

Scottish Photographic Federation

How to Become an SPF Area Representative

We, the SPF, cannot constitutionally fill these posts ourselves.

The 'Area Representatives' are elected by the Clubs in their Area.

Without this help the SPF cannot continue to offer all of the Services and Events to its Clubs it does currently.

A number of the posts for SPF Area Rep are currently vacant. If there is no-one in post, all you require to do is get your Club to nominate you.

The nomination will be circulated to all of the Clubs in your area, inviting acceptance or alternative nominations. If no further nominations are forthcoming you are elected to the post.

If more than one nomination is received for an area; All nominations received, for that area, will be circulated to all of the Clubs within that Area, by the SPF General Secretary, for Clubs to vote on, or agree the nomination, as required.

If no nomination is forthcoming from within your area; it is acceptable, should all the Clubs agree, for someone to be nominated from out-with your area, as long as they are a member of an SPF member Club. It goes without saying that anyone nominated must have agreed, in advance to be nominated.

The SPF Areas		
Angus	Argyll	Ayrshire
Central North *	Central South	Dumfries & Galloway *
Edinburgh North *	Edinburgh South *	Fife *
Glasgow	Grampian *	Highlands
Perth & Kinross	Renfrewshire *	

(Areas Highlighted – Currently Have an Area Rep.) (* Denotes also SPF EC Post Holder)

If the Area Rep's post is not vacant in your area but you are interested in the job. Have a word with the current area rep, and the SPF General Secretary, as we may be able to use both of you (one in a different capacity).

Please see full details about the **SPF Area Representative's** post below along with details of the Clubs in each Area

Why the Areas Were Formed - A number of years ago, due to the large geographical spread of our SPF Member Clubs (currently 97); Scotland was divided, into 14 Areas, with each Area intended to have an Area Representative. This was introduced largely to aid communication between the SPF Executive and its Member Clubs; to give our Member Clubs a voice at our SPF Executive Meetings, as it was not practical, or economical, for all 94 Clubs to attend our SPF Executive Meetings.

Clubs nominate one of their Club Members, or support a nomination from another Club in their area. These Area Reps. are 'elected' to sit on the SPF Executive, as full voting members, and represent their Area Clubs' interests. Area Reps are there to assist in the flow of information between the Executive and the Clubs they represent.

As an Area Rep - As well as representing their clubs, Area Reps help reduce the burden of work carried out by the SPF Executive, and by carrying out the following tasks:

1. Area Reps should make themselves available to help man, and run SPF events. (*Proficiency in emailing and most of the following is essential word/excel/digital file management*) (*This is mainly our two Championships annually*). Without this help the SPF cannot continue to offer all of the Service it does currently.
2. Area Reps, as Collection and Return points for Print entries to various SPF Competitions has proved particularly useful, in saving postage costs, for Clubs in outlying areas. It is normally organised for prints to be handed over to the event organiser (*or to another Exec Member en-route*) for collection at a relevant SPF Exec. Meeting.
3. Area Reps can also help ensure that key information about SPF events and competitions is received by the appropriate committee members of their clubs.
4. During November all Reps should, in liaison with the SPF Treasurer or General Secretary, ensure that all Clubs are aware that their SPF & PLI fees are due and remind them to pay by the due date.
5. After every Club AGM the Area Rep should ensure that the current Club Secretary's full details (*Name, Address, phone number & personal email address*) for each Club are passed to the SPF General Secretary to ensure that the SPF database can be kept current and up to date. (*Each Rep should therefore make sure that they are aware of their Club's AGM dates.*)

Area Reps are expected to regularly attend SPF Executive Meetings (5 per year) and the SPF AGM. They have full voting rights, the same as all other Executive Members. Mileages are paid, at the current SPF rate (*same rate as for Judges & Lecturers*) by the SPF Treasurer, for attendance at the SPF Executive Meetings and SPF AGM, and also as if you are required to 'help' at an SPF events/competitions. No expenses are paid by the SPF for visiting Clubs in your area.

THE SPF AREAS

These **SPF Areas** have been agreed, and altered over the years, as other Clubs have joined. These borders are for SPF Admin purposes and apply only to SPF Member Clubs. Historically, some areas may have competitions, or events, that run with additional Clubs from these areas, or even a neighbouring area – These events are not run by the SPF. Local event organisers are therefore not automatically SPF Area Reps. They must have been formally nominated and accepted, through the SPF by the Clubs who are SPF Members, and fulfill the above remit.

Angus – (5)

Brechin; Carnoustie CC; Carnoustie PG; Dundee; Kirriemuir;

Argyll – (4)

Cowal; Fort William; Mid Argyll; Oban;

Ayrshire – (6)

Ayr; Beith; Irvine; Kilmarnock; Kilmaurs; Skelmorlie;

Central North – (6)

Airdrie & Coatbridge; Clacks; Cumbernauld & Kilsyth; Falkirk; Kirkintilloch;
Stirling & District;

Central South – (8)

Biggar; Carlisle; Clydesdale; East Kilbride; Lanark; Lesmahagow; Motherwell;
Strathaven;

Dumfries & Galloway – (5)

Abbey; Cumnock & District; Dumfries; Loreburn; The Stewartry;

Edinburgh North – (3)

Edinburgh; Livingston; Mid Calder;

Edinburgh South – (7)

Beeslack (Penicuik); Galashiels; Haddington; Midlothian; Musselburgh; North
Berwick; Peebles;

Fife – (7)

Cupar; Dunfermline CC; Dunfermline PA; Glenrothes; Hillend; Kirkcaldy; St
Andrews;

Glasgow – (5)

Hub Singer; Milngavie & Bearsden; Queen's Park; Scottish Circle; The Levern.

Grampian – (14)

Aberdeen; Bon Accord; Craigewan; Deeside; Deveron; Donside; Ellon; Forres;
Fraserburgh; Mearns; Moray; Peterhead; Speyside; Visions.

Highlands – (5)

Cromarty; Dingwall; Inverness; Nairn; Thurso;

Perth & Kinross – (6)

Alyth & Blargowrie; Auchterarder; Crieff; Kinross; Perthshire; Perth CSSA;

Renfrewshire – (6)

Eastwood; Greenock; Gryffe; Paisley Colour; Paisley PS; Penilee;