

# South Downs Woodturners - serving woodturning in Sussex

## Competition Rules

### Competition throughout the year

1. The number of competitions and their subject will be determined by the Competition Secretary and the Committee. Members will enter in one of three sections, Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced.

The competition year will start on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

2. Members new to South Downs Woodturners Club competitions will enter in the section (Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced) that they selected on their application form.

If, in the opinion of the Competition Secretary or Judge(s) the standard of a new member's entry is significantly different from the section in which they are entered, a panel of 3 will decide which section they should be entered into. The panel will consist of the Competition Secretary and two other committee members.

Any new member directly admitted to the Intermediate or Advanced sections should meet the requirements for promotion into that section in their first year, see rule 9 below, otherwise they will be placed in the next lower section in the following year.

3. Entries must be presented to the Competition Secretary at the published start time of the meeting - typically 7:00pm.
4. Competitors may enter one item (a pair or set will be regarded and judged as a single entry) in each competition. Entries must not have been entered into any previous South Downs Woodturners Club competition, and must be the entrant's own work.
5. The Competition Secretary and or Judges will ensure that entries meet competition rules and subject criteria.
6. Volunteers will be sought from Club Members to act as Judges. They will adjudicate singly or jointly in the events to which they are appointed. They may not participate in a competition in which they are judging. They will however receive an average of their marks gained in other competitions during that year to compensate them.

Visiting Judges may be invited at the discretion of the Committee.

7. The Judges shall award marks as follows, taking into account any requirements for set subjects:

Design and Innovation	marks out of 10
Turning skills	marks out of 10
Finish	marks out of 10

with a maximum 30 marks overall

In the event of a tie there may be say, joint first, in which case there will be no second award etc.

The Judges decisions are final, and they will not enter into debate with members regarding their decisions. Judges will, however, provide feedback on selected entries and they will be available to discuss entries individually with their creator.

8. The Competition Secretary will record all scores and will produce a running results table by section. The top 3 results for each category will be published in the Newsletter and on the Website.
9. Awards will be made at the end of the club year to the three members in each section with the highest total scores.

In the event of a tie there may be say, joint first, in which case there will be no second award etc.

Promotion from Beginner and Intermediate sections shall be determined at the end of each year by the Competition Secretary based on the average scores achieved in the year's competitions as follows:

For Beginners this will be the average of their best 2 competition results where an average mark of 20 or greater will be required.

For Intermediate this will be the average of their best 3 competition results where an average of 24 or greater will be required.

## **Other Competitions**

Rules for other South Downs Woodturners competitions will be determined as required and notified to members when any competition is announced.

Adopted by the Committee

20 May 2015