

# Newport Photographic Club Constitution

1. The Club shall be called the Newport Photographic Club and shall be composed of persons interested in Photography.
2. (a) The annual subscription for membership and the charge for weekly meetings for the coming year shall be decided at the AGM.  
  
(b) Subject to Rule 2 (c) all subscriptions shall be due on the date of the first meeting of the Winter Season and be in respect of the financial year ending 31 May following such date.  
  
(c) The subscriptions of any person first becoming a Member after 31 May and before the date of the first meeting of the Winter Season shall be payable on election. Any person becoming a Member after 31 January shall, on payment of a full year's subscription, remain a Member until the end of the following season without payment.  
  
(d) Any existing Members whose annual subscription has not been renewed by 31 October shall cease to be a Member of the Club from that date.  
  
(e) The Committee may grant Honorary Life Membership to those members who are considered to be deserving of such recognition. Honorary Life Members will not be required to pay an annual subscription or door charges.
3. (a) All officers shall be honorary and shall consist of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Competition Secretary, Assistant Competition Secretary, Social Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Club Website maintainer  
  
(b) The Committee shall consist of the Officers and 2 co-opted members from the Club membership  
  
(c) The signatures of the Treasurer and one other committee member are required when signing cheques.
4. Club officers may serve up to 5 years in a particular post, at the end of which they will be required to stand down in rotation. They cannot be re-elected to the same post, but can stand for election to a different committee post.
5. Prospective Members shall be subject to approval by the Committee.
6. The Club shall meet at 7.45pm on Tuesdays and upon any other evenings as decided. Special meetings shall be convened on a requisition signed by 8 members, stating the object, and sent to the Secretary fourteen clear days before the date thereof.
7. At committee meetings five shall form a quorum
8. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the Club. The Treasurer shall collect all the subscriptions and monies owing after authorisation by the Committee. The Treasurer may delegate the collection of subscriptions to other club members approved by the committee.
9. An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in June of each year, or at such other time as the Committee may deem expedient; at which meeting the committee shall present a statement of accounts for the year to 31 May, and a report of the position of the club and its progress during the past year.
10. The Club may be wound up by a 2/3-majority vote at a special meeting, or at the Annual General Meeting in which case all the Club assets will be donated to charities to be decided.
11. No alterations or addition to these rules shall be made except at the AGM or at a Special General Meeting in accordance with Rule 6
12. At the Annual General Meeting rules for the Club's competitions will be reviewed

**Last amended 13 June 2017**