Ravenshead & District Photographic Club

Website Terms and Conditions of Use

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These Terms and Conditions govern your access to and use of the website operated by **Ravenshead & District Photographic Club** https://www.ravensheadcameraclub.co.uk. This also includes the password-protected members' area. By accessing or using the Website, you agree to be bound by these Terms. If you do not agree, you must not use the Website.

Important: The Members' Area is restricted to current members with valid login credentials. Each member is issued a unique username and password. You must keep your credentials secure and must not share them.

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1. Who we are

- **Organisation:** Ravenshead & District Photographic Club
- **Status:** Unincorporated Association
- **Email**: malcolm@twab.co.uk
- **Telephone:** 07802340610*

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2. Eligibility and accounts

2.1 **Eligibility.** Use of the Members' Area is limited to current Club members.

2.2 **Account creation.** Each member is issued a **unique username and password**. You must provide accurate information and keep it up to date.

2.3 **Security of credentials.**

- You must keep your password confidential and not share your account with any other person.
- You are responsible for all activities under your account.

- If you suspect unauthorised access, you must notify us immediately at malcolm@twab.co.uk

2.4 **Access controls.** We may implement additional security measures (e.g., multi-factor authentication) and may suspend or revoke access if we believe your account is compromised or these Terms are breached.

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3. Acceptable use

You agree **not** to:

- Use the Website or Members' Area for any unlawful, fraudulent, or harmful purpose.
- Upload or transmit malware, spyware, viruses, or any code that may damage or compromise the Website or other users' devices or data.
- Attempt to gain unauthorised access to any part of the Website, other members' accounts, servers, or networks.
- Circumvent or attempt to defeat security or access controls.
- Copy, distribute, scrape, harvest, or otherwise misuse content or personal information from the Website.
- Harass, intimidate, defame, or infringe the rights (including IP and privacy rights) of others.
- Share, post, or link to content that is unlawful, obscene, hateful, defamatory, or that violates the rights of any third party.
- Share Members' Area content outside the Club without permission.

We may remove any content and/or suspend access for breaches of this clause.

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4. User content (including photographs)

4.1 **Your content.** You may submit text, images, photographs, audiovisual works, and other materials to the Website, including for galleries, competitions, or discussion forums. This is referred to as 'User Content'.

4.2 **Your warranties.** By submitting User Content, you warrant that:

- You own the content or have all necessary licences/permissions to use and share it.
- The content does not infringe any copyright, moral rights, trademarks, privacy, or other rights.
- You have obtained model releases and/or property releases where required (e.g., identifiable individuals, private property, minors with parental/guardian consent).
- The content complies with applicable laws and these Terms.

4.3 **Your rights.** You retain ownership of your User Content.

4.4 **Licence to the Club.** You grant the Club a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free licence (with the right to sublicense to our website host and service providers) to use, reproduce, host, cache, store, display, adapt, and publish your User Content for the purposes of operating the Website, running Club activities (including competitions, exhibitions, club social media accounts), and promoting the Club, for as long as it remains published and for a reasonable archival period thereafter. You may request removal (see 4.6), subject to reasonable processing time and any prior commitments (e.g., printed materials).

4.5 **Attribution and edits.** We aim to credit photographers by name where reasonably practicable. We may crop, resize, or apply minor adjustments for display or formatting.

4.6 **Removal.** We may remove any User Content at our discretion. Also, you may request removal of your content by contacting any of the committee members in writing; we will act within a reasonable time.

4.7 **Backups and availability.** You are responsible for keeping your own backups. We do not guarantee permanent availability of any User Content.

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5. Intellectual property (Website content)

5.1 **Club content.** Unless otherwise stated, all:

- Website design, text, graphics, logos, and layout;
- Club branding and trademarks; and

- Curated galleries, event listings, articles, and educational materials are owned by or licensed to the Club and protected by UK and international IP laws.

5.2 **Permitted use.** You may view pages and download publicly available materials for personal, non-commercial use only. You must not reproduce, distribute, or exploit Website content without our prior written consent, except as permitted by law.

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6. Competitions and exhibitions

6.1 **Additional rules.** Competitions and exhibitions may have specific rules (e.g., themes, eligibility, editing limits, submission deadlines, judging criteria). Those rules apply in addition to these Terms. In case of conflict, the specific rules prevail. Please look at the Competition Rules page on the club website.

