

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Camera Club

Club & Competition Regulations

Formulated in accordance with The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain guide lines and fundamental principles

1. Rules of the Club

- 1.1. The Club shall be known as Ashby-de-la-Zouch Camera Club. Herein after referred to as "the club".
- 1.2. The object of the club shall be to stimulate the members in all branches of the science and art of photography.
- 1.3. Ordinary meetings are normally held on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm from September to May, known as the winter season. Meetings are normally held at Smisby Village Hall, Smisby near Ashby de la Zouch. An informal, external, summer season is arranged at the discretion of the committee during the remaining months of the year.
- 1.4. The business of the club shall be conducted by an elected committee, consisting of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Competition Secretary plus 2 ordinary committee members.
- 1.5. In any matters requiring a vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.
- 1.6. The committee has the right to co-opt 2 additional members.
- 1.7. All offices shall become vacant at the annual general meeting when elections shall be held for the following year. All members shall be eligible to serve in any office of the club. The members taking the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be termed "Officials" of the club, with other posts being held by "Officers". Nominations can be accepted up to the commencement of the AGM.
- 1.8. Officials and officers listed as follows shall submit reports to members at the AGM. The Chairman, the Secretary, the Competition Secretary and the Treasurer who will furnish an independently checked statement of accounts and a balance sheet.
- 1.9. A competition selection panel of up to five members shall be selected by the Competition secretary to select entries for external competitions. Items selected by the panel cannot be changed or substituted after selection for a competition for any reason whatsoever.
- 1.10. The annual subscription shall be set at the AGM. The committee shall have the power to amend this at the start of the season if necessary. New members joining the society later in the season may be charged a reduced subscription at the

- discretion of the committee. Prospective new members can attend up to three meetings free of charge.
- 1.11. A reduced membership fee may be charged to members returning from long term illness at the discretion of the committee.
 - 1.12. All members will be charged a reduced membership subscription following their sixtieth birthday.
 - 1.13. Subscriptions shall be paid not later than four weeks from the commencement of the season or at the discretion of the committee (four weeks from joining for new members) No member's entry will be accepted for club competitions unless the member's subs are paid.
 - 1.14. Any equipment purchased from club funds, or presented to the club, shall be the property of the club. An inventory shall be maintained and an up to date list of the club's equipment and its current location shall be kept, on behalf of the club, by the Secretary.
 - 1.15. The club shall maintain rules governing its internal competitions.
 - 1.16. Acceptance of membership of the club shall imply acceptance of these rules. In the event of a dispute on any matter the aggrieved party's complaint will be heard by the Officials of the club, none of whom shall be involved in the dispute. The majority decision they reach will be binding on the parties involved.
 - 1.17. No alteration of these rules shall be made, except at an AGM or an extraordinary meeting called for the purpose. A majority vote of members present at the meeting shall be necessary to make an alteration.
 - 1.18. Entries going forward in the name of the club to inter-club competitions shall be decided by the competition selection panel only.
 - 1.19. Visiting speakers, judges, potential members and other guest will be granted temporary membership for duration of the meeting.

2. Club Competition Rules

- 2.1. All entries must be identified by the author's initials
- 2.2. All entries must be individually identifiable, preferably by a title.
- 2.3. All entries must be recent work, ideally within the last twelve months.
- 2.4. Prints (mono or colour) must be a minimum size of 40sq inches (approx. 250 sq cm)
- 2.5. All prints must be mounted.
- 2.6. 35mm slides must be spotted and can be masked.

- 2.7. Titles for entries into internal competitions must reach the Competition Secretary by the date announced by him/her. The actual entries will be accepted on the night of the competition if given to the Competition Secretary by 7.30pm unless otherwise specified in advance by the Competition Secretary. Entries for external competitions must be submitted to a member of the selection panel prior to the selection meeting.
- 2.8. All queries regarding competitions should be made to the Competition Secretary.
- 2.9. The club will take reasonable care of member's entries. The club will not be held responsible for loss or damage to entries. It is recommended that valued work is copied and the copies used for competitions. Slides will be accepted mounted in protective glass.
- 2.10. The author must own the copyright of any work submitted. This includes images used in montages.
- 2.11. Plagiarism is not acceptable.
- 2.12. All internal competition marks will be out of 20.
- 2.13. For competitions, photograph means print, slide or digitally projected image, but note that entries to some competitions are limited to specific types of photograph.

3. Internal Quarterly Competitions (2 Open and 2 Themed)

- 3.1. General club competition rules apply, except recent work is defined as photographs taken after the first of January preceding the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2. A photograph should only be entered once and must not have been entered for any previous INTERNAL competition.
- 3.3. A maximum of three photographs (ie prints, digitally projected images or slides, or any combination thereof) may be submitted for each quarter.
- 3.4. Photographs used in external competitions remain eligible for the quarterly competition.
- 3.5. Members compete to be the overall winner. There will be an overall winner award and a Novice award.
- 3.6. A novice is a member who has not previously won a competition of any sort.
- 3.7. The overall winner will be the member with the highest score from a maximum of Twelve photographs (3 per quarter).

4. Solar M, President's and Jeff Jarvis Competitions

- 4.1. A maximum of three entries may be submitted in each competition.

- 4.2. Solar M and President's competitions are for photographs taken any publicised club event.
- 4.3. Jeff Jarvis competition is for any "Chocolate Box" style pretty photographs.
- 4.4. Solar M competition requires entries to be slides or digitally projected images or any combination up to the maximum.
- 4.5. President's competition requires entries to be prints with a maximum print size of 210 mm x 297 mm (ie A4 size).
- 4.6. The Jeff Jarvis requires entries to be prints, slides or digitally projected images, or any combination, up to the maximum.

5. Club Photographer of the Year

- 5.1. The Club Photographer of the Year will be the member scoring the highest points from photographs entered for the Quarterly, Presidents, Solar M and Jeff Jarvis competitions.

6. External Competitions

- 6.1. The number of prints, slides and digitally projected images will be mutually agreed between the competing clubs.
- 6.2. General competition rules will apply. PAGB rules take precedence over club rules.
- 6.3. Each member may submit a maximum of **TEN** photographs for selection.
- 6.4. Except for slide matching competitions, no more than three photographs from any one member can be selected for an external competition.
- 6.5. For slide matching competitions the maximum number of slides submitted by a member is at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.
- 6.6. No photograph previously used against a competing club will be considered for future selection against the same club.
- 6.7. The club encourages members to submit fresh work for selection.
- 6.8. The selection panel reserve the right to mask, re-mask, title or re-title any selections.
- 6.9. The member scoring the highest total number of points from all external competitions (excluding the slide matching competitions) will be awarded the John Webster Trophy.