

# The Western (Isle of Man) Photographic Society

## COMPETITION RULES

- 1. Categories** Entries are divided into five categories:  
1. Monochrome Prints, 2. Colour Prints, 3. Prints up to A4, 4. Monochrome Digital and 5. Colour Digital.  
Prints may be home or trade processed. In the Monochrome categories entries must be monochromatic or toned in a single colour. 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 author's 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 Senior.
- 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. Small prints must be 7" x 5" (in the Small Print Competition, and as a special category in the President's Competition). Digital entries should be submitted in accordance with the current guidance on the WPS website.
- 4. Identification of entries** Names are to be omitted from entries. All entries must be titled (for Digital the file name should be the title).
- 5. Number of entries** Maximum number of entries to be as determined from time to time by the committee (currently five entries) within which 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 and 9).
- 6. Special Competitions** In Special Competitions (President's, Chairman's, Annual Open and Photographer of The Year), entries will be judged by category in one class. All entries first entered in special competitions may be re-entered in other competitions, with the exception that an entry can only be in one Annual Open (see Rule 9).
- 7. Points Scoring Competitions** Points are awarded in Assignment, Nature, Open, and Sporting Activities Competitions, and they are judged in classes and categories. Each entry will be marked out of 20 and all marks awarded will count towards their respective category's points championship and the overall points championship. The three highest marked entries (more if points are equal) in each category in points scoring competitions may only be re-entered in special competitions (see Rule 6). Points are also awarded in the Small Print competition but different rules apply (see rule 8).
- 8. Small Print Competition** This is an open competition for un-mounted black and white or colour prints, size 7" 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 as determined by the Committee in order to keep entry numbers to a manageable level. (The current maximum number of entries is five). Entries may be in any number of categories in any combination. There is no limit to the distribution of entries across the categories – all of a member's entry could be in one category. A member entering this competition must have entered at least three competitions during the current season. **Once an image has been used in an Annual Open and Photographer of the Year Competition, it may not be used again in future Annual Competitions in the same or any other category.** 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. Multiple use 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 in any other category. See also Rule 9.
- 11. Age of Entries** Entries may be of any age in all competitions.
- 12. Closing Dates** Closing dates for entries is seven days before the competition, unless otherwise stated.
- 13. Membership** Entries will be accepted from paid up members only.

**THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL**