West Bay Area Woodturners Society
Competition Rules 2012

1) **Initial Skill Levels:**

   - Turners are classified into one of four skill levels: beginner, intermediate, advanced, and professional

   - A turner must compete in one level only. You may NOT have entries in multiple levels, regardless of the categories

   - Turners entering multiple levels will have all entries in the lower level removed from judging

2) **Changing Skill Levels:**

   - You will be required to move up to the next skill level for the next competition if you receive three or more first or second place ribbons over the past 2 years in a category with sufficient competition

   - *Sufficient competition* requires that there be at least four entries in the category

   - Turners can only move up in skill levels, not down: you cannot enter pieces at a lower level than in previous competitions

3) **Date Work Was Created:**

   - All pieces must have been completed since the last club competition (11/05/2011)

4) **Number of Entries Allowed:**

   - You may only enter one piece in any category. Duplicate entries in a category will result in them all being removed from the judging

   - You may only enter five pieces in the entire competition, unless you are competing for the "Ironman" category (see below). This is requested to allow everyone to have their pieces judged and receive feedback within a reasonable time

   - Competing for the Ironman requires that you have an entry in all categories except for Ornamental and Segmented

   - Pieces in the Ironman category will be judged as part of the Ironman only (they won't be judged separately as small bowl, large bowl, etc.), however, they will all individually be considered for the Best of Class awards

   - Due to the time constraints of the judges, only 5 of the pieces in the Ironman will receive detailed feedback comments: you should indicate the pieces on which you want to receive these comments when submitting your pieces to the competition

5) **Anonymity:**

   - If your pieces are signed, please cover the name with some tape so the judging is as fair and anonymous as possible