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**GHWG SPRING COMPETITION RULES**

1. **There are 3 SKILL LEVEL CLASSES, defined as follows:**
	* **NOVICE:** a beginner turner who has been turning for 4 years or less.
	* **INTERMEDIATE**: a turner who has turned for more than 2 years but does not consider her/himself to be an advanced turner
	* **OPEN:** any turner who wishes to enter a more skilled competition, excluding segmented pieces.

### **There are 2 SIZE CATEGORIES for the novice, intermediate and open classes:**

* + **SMALL:** any piece that **WILL** fit within a 4” x 4” x 8” box. This includes both spindle and faceplate/chuck work.
	+ **LARGE:** any piece that **WILL NOT** fit within a 4” x 4” x 8” box. This includes both spindle and faceplate/chuck work.\*

### **There are no SKILL LEVEL CLASSES or SIZE CATEGORIES for segmented entries:**

* + **SEGMENTED** entries include pieces of any size or shape, by any skill level entrant.

In summary, the categories are:

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| *Novice – Small* | *Novice – Large* |
| *Intermediate – Small* | *Intermediate – Large* |
| *Open – Small* | *Open – Large* |
| *Segmented* |  |

**In addition to the above, the following rules will apply to all entries:**

1. An entry must have been completed **no more than one calendar year prior** to the current competition.
2. A competitor may enter a **maximum of two pieces in the competition**.
3. All entries must include a significant turned element and may be functional, artistic or any combination of the two. Any wood species or turnable material may be used.

**\*Please note:**

1. A **NOVICE** turner who has won 1st place in a previous GHWG competition **need not** move to the **INTERMEDIATE** Class unless she/he wishes to (up to the 4 year limit).
2. Any **INTERMEDIATE** turner who has won 1st place in a previous GHWG competition **must** move
to the **OPEN** Class for subsequent competitions