

Membership Guidelines

1. General

All members must complete a 'Membership Application Form' each season, which must be accompanied by the Annual subscription fee or such reduced subscription fee as agreed by the Committee.

The status of 'Member' is granted to all who have been accepted by the Committee as members and who have paid the prescribed membership subscription in full.

The Committee shall have the power to refuse membership of an applicant where it is considered such membership would be detrimental to the aims and objectives of the Club.

Membership of the Club shall begin from the 1st day of the new season (usually September) and shall end on the day before the beginning of the next season.

2. Members:

There shall be the following classes of members of the Club: Honorary members, Full members, Associate members and Under 18's.

2.1. Honorary Members:

The Committee may from time to time, and on the written recommendation of 3 full members appoint Honorary members. An Honorary member is exempt from the payment of annual dues and fees, but shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club for a time that shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

2.2. Members:

Members shall mean members 18 or more years of age, who shall have all the privileges of the Club and shall be eligible to hold any office and sit on the Committee.

2.3. Associate member:

The committee, upon application, may appoint as Associate members, persons who are Committee members of any other recognised Photographic Club. An associate Member shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club but shall not be eligible to vote or hold any office in the club. The full membership fee shall be applied to such memberships.

2.4. Under 18's:

A person under the age of 18 may become a member, but all such members must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Note: The Parent/guardian does not have to be a member of the club.

2.5. Prospective Member:

A prospective member, as a visitor or guest of another member, may attend 3 regular weekly meetings after which they shall be expected to apply for membership.

3. Membership Fees

- 3.1. Fees - The Committee shall propose appropriate fees for each grade of Membership and the fees for the following season will be agreed at the AGM.
- 3.2. Payment of Fees - Fees are payable at the time of application or by the fourth attendance. Attendance at talks and entry to competitions is restricted to members only (i.e. Prospective members cannot take part).
- 3.3. Arrears: A member whose fees are in arrears for more than 2 months from the time of presentation, shall, upon due notice, cease to be a member and the member's name shall be dropped from the membership list.
- 3.4. Refund of Fees: On resignation or expulsion, a member shall have no claim for the refund of any part of their fees for the current year. Any exceptional refund shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

4. Meetings

- 4.1. Regular Club Meetings - These are held once per week during the programmed season usually from September to April. Each meeting is held on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30pm with 30 minutes at each end for preparation and packing away.
- 4.2. Annual General Meeting ("AGM") - This meeting will be included as part of the Regularly Club Meeting in April and will be for the purpose of hearing and receiving the reports and statements of the Committee as required by the by-laws of the Club, to be read or laid before the members of the Club, the election of the Committee, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
- 4.3. Special Meetings - The Chair has the power at any time to call a special meeting of the Club to be held at such time and place within the area of Worthing as may be designated by the Committee or the persons calling the meeting.
- 4.4. Notice of Meetings - The Secretary shall give notice of the time and place of each Special Meeting of the Club not less than ten days before the day on which the meeting is to be held to each member entitled to vote there at. The Notice shall be delivered by email to the last known email address of the member, or in person to the member. No other public notice or advertisement shall be required. All notices of Special Meetings shall specify all elections to be held, and any business to be transacted thereat.

5. Liabilities

- 5.1. Health and Safety - Health and Safety will be determined in accordance to the venue being attended and common practice.
- 5.2. Personal Equipment - The Club has no responsibility for member's personal camera equipment or other personal effects.

6. Binding of WCC's rules and regulations

- 6.1. All members shall, by accepting membership, be deemed to have notice of and agree to be bound by all the rules and regulations duly made thereto or hereafter by the Club and its Committee.