

ROSS-ON-WYE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

General Club Rules (Revision April 2009)

(1) Meetings

- a. The Society shall meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from September to April at a suitable location in or close to Ross-on-Wye, with commencement at 7:30 pm. A normal Society year (September to April) shall consist of approximately 30 meetings.
- b. Attendance at meetings shall be open to all fully paid-up members. Prospective members may also attend meetings but are limited to two such attendances in a given Society year before deciding whether to take out full membership.
- c. Participation in Society competitions, exhibitions, Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings shall be open only to full Society members.
- d. A full Society member is one who has paid the required membership subscription for the relevant Society year and whose membership has not been withdrawn according to the terms of the Society's Constitution.
- e. Meetings shall comprise a range of themes consistent with the Aims of the Society as defined in the Society's Constitution. Typically these would include presentations by invited speakers, competitions (both internal and inter-club), member-participation evenings, recorded & circulating portfolios, social evenings and an AGM. Further meetings, outings or training sessions may be arranged on an ad hoc basis.
- f. It is expected that Society members assist at meetings regarding setting up equipment, seating etc, and tidying and clearing up the meeting room afterwards.

(2) Subscriptions and Attendance fees

- a. Annual subscriptions and attendance fees for a given Society year shall be fixed in advance at the previous year's AGM, as per the Society's Constitution.
- b. Members shall pay the annual subscription by end October of the relevant Society year. Failure to pay by this date shall render the membership lapsed and the member shall no longer have the rights and privileges of Society membership.
- c. Attendance fees are paid by participants attending on the evening, and are intended to offset the costs of room hire and provision of tea & coffee on the evening. It is expected that attendees will volunteer these payments without being requested to do so.
- d. New members joining the Society in January or later in a given Society year shall be required to pay 50% of the applicable annual subscription for that year.

(3) Annual Exhibition

- a. The Organising Committee shall arrange an annual public exhibition of Society members' photographic works at a suitable location in or near Ross-on-Wye. This should be of approximately two weeks duration and take place at the end of the Society's club year, normally in April-May.
- b. Entries for such exhibition shall be chosen by the submitting member as he or she wishes and accepted without any further selection/rejection process by the Organising Committee. However, any image deemed by the Committee to be unsuitable on the grounds of causing possible offence to the viewing public may be rejected by the Committee.
- c. The maximum number of images to be included in the exhibition by any one member shall be decided by the Organising Committee, based on the space available at the exhibition location.
- d. Images submitted must be marked in order of priority (1, 2, 3 etc) by the submitting member, so that if more images are submitted than can be accommodated, the organising committee is able to prioritise those images to be included.
- e. Entries for the Annual Exhibition shall be in print format, mounted on stiff board of maximum size 50 cm x 40 cm, with the image title and author's name marked on the reverse side.
- f. It is expected that members' entries for the Annual Exhibition shall be of as high a quality as possible, since the exhibition is a public show-piece of the Society's photographic output.

(4) Selection Panel

- a. On occasions when the Society submits entries for external or interclub exhibitions or competitions, a Selection Panel shall be designated to choose appropriate images for such events.
- b. The Selection Panel shall comprise a minimum of three (3) Society members of established photographic standing and experience.
- c. The composition of the Selection Panel shall be decided upon by the Organising Committee and made known to the Society's membership.
- d. The Selection Panel shall be expected to select objectively the strongest and most appropriate images for the event in question; there should be no bias in their choices, especially when panel members have entries of their own as candidates for selection.

(5) Competitions

Detailed rules for Society Competitions are circulated separately from these general rules.