

INDIA POST

PHILATELIC JURORS PROGRAM (IP-PJP)

Preliminary

The basic premise and the operating philosophy of this program is that it would provide an opportunity for philatelists to give something back to the hobby that they have enjoyed so much. One certainly does not become a philatelic juror for the glory, a profit motive, or the simplicity of the task. It is a difficult challenge, and not everyone is suited to it.

Although jurors are accorded a certain elementary respect, the level is basic and a solid reputation as a good juror must be earned. It lasts only as long as performance at a high level is maintained. Being a philatelic juror is a little like being a cricket umpire in that everything a juror does and says is subject to being second guessed and often is. An ability to evaluate criticism, understanding its source and motivation, learning from it if it is valid, and letting it roll off the back when it is not, are among the essential requirements.

Achieving accreditation is not the end of the education of a juror. It is only the beginning. One of the reasons for becoming a juror is that it forces a philatelist to learn more about the breadth and depth of a wonderful hobby. The era when the philatelic expert knew it all is long past. An active juror that does a proper job of preparation for the task and a fair job of studying exhibits in the frames will develop an excellent knowledge of philately, a healthy respect for what exhibitors can do to develop the chosen specific areas, and a sense of humility about how little one person can ever know.

Article 1 Introduction

1.1. India Post envisages the development of qualified philatelic jurors who shall be able to judge objectively in closed as well as open session, perform consistently, can justify marks awarded, and more importantly, guide the exhibitor how he/she can improve the exhibit for better results under the Philatelic Awards System.

1.2 These general instructions cover the administrative procedures for the implementation of the India Post's Program for Jurors at the philatelic exhibitions organized under the Patronage, Recognition or Support of India Post.

1.3 Philately Division of India Post manages this program and maintains the level-wise List of Accredited Jurors, qualified Jury Chairpersons, Jury Secretaries, Team Leaders, and Experts. The list is updated on annual basis. It is objective of India Post to broad base the hobby of philately in the country. It is therefore essential to widen the base of qualified Jurors also. Keeping this in view, Accredited Jurors of a higher level will not be considered as Jury for exhibitions of a lower level organized or patronized by India Post. For example, a Juror accredited for National-level exhibitions will not be eligible for consideration for inclusion in the Jury for a State/Zonal exhibition.

1.4 Until sufficient number of Jurors has been accredited for each discipline, Jury members shall be approved and appointed by the India Post on an adhoc basis.

1.5 Apprentice Jurors are appointed by India Post in accordance with Article 2 of IPPJP.

Article 2 Requirements for Apprentice Juror

2.1 To serve as an Apprentice Juror, the candidate shall:

- a) Have been an exhibitor in a recognized exhibition at the same level as seeking to serve as an apprentice juror and must have received at least a Silver Medal in any Competitive Class excluding Youth, within last two years;
- b) Have served as a juror in at least two exhibitions at previous level, (Not applicable for

accreditation at district level)

c) Have proficiency in Hindi (or anyone of the scheduled languages in the Constitution of India) and English

d) Have attended and actively participated in at least an India Post approved judging Seminar for the desired classification before applying for the apprenticeship.

e) Have an understanding of all of the recognized branches of philately.

f) Be fully conversant with the General Rules and Guidelines of Philatelic Awards System and be prepared to implement them.

2.2 There are no age requirements and cut offs, but the jurors are expected to spend most of their time on his/her feet, and therefore should be physically fit.

2.4 India Post may appoint suitable philately administrators from its fold as apprentice jurors, if a need is felt for the same.

Article 3 Apprenticeship Procedures

3.1 A recognized philatelic organization may nominate a Juror apprentice in prescribed registration form (Annex - 01) to the DDG(Philately).

3.2 The Apprentice must serve successfully at a minimum of two shows at a level inducted in to this program.

3.3 Having served at a minimum of two shows as an Accredited Jury, the candidate shall be eligible to apply for Apprentice Juror at the next level shows.

3.4 A maximum of one Jury Apprentice may be attached to each judging team but normally only one apprentice will be attached to each class.

Article 4. Accreditation of Apprentice Jurors

4.1 Apprentices can only be accredited initially in the class in which they have obtained their qualifying medal, except Youth and Literature Class. A juror initially accredited in Youth or Literature who wishes to qualify in another philatelic class must first apprentice and seek the qualification only in that class in which the original qualifying medal has been received.

4.2 The Team Leader will assign to the applicant at least three exhibits to judge independently and the apprentice will be required to justify his point and medal level conclusions.

4.3 The team leader will closely observe the performance of the apprentice juror during the jury activities,

4.4 The Jury Chairperson or his nominee will subject the apprentice to an oral examination as to assess his/her general knowledge of the rules and guidelines.

4.5 An Apprentice Juror Assessment Report (proforma at Annex - 02) will be prepared by the team leader, submitted to the Jury Chairperson and reviewed by the DDG (Philately).

