

## Competition Rules

1. Wolverhampton Photographic Society has two Points Series competitions, each consisting of three rounds, which span the whole season. They are **Prints** (mono and colour) and **Projected Digital Images** (PDI). In addition, there are several stand alone competitions including the **Best of Season**, the **Outings Cup**, the **Summer Project** and **Winter Project** and the **WPS 5-A-Side** competitions.
2. The **Points Series** and the **Best of Season** competitions have two categories – **Novice** and **Advanced**. All other competitions will be judged together, meaning there are no separate Novice or Advanced categories.
3. A WPS Novice Member is defined as a member who has not won any WPS Points Series competitions or had any work accepted in any outside competitions. However, if a Novice Member submits an entry into an external competition, either as an individual or as part of a club entry, and has an acceptance the member will be promoted to the Advanced section at the end of the season concerned. It is the policy of WPS is to encourage all members, novice or experienced, to enter our Society competitions.  
If a minimum of three novice members enter all three Point Series Print or PDI rounds the Competition Secretary will review their scores and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificate will be awarded based on their total marks. The winners in these categories will also receive a trophy.
4. All entrants must be fully paid up members of the Society before the first (or only) round of any competition to qualify for entry.
5. All work entered in a Points Series competition is automatically eliminated from subsequent Society competitions other than the current season's *Best of Season*, *Outings Cup*, themed or *WPS Five-A-Side* competition.
6. **Marking** – Entries for *Point Series* Print and PDI competitions will be marked out of 20 points and the judges will be encouraged to use the full range of marks. In the event of more than one entrant achieving the same total of marks at the end of the third round of these competitions, reference will be made to their marks in the two previous rounds to decide the winner.

7. **Projected Digital Images** – PDIs must be submitted strictly in accordance with the current WPS PDI competition rules which are published on the Competitions page of the WPS web site at [www.wolverhamptonps.co.uk](http://www.wolverhamptonps.co.uk), and are also available in printed form from the Competition Secretary. Entries not in the correct format will be excluded from the competition. Entries are limited to three images per member, per round. Each image will be projected 'as presented' with no post-submission manipulation. Images must be submitted to the WPS PDI Facilitator, on a Memory Stick clearly marked with your name, at least one week prior to the competition date. Entries may also be sent by email to [competitions@wolverhamptonps.co.uk](mailto:competitions@wolverhamptonps.co.uk)
8. **Prints** – Entries are limited to two per member per round in each of two categories – Monochrome Prints\* and Colour Prints. The maximum mount size is 500mm x 400mm and the minimum print size is 1300 square millimetres or 50 square inches. Any print entry that does not fall within these dimensions will be excluded. A completed WPS entry form must be submitted to the Competition Secretary at least one week prior to the competition date. Entry forms can be downloaded from [www.wolverhamptonps.co.uk](http://www.wolverhamptonps.co.uk)  
*\*FIAP Monochrome definition - "Black and White shall be either untoned or fully toned work only. Partial toning or the addition of one colour renders the work Colour."*
9. **Themed Competition** – Entries for the two named themes must be selected from photographs taken after the date of the previous AGM, i.e. the date the project themes were chosen by the membership at the AGM. Entries for both themes will be judged on a competition evening towards the end of the season.
10. **Best Of Season** – Entries are limited to two per member, in each of three categories – **Monochrome Prints**, **Colour Prints** and **PDIs**. All entries must be selected from work already presented and judged during the current season, but may be an improved version if the worker so wishes. Novice and Advanced workers will have their own sections giving a total of six sections altogether.

11. **Outings Cup** – Entries are limited to two Prints and/or PDIs per worker. The Cup is for the best Print or PDI taken on an official Society outing publicised to **all** members in advance.
12. PDIs and Prints of a similar nature are to be discouraged.
13. A condition of entry of any piece of work into any competition is that it shall be made available for retention and possible selection for entry into any outside competition, exhibition or portfolio. In all cases the copyright will remain with the photographer.
14. If, for any reason, a WPS Competition evening is interrupted the judge may be asked if he/she could take the remaining entries away with them to complete the judging. The Competition Secretary will then make arrangements to collect the entries from the judge together with a completed score sheet.

**Points Series competitions only** – If they so wish, WPS Members may submit 7" x 5" (180mm x 130mm) un-mounted prints to receive the judge's comments with no marks being awarded.

**Print Labelling** – In order to ensure the safe return of prints to their owners and to ease the entry of prints into external competitions the following information is required on the back of the mount of each print:

- The print title in large, easy-to-read lettering
- The photographer's name and address in small lettering
- The photographer's current WPS membership number
- The wording:

*'Wolverhampton Photographic Society'*

All labels **must** be printed and permanently fixed onto the reverse of the mount near the bottom and centred left to right. 'Post-It' notes, or similar, are not acceptable. Suitable print labels may be downloaded from the WPS web site.

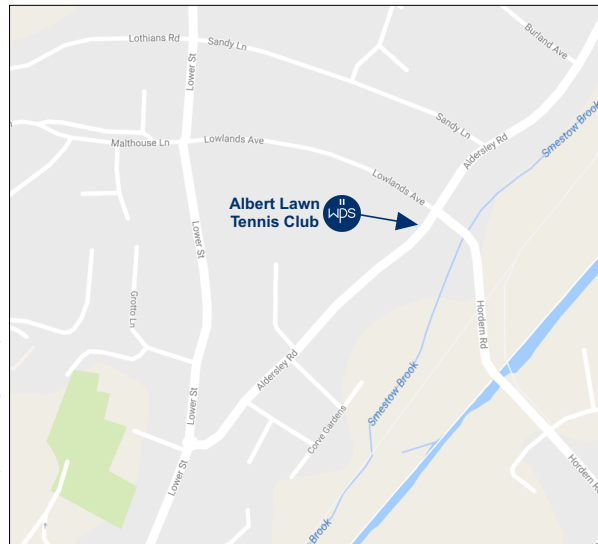




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## Benefits of membership include ...

- An interesting programme of events and presentations from established photographers
- Exchanging ideas and learning new skills with a group of around seventy people with the same interests as yours
- Viewing, or taking part in, our informal competitions and formal national competitions
- Access to regular workshops which focus on specific techniques or types of photography
- Being able to participate in organised club visits
- Improving your enjoyment of photography in an encouraging, friendly and social environment

## When and where ...

Every **Tuesday evening** starting on **6th September**. We have a two week break at Christmas and close our season on **16th May** with our annual awards and Presentation Dinner. Meetings start at 7.45pm.

We meet at: The Albert Lawn Tennis Club  
Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton WV6 9NA

## Our annual membership fees ...

Adult single member:	£20.00
Family or Partner membership:	£10.00 *
Student membership:	£10.00

\* for each additional member who must live at the same address

There is also a door fee of £2.00 for members and £2.50 for non-members/guests which is a contribution towards our running costs. Occasionally, some events require a ticket to be purchased at a set price.

## Find out more ...

Visit our website:  
[www.wolverhamptonps.co.uk](http://www.wolverhamptonps.co.uk)

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