6.2 **Judging.** The Club's decisions in any of the competitions are final. We may disqualify entries that breach rules or these Terms.

6.3 **Prizes and sponsorship.** Any prizes are as described and non-transferable. Sponsor involvement does not imply endorsement of any user or content.

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7. Privacy and cookies

7.1 **Privacy.** Your use of the Website is subject to our Privacy Notice, (see Data Privacy Policy) which explains how we collect and process personal data, including for membership administration and Website security.

7.2 **Cookies.** We currently do not use cookies or similar technologies.

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8. Third-party services and links

The Website may include links to third-party websites (e.g., printers, framing services, social media platforms) and embedded services (e.g., video hosting). We are not responsible for third-party content, availability, or practices. Your use of third-party services is at your own risk and subject to their terms and policies.

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9. Availability and changes

9.1 **Availability.** We aim to keep the Website online but do not guarantee uninterrupted or error-free service. Maintenance, updates, or issues beyond our control may affect availability.

9.2 **Changes to the Website.** We may change or discontinue any features, pages, or content.

9.3 **Changes to these Terms.** We may update these Terms from time to time. The "Last updated" date will change accordingly. **Continued use** of the Website after changes constitutes acceptance of the revised Terms.

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10. Disclaimers

- The Website and Members' Area are provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis.
- We do not guarantee that content is accurate, complete, or up to date, and photographic/technical advice is general in nature.
- To the maximum extent permitted by law, we disclaim all warranties, whether express or implied, including fitness for a particular purpose and non-infringement.

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11. Limitation of liability

Nothing in these Terms limits or excludes liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, fraud, or any liability that cannot be excluded under applicable law. Subject to the foregoing, we will not be liable for:

- loss of data, profits, revenue, business, or goodwill;
- any indirect or consequential loss;
- any loss arising from unauthorised access due to your failure to keep credentials secure;
- any third-party actions or content; or

- events beyond our reasonable control.

Where liability cannot be excluded, it is limited to £100 or the cost of your annual subscription (currently £36.00)

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12. Termination and suspension

We may suspend or terminate your access (including to the Members' Area) immediately if you breach these Terms, your membership lapses, or for security reasons. You may cease using the Website at any time. Clauses that by their nature should survive termination (e.g., IP, licences granted, disclaimers, limitations) will continue to apply.

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13. Reporting infringements and takedown

If you believe content on the Website infringes your rights, please contact any committee member with:

- your contact details;
- a description and location (URL) of the alleged infringing material;
- a statement of rights and basis for your claim; and
- any supporting evidence.
  We will review and respond within a reasonable time in accordance with applicable UK law.

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14. Children and safeguarding

The Website is not intended for use by children under 16. Where images feature minors, members must ensure appropriate consents have been obtained and comply with safeguarding best practice and Club policies.

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15. Security

We take reasonable technical and organisational measures to protect the Website and Members' Area. However, no system is perfectly secure. You should use strong, unique

passwords, keep your devices updated, and log out after use—especially on shared devices.

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16. Governing law and jurisdiction

These Terms and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with them are governed by the laws of England and Wales. The courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

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17. Contact us

For questions about these Terms, please contact:
Ravenshead & District Photographic Club
Email: malcolm@twab.co.uk
Postal: Ravenshead Village Hall, Vernon Cresent, Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire. NG15 9BN

Annex A – Members' Area Rules (Supplementary)

1. **Confidentiality:** Materials, documents, and discussions in the Members' Area are for members only. Do **not** share or repost outside the Club without permission.
2. **Credentials:** One username per member; no shared accounts; do not store passwords in plain text or share them by email or messaging apps.
3. **Conduct:** Be respectful and constructive. No harassment, discrimination, or offensive content.
4. **File guidelines:**
    - Preferred formats: JPEG, PNG, TIFF
    - Embedded metadata: remove sensitive EXIF if necessary; the Club may strip metadata for web display.
5. **Attribution:** Include your full name for credits.
6. **Competitions:** Follow each competition's published rules regarding editing, composites, AI-generated elements, and post-processing disclosures. If AI tools

are used, label usage in line with competition rules. (We discourage the use of A.I however, in some applications such as Corals Paint Shop Pro it is unavoidable.

7. **A.**I generated images are strictly forbidden for competitions.
8. **Commercial use:** Members must not use the Members' Area for advertising or commercial solicitations without prior Club consent.
9. **Breach:** The Club may issue warnings, remove content, suspend access, or take further action.