

Wycombe Photographic Society (WPS) - Conditions of Membership for 'Minors'

WPS welcomes and encourages membership applications from one and all. WPS treats all members as equals, and will always endeavour to provide a safe and enjoyable environment; but we are required to have in place specific provisions and conditions for accommodating membership for those applicants who are under the age of 18 (Minor).

Any Minor who wishes to become a member of WPS must have this Membership Application Form signed-off by a parent or legal guardian (Guardian) on their behalf, who, by doing so, agrees to these Conditions of Membership for Minors.

- i. Guardian acknowledges that, in agreeing to admit Minor as a member of WPS, as a camera-club, WPS is under no legal obligation to have its members subjected to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) (previously CRB) checks, and consequently, has not, and does not, intend to do so, now or in the future.
- ii. Guardian agrees to pay for all membership/subscription fees or any other WPS related expenses and/or costs incurred by Minor.
- iii. Guardian agrees that Minor must be accompanied by Guardian (or Alternate - see iv. below) to, during, and from, all WPS events that Minor wishes to attend. Minor will not be admitted to any WPS event unless accompanied by Guardian or Alternate. Provided Guardian or Alternate do not otherwise actively participate in WPS events, Guardian or Alternate may attend all WPS internal events without additional charge (except for refreshments), but will be expected to pay any additional costs or expenses associated with attendance at any external event to which Guardian or Alternate accompanies Minor.
- iv. Guardian may nominate up to two alternate responsible adults (Alternate) to accompany Minor if Guardian is unable to attend any WPS event with Minor. In doing so, Guardian accepts that it is Guardian's responsibility to make Alternate fully aware of their obligations and responsibilities identified herein, as if Alternate were the Guardian.
Guardian must identify here who the Alternate(s) is/are and their relationship to Minor;
- Alternate 1 : Name _____ Relationship to Minor _____
- Alternate 2 : Name _____ Relationship to Minor _____
Any further reference to 'Guardian' shall include 'Alternate' where appropriate.
- v. Guardian accepts that the responsibility for the protection of Minor's welfare; physical or otherwise, rests solely with Guardian, and that, although WPS will always endeavour to be cognisant of the presence of Minor at any event, WPS, its Officers, Committee or Members, accept no specific duty of care to Minor outside of, or in addition to, that which might reasonably be expected to be shown to any adult member.
- vi. WPS does not in any way countenance pornographic, indecent or illegal imagery, but outside of that WPS does not exercise any form of censorship on members' rights to take, submit, display or enter, in internal competition, or elsewhere, any image which an individual member sees fit to take and/or use under their own judgement. Consequently Minor may be exposed to images during a WPS event which might be considered by some to be suggestive in nature, or contain nudity; might be reportage (journalistic) imagery of war, persecution, torture, acts of terrorism or destruction (wanton or otherwise); or images of wildlife and/or the natural world at its most 'savage' etc. These are unlikely to be any more graphic or explicit than might be seen on a daily basis in the national media, TV or Press. Guardian should be aware if Minor might be sensitive to such imagery it is Guardian's responsibility to take appropriate precautions.
- vii. WPS actively encourages all members to participate in WPS's internal competitions; it's a great way to learn. In doing so, images submitted will be assessed by an independent judge on a 'blind' basis. Judge's comments and critiques are designed to be constructively critical of an image, and we accept that we are unlikely to agree with all judge's summaries of our images all the time; there will be times when we might even vehemently disagree, but that is the nature of things; we take it on the chin! Guardian and Minor should be aware that occasionally some commentary can appear to be overly critical at times, but judges will have no knowledge of the author of an image, so any commentary will never be of a personal nature. WPS cannot and does not accept any responsibility, or liability, for the commentary of independent judges.
- viii. At many WPS events, by necessity, there will be potential 'hazards' on the floor of the hall where we meet. There may be trailing cables, free-standing projection and/or print display screens, moveable 'bucket' chairs and tables etc. Guardian must be aware of these hazards at all times and ensure Minor's safety. Although we like to encourage involvement, Minor should not attempt to operate, assemble or disassemble any equipment that might be in use, and must not enter the kitchen area. In addition there will normally be some 'Health & Safety' announcements made at the commencement of each evening; these must be adhered to. WPS specifically does not accept any responsibility for any member's health or safety at any external event outside of the direct control of WPS. Members, including Minors, by way of their Guardian, are deemed to be responsible for their own safety.
- ix. Guardian acknowledges that copies of images submitted by members (including Minor) during competitions and/or events may be uploaded to the WPS website and/or Facebook page as part of WPS's normal promotional activities. Images taken by other WPS members during the course of WPS events (typically external photo-shoots and awards ceremonies) may occasionally include images of Minor. At no times will Minor be identified by name without Guardian's express permission, but otherwise there is a default assumption of consent.

**By signing this Membership Application Form on behalf of Minor,
Guardian hereby acknowledges Guardian's obligations and responsibilities hereunder;**

Signed by; _____
Guardian's email address; _____

Relationship to Minor; _____
Date; ___/___/___

Signature; _____