

THE WESTERN (Isle of Man) PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

COMPETITION RULES

- 1. Categories** Entries are divided into four categories: Monochrome Prints, Colour Prints, Slides and Projected Digital. Slides and Prints may be home or trade processed. In the Monochrome Category prints may contain one other colour. Projected Digital may be Mono or Colour. In all categories there is no restriction on the amount of computer manipulation. Entries may be from film or digital origin, but must be the authors own original work.
- 2. Classes** For competition purposes there are two classes: Junior, and Intermediate. All persons over the age of 18 years are classed as an Intermediate. On ceasing to be a Junior at 18 years of age (or after the age of 16 years if the Competition Secretary considers their work to be of a sufficient standard), he or she will be placed into the Intermediate Class. Intermediate members who gain the most points in each category during their first season as a competing member will receive an award. (Juniors who have entered competitions and members who have entered competitions with other photographic clubs are excluded from these awards).
- 3. Print Sizes** The maximum size for prints is 20" x 16" **including** mount. Note: there is a trophy for the best small print in the Presidents Competition maximum size 7.5" x 5". Projected Digital entries should be submitted in jpeg file format.
- 4. Identification of entries** Names are to be omitted from entries. All entries must be titled, and slides spotted correctly, (bottom left corner as viewed).
- 5. Number of entries** Up to five entries in total with a maximum of three entries per category may be entered in all competitions, with the exception of the Small Print, and Annual Open and Photographer of the Year competitions. (See rules 7 & 8).
- 6. Special Competitions** In Special Competitions (President's, Chairman's, and Annual Open and Photographer of The Year), entries will be judged as one class. In Nature, Open and Assignment Competitions they will be judged separately. Note: there is a trophy for the best small print (maximum size 7.5"x5") in the President's Competition.
- 7. Points Scoring Competitions** Points are awarded in Assignment, Nature, Open, Sporting Activities, and small Print Competitions. Each entry will be marked out of 20 and all marks awarded will count towards their respective category point's championship (except Small Print Competition, see rule 8) and the overall point's championship.
- 8. Small Print Competition** This is an open competition (any subject being permissible) for un-mounted black and white or colour prints, maximum size 7.5" x 5", five entries per member. Apart from the above, normal club rules apply and points won will be awarded to the author's yearly total, but not to colour or black and white categories.
- 9. Annual Open and Photographer of the Year** The maximum number of entries in this competition is normally five. *(The committee has the option of changing this year by year while keeping entry numbers to a manageable level. Adequate notice will be given). Entries may be in any number of categories in any combination. A member entering this competition must have entered at least three competitions during the current season, and **entries from previous years Annual Open and Photographer of the Year Competitions are excluded**. The judge will award points per entry and the member with the highest points total for their entries will be the Photographer of the Year. The judge will also select the best entry in each category.
- 10. Duplication of entries** An entry may only be submitted in one form during any season, e.g.: a slide once entered in a competition should not be re-entered as a print, and vice versa. A different format may be used in subsequent years providing the original image has not been placed in the top three (see rule 11) in any other format.
- 11. Re-entry rule** The three highest marked entries (more if marks are equal) in each category in points scoring competitions (see rule 7) may only be re-entered in special competitions (see rule 6). All entries first entered in special competitions may be re-entered in points scoring competitions.
- 12. Age of Entries** Entries may be of any age in all competitions.
- 13. Closing Dates** Closing dates for entries is seven days before the competition, unless otherwise stated.
- 14. Membership** Entries will be accepted from paid up members only.

THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL