

Frugal Philately

Experimental Guidelines for Frugal Philately

"Frugal Philately Class" is an exhibition class which concentrates on the criteria of treatment, importance, knowledge, research and condition. There are limiting criteria with respect to the value of items included. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for collectors to display interesting items and enhance their philatelic skills rather than blunt their cheque books. The availability of such a class encourages those who are put off exhibiting by the alleged high cost of items needed to compete in the normal classes. It is purely a national class.

Entry Size

Restricted to two to five frames for multi-frame exhibits. One-frame exhibits will be accepted at National One-Frame competitions.

Entry Class

No restriction as to philatelic class, except for Youth and Literature.

Special Conditions

The wholesale value of the exhibit should not exceed \$1,000 (equal to \$200 per frame or \$12.50 per sheet). If the wholesale value exceeds \$1,000 in total (for a 5-frame exhibit, pro-rata for 1-4 frames), then penalties will apply, as shown under the sub-heading "Reconciliation" below.

Judging

To be carried out in two stages. Note: The results of each stage will not be revealed to the judging teams until both stages are complete.

First Stage: The entries will be judged by the relevant philatelic class judging team, using all the normal criteria except that to encourage Frugal exhibits, rarity will be judged as difficulty of acquisition and marked out of 10 points with 10 marks added to knowledge and research. (For classes such as Postcards, Open and Thematics where these points are split into two sub-categories such as Philatelic Knowledge and Subject Knowledge, 5 points will be added to each subcategory).

Second Stage: The exhibit will be assessed as to its wholesale value. This judging being carried out by a team of three judges, well versed in philatelic valuations and, normally drawn from the philatelic trade, particularly APTA, with at least five years standing. The results of this phase will be to provide a dollar figure of wholesale market value. Judges will assess the normal market value rather than any enhanced value accruing to the exhibit because of the skills of the exhibitor. This valuation will be available to the exhibitor.

Reconciliation

There will only need to be a reconciliation where the adjudged wholesale value exceeds \$1,000.00 (for a 5 frame exhibit, pro-rata for 1-4 frames). The reconciliation will be in the form of points deducted from the philatelic score on the following scale:

\$1 - \$60 - loss of one point for each \$20.00 or part thereof;
\$61 - \$200 - loss of one point for each \$10.00 or part thereof;
\$201 upwards - loss of one point for each \$5.00 or part thereof.

More Information

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