

## **Prints, Mounts and Mats**

## **Prints**

The area of a print should not exceed 1,302cm<sup>2</sup> irrespective of the crop ratio. (This area is derived from a 42cm x 31cm print size.)

The following table gives examples of maximum print sizes for common formats:

| Crop ratio | Long side of print (cm) | Short side of print (cm) |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1x1        | 36.0                    | 36.0                     |
| А3         | 42.0                    | 29.7                     |
| 2x1        | 50.0                    | 25.0                     |
| 3x2        | 44.0                    | 29.3                     |
| 4x3        | 41.5                    | 31.1                     |
| 5x4        | 40.0                    | 32.0                     |
| 16x9       | 47.5                    | 26.7                     |
| 65x24      | 58.0                    | 21.4                     |

Note that prints can be printed smaller than the maximum if desired, for example, to print within an A3 sheet.

## **Mounts and Mats**

Prints must be mounted on a backing card.

The use of a surrounding mat is not compulsory for regular competitions. For the Annual Exhibition, a surrounding mat is required.

The total area of a mat should not exceed 2,132 cm<sup>2</sup>. The following table gives (rounded) examples of maximum mat sizes for common formats. In most cases, a 5cm wide mat can be cut.

Mats can be smaller than the maximum if desired.

| Crop ratio | Long side of mat (cm) | Short side of mat (cm) |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1x1        | 46.0                  | 46.0                   |
| А3         | 52.0                  | 39.7                   |
| 2x1        | 60.0                  | 35.0                   |
| 3x2        | 54.0                  | 39.3                   |
| 4x3        | 51.5                  | 41.1                   |
| 5x4        | 50.0                  | 42.0                   |
| 16x9       | 57.5                  | 36.7                   |
| 65x24      | 68.0                  | 31.4                   |

## **Thickness**

A mounted print should be thick enough to free-stand but not exceed 5mm.