

HAWKESBURY CAMERA CLUB INC

BY LAWS

(incorporating Competition Rules).
Amended October 2024

The Hawkesbury Camera Club Inc (HCC) By Laws and Competition Rules may be amended by a general vote at any Committee Meeting where a Quorum is present as per the Club Constitution.

HCC By Laws relate to competitions arranged by, through or run by the Hawkesbury Camera Club Inc. They include Monthly, Special Club Competitions, external competitions. Competitions may be operated under the briefs as posted to the Official Club Website, distributed to the club membership or as supplied by External Competitions.

HCC may enter external competitions or exhibitions throughout the year as determined by the Club Committee and defined by these By-Laws.

The HCC website is hosted by My Photo Club. The website is the official platform used for all entries in Club Competitions and the registration and recording of members and distribution of club information for members and the public.

Individuals who choose to enter external competitions will be bound by the rules & regulations of those competitions.

ARTICLE 1: Fees

- a. The annual membership fee of the club shall be set by the Committee each year at the last Committee Meeting of the calendar year prior to opening renewals for the following year.
- b. New Memberships and Renewals will be made available and processed through the Club Website with either Direct Deposit to Club Bank Account or Online Payment with member incurring fee for online payment.
- c. Renewals will be available on the club website within one week (seven days) of the Last Committee Meeting of each calendar year.
- d. Non Financial Members will be removed from the My Photo Club platform (Club Register) by March 31st each year.

ARTICLE 2: Point Scoring Competitions

A. General Rules

- a. All competitions are open only to financial members of Hawkesbury Camera Club Inc.
- b. To be eligible for judging and being awarded points each image must meet the brief and entry criteria as detailed in each Monthly Competition Brief posted to the Club Website.
- c. Monthly Competitions will consist of two themed Categories: 'Set Subject' and

- 'Open Subject'.
- d. Monthly Competitions will have both Digital and Printed Classes.
 - e. Each image entered in a competition must be individual.
 - f. Members are eligible to enter a Maximum of eight (8) images for each Monthly Point Scoring Competition:
 - i. Two Images 'Set Subject' Category 'Print' Class;
 - ii. Two Images 'Open Subject' Category 'Print' Class;
 - iii. Two Images 'Set Subject' Category 'Digital' Class;
 - iv. Two Images 'Open Subject' Category 'Digital' Class.
 - g. Entry into each competition will be by electronic entry via Club Website using My Photo Club as per Competition Brief.
 - h. Electronic versions of entries must meet My Photo Club criteria:
 - i. Maximum 2 Mb
 - ii. Maximum 1920 pixel width and 1200 pixel height
 - iii. Unique name
 - i. Entries close automatically at midnight on the Sunday prior to Wednesday night Judging.
 - j. Physical Print entries to be delivered to Camera Club, Club Secretary or Richmond Club prior to 12pm on the Sunday prior to Wednesday night judging.
 - k. Images that have scored 12 points or more in a point scoring competition cannot be re-entered into another point scoring competition within Hawkesbury Camera Club. The image may not be entered in the same or future years of point scoring competitions.
 - l. Each entered image that meets the Competition Brief Criteria will be awarded a score out of 15.
 - m. All components and editing of each image entered must be the work of the photographer submitting the image. Composite entries are permitted (unless specific Competition Briefs disallow).
 - n. Photographs purely 'reproducing' other artists or pieces of artwork are not permitted. Other artwork is permitted in images but must be a component of the overall image and not the sole subject of the image entered in to the competition.
 - o. The Competition Manager will scrutineer all entered images prior to judging to ensure only images that comply with Competition Briefs are judged.
 - p. Members whose images are not approved for judging will be given notice and an explanation of the Competition Manager's or Committee's decision.
 - q. The Competition Manager and or the Committee reserve the right to remove images from judging using their discretion.

B. Competitions

- a. Set Subjects for each Monthly Competition will be determined by the Committee at the last Committee Meeting of the Calendar Year.
- b. Set Subjects and Briefs will be posted to the Club Website and distributed to Members prior to 1st February the following year.
- c. Open Category will allow members to enter images of any subject, theme, style or technique however they must comply to the general rules of entry of Monthly Competitions.

