

East Ipswich Camera Club Constitution

(Abridged Version – full constitution available on request)

1 .NAME

- a) The name of the organisation shall be the "EAST IPSWICH CAMERA CLUB" hereinafter called the "Club"
- b) The abbreviation "EICC" without punctuation may be used on Club notices, written and printed matter as if the name were written in full.

2 .OBJECTIVES

The **objectives** of the Club shall be:-

- 1) To promote photography as a hobby.
- 2) To encourage and enable members to improve their skills **as photographers**.
- 3) To organise fortnightly "ordinary" meetings of competitions, lectures, demonstrations, discussions, and practical photography.
- 4) To organise social events for the members.
- 5) To raise money in furtherance of the Club's **objectives**.
- 6) To do all such things as are conducive or instrumental to the attainment of these objectives.

3 .MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

- a) Membership shall be subject to the rulings of the Club whose decisions are final in such matters.
- b) New members may be admitted to the Club on a provisional basis for two consecutive meetings at a **payment** equal to the **guest's fee for each meeting**, after which they must either enrol as a member of the Club or attend no further meetings on a provisional basis. During this time they may not enter competitions and they may not vote.
- d) The Committee **of the EICC** shall have the right to terminate the membership of any member who has, in their opinion:-
 - 1) Acted in a manner likely to bring the Club **into** disrepute
 - 2) In any way obstructed the Club in the pursuit of its **objectives**..

- 3) Failed to **give** a reasonable **explanation** for failing to attend four consecutive meetings
- 4) Failed to declare an interest where a conflict of **interests** is possible
- e) Any member excluded from the Club under clause 3(d) may appeal to a General Meeting which may **then** decide to reinstate **the excluded member**.
- g) Members' spouses may attend ordinary meetings of the Club, Outings and Social events, provided that members' requirements for facilities and space have been met. They may not enter competitions and they may not vote.
- i) Members may resign from the Club at any time, but would be expected, as a matter of courtesy to inform the Club secretary of any impending resignation. **No repayment of fees will be made by the Club.**
- k) The minimum age for membership shall be Eighteen years.

4. FINANCIAL

- c) The member's subscriptions and ordinary meeting fees shall be at such a rate as the Club's Committee may determine, subject to confirmation by a General Meeting.
- e) **Membership subscriptions** shall be payable annually on the first meeting of the season and no later than third meeting of each new season. **Any members** not having paid in full by the third meeting of each **new** season will be deemed to have terminated their membership and will cease to be **members**.
- f) Reduced rates of subscription may be calculated for members joining during the year as follows: January – April 66% of annual fee, May onwards 33% of annual fee.
- i) Cheques drawn in favour of the Club may be made out to "EICC" or "East Ipswich Camera Club".

15. PUBLICITY

No member may make statements to the press, other media persons or organisations in the name of or on behalf of the Club, except on the authority of the **Chairperson or Secretary**.

16. REPRESENTATION

No member may claim to be acting in the name of, or on behalf of, the Club except on the authority of the **Chairperson or Secretary**.