

THE WESTERN (Isle of Man) PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

COMPETITION RULES

- 1. Categories** Entries are divided into four categories: 1. Monochrome Prints, 2. Colour Prints, 3. Prints up to A4 and 4. Digital Projected. Prints may be home or trade processed. In the Monochrome Category prints must be monochromatic or toned in a single colour. Digital Projected and Prints up to A4 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 Senior. All persons over the age of 18 years are classed as a Senior. 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 Senior Class. Senior 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 the Monochrome Print and Colour Print categories is 50cm x 40cm **including** mount. Prints up to A4 category must be no larger than A4 and the mount no larger than 40cm x 30cm. 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 (for Projected Digital the file name should be the title).
- 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 8 & 9).
- 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. Points won will be awarded to the author's yearly total, but not to any categories. All entries may be re-entered in other categories in other competitions.
- 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 (in any format) 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 category** (see rule 1) during any season, e.g.: a projected digital once entered in a competition should not be re-entered as a print, and vice versa (except small prints, see rule 8). A different category may be entered in subsequent years providing the original image has not been placed in the top three (see rule 11) in any other category.
- 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