C. Guidelines for printed images

- a. Prints are to have a maximum size of 14 inches x 14 inches Square (35.5cm x 35.5cm Square) including the Mat Board.
- b. It is recommended but optional to mount prints on mount boards to help protect and present images.
- c. Images framed or behind glass will not be permitted.
- d. Printed images not presented correctly will not be accepted for judging.
- e. Prints must not contain watermarks or any means to identify the photographer of the image.
- f. Each print must have the authors name, Category & way up indication clearly displayed on the rear of each print entered.

D. Guidelines for digital images

- a. Entry into each competition will be by electronic entry via Club Website using My Photo Club as per Competition Brief.
- b. Entries must comply to My Photo Club entry criteria as described under General Rules

E. Point Scoring Competition Awards

- a. Points are awarded to each entry in all Point Scoring Competitions throughout the year.
- b. Each member will be awarded and accumulate points in each competition they enter throughout the year.
- c. At the End of Year Club Function, an award will be presented to the photographer who has accumulated the most points overall.
- d. At the End of Year Function an award will be presented to the photographer who has the top point score and runner up in each competition. A total of eight awards will be made:
 - i. Prints – Set Subject
 - ii. Prints – Open
 - iii. Digital – Set Subject
 - iv. Digital – Open
- e. Stan Stevens - Rookie of the Year Award will be awarded at the End of Year Function. Members who are eligible for the award are:
 - i. New inexperienced members in their first two years of Hawkesbury Camera Club Inc membership;
 - ii. Cumulatively Highest points received overall from all competitions.
- f. At the end of each calendar year points scored are archived and not accumulated for subsequent years. Each Calendar year is a new competition year.

ARTICLE 3: Non-Point Scoring Competitions

A. Image of the Year Awards

- a. The End of Year (EoY) Competition is an Open Category Competition consisting of members nominated entries from all their entries throughout the calendar year.
- b. At the End of Year Competition, there will be an award to the winner and runner up in each class (Print & Digital).
- c. Only images that have been submitted into competitions or show & tell / evaluation nights, Children's Ward selection, Geoff Pfister Portrait Award and Photo Challenges during that year are eligible for this competition. New images cannot be entered into this competition.
- d. Each member may enter eight (8) images, with a maximum of four (4) per class.
- e. Entries into the Image of the Year Competition must be the Original Image entered previously, without alteration in any shape or manner.
- f. Images must be presented in the same format originally entered during the year. A previously printed image may only be entered to be judged in the Printed Image of the Year Competition. Digital images may only be entered into the Digital Image of the Year Competition.
- g. Entry into each competition (Print Image of the Year and Digital Image of the Year) via Club Website using My Photo as per Competition Brief.
- h. Entries must comply to My Photo Club entry criteria as described under General Rules
- i. Prints must not contain watermarks or any means to identity the photographer of the image.
Each print must have the authors name, Category & way up indication clearly displayed on the rear of each print entered.

B. Special Competitions, Challenges or Show and Tell.

- a. The Committee may hold or endorse stand alone events through out the year.
- b. Stand alone events will be in addition to Monthly Competitions and may not be point scoring events.
- c. Events may have separate rewards or prizes awarded on the night of the event as determined by the Committee.
- d. Competition Briefs or Entry Rules will be produced and displayed on the Club Website and distributed the membership as need be with prior notice.

ARTICLE 4: Additional Club Activities

A. Advertising, promotions & special events.

- a. Through out the year the Committee may invite at their discretion external individuals, companies and distributors to present to the membership and visitors.
 - i. Invited companies and distributors will be permitted to offer products, discounts and or memberships to the Club membership and visitors.
 - ii. Invited companies and distributors will be permitted to display sample products
- b. The club may host and promote a "Buy, Swap & Sell" event prior to a regular

meeting once a year.

- iii. This will be open to members, other photography club members and members of the public to participate in.
- iv. External photographic related businesses or clubs may be invited or approved to participate in the event.

B. Social Media Membership

- a. Hawkesbury camera Club may operate or arrange social media groups for members to join and participate in.
- b. Groups are voluntary and in addition to Club Membership.
- c. Membership in Social Media Groups is dependent on being a Financial Member of Hawkesbury Camera Club.
- d. Membership of groups will be reviewed and non Financial Club Members removed by 31st March each year.

C. Club Outings

- a. Throughout the year the Committee may arrange outings and functions.
- b. Members will be responsible for their own costs and any insurances required or notified of.
- c. The Committee reserves the right to limit the numbers of attendees at events.
- d. The Committee reserves the right to limit the membership of who attends events; with the aim of providing a distribution of experience, beginners and capabilities of members to provide the greatest and best result by members attending the event.