

Holmfirth Camera Club
Constitution (Revised 2026)
Governing the general management of the club.
The General Rules

1. The title of the club shall be Holmfirth Camera Club.
2. The objects of the Club shall be to encourage photography, to enable members to meet together, to provide lecturers, information, advice and further the general interests of photographers.
3. The club allows membership for those who are not able to attend in person (remote member), provided that they have either been an active member of the club previously, have been nominated by an active member of the club or they have agreement from the club committee. To ensure that remote members do not out number local members, a local member is only allowed to nominate one remote member. The price of subscription for remote members being at the standard club rate. Although remote members have full memberships rights no special considerations will be given, and they will only be given access to ZOOM events when they are available, which usually excludes evenings where judges and guest speakers appear at the club in person. Remote members may enter all competitions which they are qualified to enter, exhibit in the annual club exhibition and their images represent HCC in external competitions and the YPU Annual Exhibition competition. Remote members are encouraged to attend HCC club events/meetings in person when possible (not obligatory).
4. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held as near as practical to the end of each season for the purpose of receiving the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports, for the election of Officers and Committee and for the transaction of the general business of the Club.
5. The general management and direction of the Club shall be in the hands of the Committee which shall consist of the President, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretaries, Syllabus Secretary and up to four members with the power to co-opt others for any purpose. A quorum for a Committee meeting shall consist of not less than three Committee members. A quorum for an AGM shall consist of not less than one quarter of the membership of which at least four shall be Committee members. If a quorum does not exist at two consecutive AGMs/SGMs (Special General Meetings) a third AGM/SGM will be called, which will be quorate if five club members including two committee members are present.
6. The Committee shall be elected annually from members but the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson must have served previously as officers of the Club, or as Committee members or, in the case of the Vice-Chairperson, normally have been a member of the Club for at least two consecutive Club seasons. The President shall normally hold office for a period not exceeding two consecutive years. The Chairperson shall normally also be President-Elect. No one shall normally be appointed Chairperson who is not prepared to succeed to the office of President.
7. The Committee shall be responsible for the Syllabus and for the rules governing the competitions and exhibitions. Such rules shall be reviewed prior to each AGM and notified at the AGM.
8. A Committee meeting may be called by any three members thereof, on giving fourteen days notice in writing to the Secretary, stating the object of such meeting.
9. Member's subscriptions are due at the beginning of the Club season in September.
10. Any recommendations or complaints shall be forwarded to the Secretary in writing or by email for consideration by the Committee.
11. No new rule or alteration to any existing rule shall be made without a majority vote taken at an AGM or a Special General Meeting. Fourteen days notice in writing must be given to the Secretary for such additions or alterations.
12. A Special General Meeting may be called either by the Committee with agreement of not less than one quarter of the total membership of the Club; or at the request of not less than one quarter of the total membership of the Club. Notice should be given to the Club Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Secretary. This should be normally be 14 days and must state the objective of the meeting. The Club Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Secretary must without delay inform all club members by email of the

date, time, venue and purpose of the Special General Meeting. Quorum requirements for a Special General Meeting are the same as for an Annual General Meeting.

13. The Committee may appoint a sub-Committee which may consist of Committee members or Ordinary members.

14. The club will operate an Equal Opportunities and an Under 18s Policy, which will be available on the club website.

15. Dissolution. If the Club ceases to exist, its assets shall be realised at the discretion of the Committee and the residue transferred to the Yorkshire Photographic Union to be used at its discretion according to its rules and constitution. Any assets that have been funded by the Lottery require permission from the Lottery Organisation prior to any disposal.