

Regulations

Aerophilately 2014

Article 1. Organization, Venue, Date and Purpose

1.1 Aerophilately 2014 stamp exhibition is organized and managed by the American Philatelic Society and the American Air Mail Society.

1.2 The exhibition will be held September 12-14, 2014, at the American Philatelic Center, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

1.3 The exhibition will be a special APS-approved National Level exhibition *limited to exhibits of Aerophilately and Astrophilately only*. Aerophilately in this context includes traditional exhibits of airmail stamps, airmail postal history (rates, routes, means, markings), thematic exhibits of airmail, aviation and astro subjects, and airmail postal stationery. See Article 4 below.

Article 2. Recognition and Applicable Regulations

2.1 The exhibition will be held under the Recognition of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (hereafter FIP).

2.2 The exhibition will be governed by the following rules:

- a. General Regulations of the FIP for the evaluation of competitive exhibits (GREVs).
- b. Special Rules of the FIP for the evaluation of exhibits (SREVs).
- c. Rules for World Series of Philately Shows of the American Philatelic Society.
- d. Any perceived conflict between the rules will be resolved by the President of the Jury representing FIP and a designated member of CANEJ representing the APS.

Article 3. Conditions of Participation

3.1 Exhibitors may apply to exhibit as provided by these Regulations.

3.2 All exhibits must be bona fide property of the exhibitor. There are no restrictions as to which countries or philatelic entities may be exhibited.

3.3 *Ineligible Exhibits.*

(a) An exhibit that has won either a Grand Prix National or International Award, or three Large Gold awards in FIP-patronage International exhibitions, or has been exhibited in the FIP Championship Class, is *ineligible* to compete.

(b) An exhibit that has won the APS Champion of Champions competition is *ineligible* to complete.

Article 4. Exhibition Classes

- 4.1 The following classes will be accepted:
- Class 1. Aerophilately
 - Class 2. Astrophilately
 - Class 3. Traditional, limited to airmail stamp issues only.
 - Class 4. Airmail postal history
 - Class 5. Thematic, limited to airmail, aviation or astro subjects.
 - Class 6. Postal Stationery, limited to airmail postal stationery only
 - Class 7. One frame exhibits of the above classes

Article 5. Exhibit Qualification Requirements and Frame Allocations

5.1 *All multi-frame exhibits (Classes 1 through 6) must be either five (5) frames or eight (8) frames. No other multi-frame exhibit sizes will be accepted.*

5.2 *FIP Recognition Requirements*

- (a) *For an exhibit not previously entered in any FIP Recognized exhibition,*
- (1) The exhibit must have received at least a Vermeil National Level Medal.
 - (2) The Official Entry Form must be affirmatively marked for FIP Recognition.
 - (3) The “Past Awards Received” section of the Official Entry Form must be completed.
 - (4) The exhibit is allocated five (5) frames, no more and no less.
- (b) *For an exhibit previously entered in an FIP Recognized exhibition, but not awarded 85 or more points (FIP Large Vermeil award or better),*
- (1) The exhibit is allocated five (5) frames, no more and no less.
 - (2) The Official Entry Form must be *affirmatively* marked for FIP Recognition.
 - (3) The “Past Awards Received” section of the Official Entry Form must be completed.
- (c) *For an exhibit previously entered in an FIP Recognized exhibition and awarded 85 or more points (FIP Large Vermeil award or better) ,*
- (1) The exhibit is allocated either five (5) frames or eight (8) frames (exhibitor’s choice).
 - (2) The Official Entry Form must be *affirmatively* marked for FIP Recognition.
 - (3) The “Past Awards Received” section of the Official Entry Form must be completed.
- 5.3 An exhibit either not qualified for FIP Recognition or for which FIP Recognition is not desired will be accepted as a United States National exhibit.
- (1) The exhibit must be either five (5) frames or eight (8) frames (exhibitor’s choice).
 - (2) The Official Entry Form must be *negatively* marked for FIP Recognition.
 - (3) The “Past Awards Received” section of the Official Entry Form must be completed.

