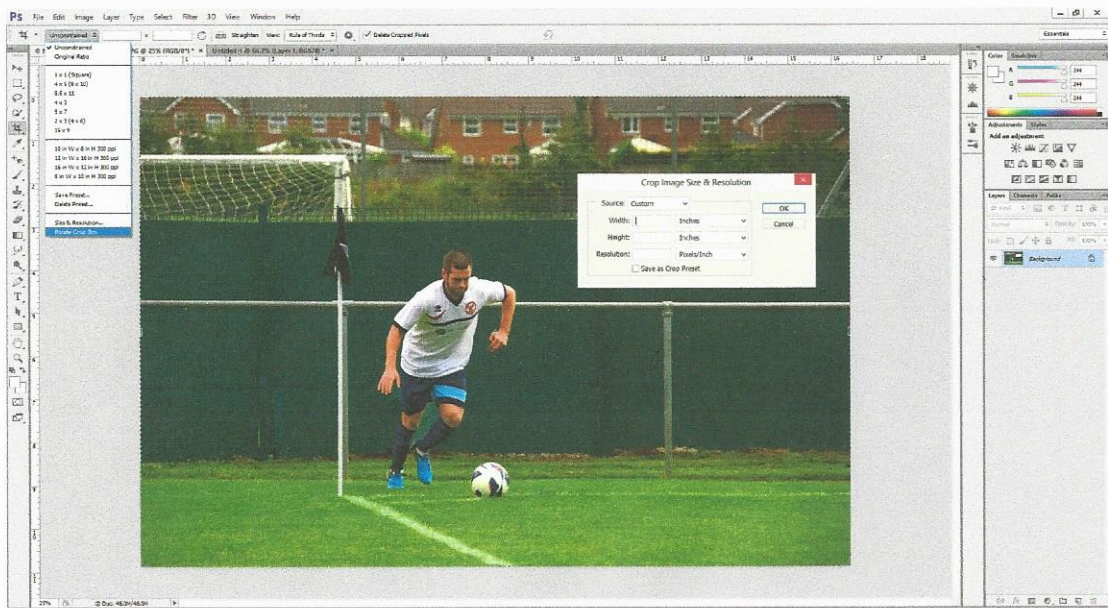
- click the bounding boxes and drag in or out to make the crop box bigger or smaller.

- to move the position of the crop, left click inside the shaded area, hold the mouse button down, and drag to get the image you want. If the view menu button is showing rule of thirds, the thirds grid will appear as you move the image, to aid composition.

When you have the image as you want, double click to crop it, or choose image>crop. Standard sizes are typically things like A4, 10"by8", 16"*12", 12"*12" etc. These are easy sizes for print shops to handle and so are much cheaper than none standard sizes.

Non standard sizes

You may need a none standard size, perhaps a letterbox shape for a panorama print. To get a specific size and resolution, open in photoshop. Go to crop and then the drop down size menu from the button in the menu. Choose size and resolution. A box appears allowing you to type in any height, width and resolution you require. If this is a size and resolution you may need again, tick "save as crop preset". If you save this, then next time you go to the crop size drop down, this will appear as a standard size for you.



When you enter the sizes and click ok, the shaded crop box appears at the size you want. You can now resize this to show what you want, and drag it to aid composition. You can now either double click to crop it, or choose image crop.

If you have chosen a none standard size, you can still get cheaper web printing. Just choose the standard size offered by the web printer which is bigger than the size you want. The web printer will print it with a border, which you can then trim off, or the mount you choose will mask out the printed border.

If you don't trust the web printer to get it right, crop the image to the specific size you want using any of the crop tools. For example, just drag out a box to what you want, then edit>crop. Go to image size, choose inches for the dimensions and make a note of the image size, let's say it is 11.5" by 7.6". Select all the image and choose edit>

copy. Now create a new image file>new. The image dimensions box appears. Check your printer for the smallest size they print which is just larger than the image you want. In this case it will probably be 12"by8". Enter these dimensions in the image size dialogue, set the resolution to 300ppi, choose the background colour to be white, and the colour space to be sRGB, (most web printers work best with this colour space). When you press ok a new blank canvas appears. Now go to edit>paste and your image appears set within a border, and the image will be 12"by8". When you get this back from the printers you can either trim it to size, or just put it in the mount you require.

In all of the crop and resizing boxes you can choose which units you want to work in, either inches, cm or pixels.