



Northallerton Camera Club

General Rules

Affiliated to the North Yorkshire & South Durham Association (NYSDA) and, through the Northern Counties Photographic Federation (NCPF), to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB)

Meetings are held at Brompton Methodist Church Hall on Monday evenings commencing at 7.30pm (unless stated otherwise in the programme)

GENERAL RULES

1. **TITLE:-** The Club shall be called "THE NORTHALLERTON CAMERA CLUB".
2. **OBJECTS:-** The objects of the Club shall be to encourage the art of photography in monochrome and colour.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:-** Membership shall be open to both amateur and professional photographers. Northallerton Camera Club recognises its responsibilities under The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and will take every practical step to ensure that children, young persons and vulnerable adults are protected from risks. To this extent no young person under the age of 16 can become a member of the Club or be a regular attendee, unless they are accompanied by a responsible adult.
4. **MANAGEMENT:-** The business of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary, Programme Secretary, Exhibitions Secretary, Competitions Secretary, Publicity Officer, North Yorkshire and South Durham Association Representative and four members (at least one of whom shall represent the Club level) nominated, seconded and elected annually by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members for any specific purpose and may delegate its authority to a Sub-committee when deemed advisable. The Sub-committee shall also have the power to co-opt.

The Club, on the nomination of the Committee, may at an AGM elect someone who is not a club member, but is either someone of repute in photographic circles or who would otherwise be a valuable asset to the Club, to the position of President. Although there is no limit on tenure of office, the President shall be elected annually. This position is honorary and is not a Committee post and holders are not required to pay annual subscriptions.

The Club, on the nomination of the Committee, may at an AGM elect individual members to the position of Life Vice-President or Vice-President, in recognition of service to the club. Any election as Life Vice-President shall be for life. Although there is no limit on tenure of office, Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually. These positions are honorary and are not Committee posts, but holders shall not be required to pay annual subscriptions.

5. **GENERAL MEETINGS: MANAGEMENT:-** The date of the Annual General Meeting shall be shown in the syllabus and this shall be deemed sufficient notice thereof. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:-

- a) receive the statement of accounts, duly audited;
- b) elect Officers and Committee;
- c) elect the auditor;
- d) elect the President and Vice-President(s); and
- e) transact any business that may properly be brought up.

Only members whose subscriptions are not in arrears shall be eligible to vote.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be summoned at any time by the Committee or at the request, in writing, of at least eight members of the Club. This requisition must give notice of the business to be transacted and be signed by the members concerned. The meeting shall be held within 28 days of the request.

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6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:-** The annual subscription shall become due on the date of the first meeting on the programme and shall be paid not later than the end of September. The amount of such subscriptions shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting. Members joining the Club after 31 December in any Club year shall pay half the appropriate subscription.

7. **LOAN OF EQUIPMENT:-** a) Members may use certain equipment owned by the Club at a fee to be decided by the Committee. b) Neither the Club, nor the Committee, shall be liable for any damage caused to any member's or guest's equipment, or any consequential loss as a result of such damage, should it occur as a result of being used in conjunction with any equipment owned by the Club.

8. **ANNUAL EXHIBITION:-** Exhibitions of members' work shall be held annually. The rules of the Exhibitions shall be added as an addendum to these rules. The judges shall be appointed by the Exhibition Secretary and the judge's decision shall be final. Members will be classified, according to proven ability, into three levels:- Club, Intermediate and Advanced.

Generally new members shall be allocated to the Club level, unless they submit work to the Committee for possible upgrading. The Committee may upgrade any members for reasons that the Committee considers adequate. The Committee's decision shall be final.

9. **COMPETITIONS:-** a) Competitions may be arranged as required. Rule No.7 of the Annual Exhibition Rules applies for prints and projected images. The judges will be appointed by the Competition Secretary and the judge's decision shall be final.

b) All Images (including all parts) shall be the personal work of the entrant and have originated by using light falling on a photosensitive media.

10. **TROPHIES:-** Details of trophies appear in the appropriate addendum. All trophies are perpetual and remain the property of the Club. They are to be returned at the latest one week before each Annual Exhibition.

11. **APPLICATION OF FUNDS:-** The funds of the Club shall be applied solely to its stated objects. Members of the Club shall not receive payment, either directly or indirectly, for their services or for anything except legitimate expenses incurred in the work of the club.

12. **DISSOLUTION:-** The Club may be dissolved by the consent of two-thirds of the members voting in favour of such a course of action at a General Meeting. The Committee shall then decide how the effects of the Club shall be liquidated.

13. **AMENDMENT OF RULES:-** The rules of the Club may only be amended at a General Meeting and then only by way of:-

i) a recommendation from the Committee decided at a previous Committee Meeting; or

ii) a notice in writing to the General Secretary to be received by him/her no less than 14 days before the date of the General Meeting. A motion will only be successful if supported by at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.