5.4 Approximately 250 frames will be available for the exhibition. Each frame holds 16 pages (8½” x 11” or A4 size) in four rows of four pages or 12 pages (11” x 11”) in four rows of three pages. Oversize pages will only be accepted with prior approval of the Exhibition Committee.

Article 6. Judging of Exhibits and Awards

6.1 A jury comprised of six FIP-accredited International judges will be selected by the Organizing Committee. The jury has the right to reclassify any exhibit it deems to be entered in the wrong class. The decisions of the judges will be final.

6.2 The judges will award the following prizes:

a. Grand Award (Grand Prix) of the exhibition. The recipient of this award must agree to participate in the 2015 Champion of Champions Exhibition at APS Stampshow in Grand Rapids, Michigan in August 2015.

b. Single Frame Grand Award. The recipient of this award must agree to participate in the 2015 Champion of Champions Exhibition at APS AmeriStampExpo in Riverside, California in February 2015.

c. Reserve Grand Award of the exhibition.

d. Unlimited Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze awards.

e. Special awards and special prizes.

6.3 All exhibits qualified for **FIP Recognition** in Classes 1 through 6 will have their exhibits judged in accordance with the FIP points system. Exhibits that receive at least 85 points will be eligible to participate in future FIP exhibitions with up to eight frames (FIP GREX 6.3). Exhibits receiving at least 95 points will not qualify for FIP Championship Class.

6.4 One frame exhibits (Class 7) qualified for **FIP Recognition** will be judged in accordance with FIP rules for One Frame Exhibits.

6.5 All exhibits will be eligible for special prizes.

6.6 Exhibits qualified for FIP Recognition will have their points noted in the *Palmares*.

Article 7. Application and Acceptance

7.1 All entries must be submitted using the Official Entry Form, completed in its entirety. Incomplete or unsigned entries will be rejected. Entries may be submitted by either mail or e-mail.

7.2 All entries must be accompanied by eight (8) copies of (a) the exhibit title page, and/or (b) ancillary notes to the judges (sometimes referred to as “synopsis”), and (c) a reference bibliography. *A maximum of two sheets* (both front and back) will be accepted.

Changes or additions to reference material will not be accepted after the deadline for entries.

7.3 The Official Entry Form includes a section for the history (“track record”) of the exhibit. This section must be complete for all exhibits, indicating the most recent exhibition(s) with year and medal received.

7.4 Exhibitor may enter exhibits under a pseudonym, however their true identities must be disclosed to the Organizing Committee.

7.5 *The deadline for the receipt of Official Entry Forms by the Organizing Committee is May 1, 2014.* Receipt of Entry Form will be confirmed by e-mail. Any Entry Forms received after that date will be placed on a waiting list to be considered subject to availability of space.

7.6 Decisions regarding acceptance of exhibits will be made by the Organizing Committee and are final.

7.7 *Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to applicants by June 15, 2014.*

7.8 Participation fees in full must be remitted upon receipt of acceptance, to be received by July 15, 2014, payable in U.S. Dollars to American Air Mail Society. If fees are not received by this deadline date, acceptance may be canceled and other exhibit(s) accepted.

7.9 Fees will be forfeited upon failure to exhibit.

7.10 Each exhibit will be listed in the exhibition catalogue by its title as stated on the Official Entry Form.

Article 8. Participation Fees

8.1 The participation fees are:

Entry Fee	\$ 50.00
Frames	\$ 10.00 each

Thus: One Frame = \$ 60.00 Five (5) frames = \$100.00 Eight (8) frames = \$130.00

The fees are the same for all entries of a given size, whether or not eligible for FIP Recognition.

Article 9. Handling of Exhibits

9.1 Each exhibit page must be in a transparent protective cover, and pages shall be numbered in consecutive order.

9.2 In the event of late or failed exhibit delivery, or if exhibit page size does not comply with the provisions of Article 5.4, the exhibit will not be judged and the participation fees will be forfeited.

9.3 Exhibits may be delivered by the exhibitor, an exhibitor's representative, or by commercial carrier in accordance with terms, conditions and instructions to be provided with exhibit acceptances.

Article 10. Mounting and Dismounting Exhibits

10.1 Mounting and dismounting of exhibits shall be undertaken by the Organizing Committee. If the exhibitor wishes to mount or dismount his/her exhibit, the Organizing Committee will provide directions and conditions for doing so.

10.2 The exhibitor shall pay all costs of exhibit delivery and return.

10.3 The exhibition will close at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2014. No exhibit or any part thereof may be removed prior to this time.

Article 11. Security

11.1 Exhibitors must provide their own insurance at their own expense.

11.2 Reasonable precautions will be taken in the care, handling and security of exhibits during the time exhibits are on display and during exhibit setup and return. Authorized security will be on the premises 24 hours a day.

11.3 Neither the American Philatelic Society, the American Air Mail Society, the Aerophilately 2014 Organizing Committee or any of its subcommittees, nor any of their committees, departments, directors, officers, employees or volunteers shall be liable for any damage or loss. The exhibitor agrees to assume sole and complete responsibility and liability for any and all losses, damages and claims arising out of injury or damage to the exhibitors, displays, exhibits, equipment or other property on the premises of the exhibition, and shall indemnify and hold harmless those named herein above from any and all such losses, damages and claims.

Article 12. Rights of the Organizing Committee

12.1 Every exhibitor applying to exhibit at Aerophilately 2014 is deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions of these Regulations of Aerophilately 2014.

12.2 The Organizing Committee shall have the right to adjudicate any problems or disputes that may arise, and its decisions shall be final.

Article 13. Acceptance of Regulations

13.1 By signing the Official Entry Form, the exhibitor accepts all rules and regulations of Aerophilately 2014.

13.2 Additions, corrections, and/or deletions may be made at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Article 14. Judges

14.1 Judges shall receive the benefits provided by the Rules for Exhibitions of the American Philatelic Society.

Article 15. Addresses

15.1 Aerophilately 2014 Organizing Committee, c/o Ken Martin, American Philatelic Society, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte PA 16823. Telephone 814-933-3817. e-mail: kpmartin@stamps.org

15.2 Aerophilately 2014 Exhibition Committee, c/o James W. Graue. 11911 East Connor Road, Valleyford WA 99036. Telephone: 509-924-4484. e-mail: zepkat@gmail.com

Official Entry Form

Type or block letter print

Aerophilately 2014

September 12-14, 2014

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____ Nation _____

Exhibit Title _____

Brief description of exhibit (25 words maximum)

Exhibit Class _____ Exhibit Page Size: [] 8½” x 11” [] A4 [] Other _____

Number of Frames: [] 1 (Class 7 only) [] 5 [] 8 *No other exhibit sizes accepted.*

Exhibit is Qualified for FIP Recognition: Yes [] No []

Note: All exhibits qualified for FIP Recognition will be awarded FIP-recognized medals unless the exhibitor does not want FIP Recognition, to be indicated by checking here []

<i>Past Awards Received for this Exhibit (must be completed for all entries)</i>								
International / World Exhibition and Year	LG	G	LV	V	LS	S	SB	B
National Exhibition and Year								

Do not send fees with this Entry Form. A statement will be provided with notification of exhibit acceptance, together with a form for details of exhibit delivery and return.

I, the undersigned (exhibitor), hereby (1) agree to abide by the Regulations of Aerophilately 2014, (2) confirm that the exhibit is wholly owned by myself, and (3) acknowledge that participation fees are due and payable upon acceptance.

Date _____ Signature _____

Send, together with required copies (see Section 7.2), to be received by May 1, 2014, to:
Stephen Reinhard, Box 110, Mineola NY 11501