4.6 The apprentice must ultimately be approved by the DDG (Philately) for acceptance as an accredited juror.

4.7 A positive assessment as apprentice is a prerequisite for his/her inclusion in the List of the Accredited Jurors in the next annual update

Article 5 Newly Accredited Jurors

5.1 A report by the Team Leader endorsed by the Jury Chairperson shall be submitted on the first occasion a newly accredited juror serves as a full member of a jury. This shall cover

the competence and diligence of the juror.

Article 6. Accreditation In Additional Disciplines

6.1 Any juror, already accredited in one or more of philatelic disciplines, and who has served as an accredited juror at least twice subsequent to original accreditation, may qualify in another specified disciplines.

6.2 Applications for additional accreditation shall be dealt with as new apprenticeships and subject to same requirements, other than youth and literature class.

6.3 Applicants for accreditation in youth or literature classification need not have competed as a youth philatelists or in any literature competitions.

6.4 For accreditation in additional disciplines the juror shall be required to undergo apprenticeship only once.

6.6 Service in a different jury group to that in which he/she is accredited does not automatically qualify a juror in that discipline.

Article 7 Period of Service for Accredited Jurors

7.1 Jurors shall remain on the accredited list for a period of eight years after which they shall be reassessed unless they have been approved as a Team Leader or they have served at least twice in the previous four years

7.2 Reassessment shall be carried out by the Chief of Philately Division of India Post [(DDG(Philately)] or his/her delegated alternative and shall ensure that the juror is familiar with current rules and guidelines for the discipline/s in which he/she is qualified and, may be asked to judge selected exhibits.

Article 8 Delisting of Jurors

8.1 A Juror may seek retirement for personal and health reasons.

8.4 Unexcused failure to attend the Critique session by a Juror will cause suspension of accreditation for up to two calendar years.

8.5 The failure to notify the Exhibition Management promptly of the inability to attend after accepting an assignment will cause suspension for up to two calendar years.

8.6 Serving as an Apprentice Juror may only reinstate a juror who has been delisted.

Article 9 Juror Emeritus

9.1 The senior jurors, who have served a minimum of 12 times, may apply to be placed on the Emeritus list. Such Juror Emeritus would not be considered for service as full jury members but may serve as Senior Consultants. This is considered to be an honor and shall not be granted automatically. DDG (Philately) may nominate jurors who have not served the minimum number of times for this distinction, if so demanded by exigencies.

Article 10 Disciplinary Measures

10.1 A juror who breaks the confidentiality requirement shall be automatically delisted. This applies to any information on jury deliberations given while the jury is in session.

10.2 A juror who reveals the nature of discussions during jury sessions subsequent to the end of jury work may be delisted.

10.3 Jurors who take part in the Critique Session, which are mandatory feature of exhibitions, should take care not to reveal disagreements or other matters confidential to the

working of the jury.

10.4 Appeals against disciplinary measures must be accompanied by mitigating information. A panel appointed by the Director General of India Post will hear the appeal.

Article 11 Responsibilities

11.1 All jury members are required to respect the confidential nature of jury deliberations and decisions at closed session. The judging results must be kept secret until the Exhibition Management announces them

11.2 The Apprentice Jurors have no voting rights. However, they will be expected to participate in team and group deliberations just as regular jury members.

11.3 The jury reserves the right to reassign incorrectly or ambiguously described entries.

11.4 The Jury can disqualify any exhibit manifesting an obvious breach of these Regulations and or Philatelic Awards System from competition.

11.5 The jury is not permitted to combine various exhibits from one exhibitor for the purpose of judging. Each exhibit accepted by the Exhibition Management must be separately judged.

11.6 Each jury group may consult members of other groups and, with the concurrence of the Jury Chairperson, may consult specialists who may not be a member of the Jury.

Article 12 Privileges

12.1 The Exhibition Management shall provide each jury member and, also, the apprentice jurors with the following at no charge:

Two admission tickets for the entire period of the exhibition, one of them for a family member, to allow easy access during crowded conditions; Prior to the beginning of jury work, at least two exhibition catalogues; Two copies of the jury report, and Two invitations to the Awards Banquet and to all official exhibition events, one of them for a family member.

12.2 Regular jury members are entitled to reimbursement of all traveling expenses to and from their place of residence and the exhibition site. The Exhibition Management shall inform the jury members whether they shall be reimbursed for travel by rail (1st class) or by air (cheapest fare).

12.3, The Exhibition Management shall provide each regular jury member with a hotel room with bath or shower for up to two persons, from one day prior to the opening of the exhibition until the end of the exhibition.

12.4 The Exhibition Management shall pay each regular jury member an appropriate sum for daily expenses for the period of actual number of days present.

Article 13 Limitations

13.1 The apprentice jurors are not entitled to reimbursement or payment of traveling expenses, hotel expenses, and a sum for daily expenses.

13.2 Unless they are also regular members of the jury, jurors seeking additional accreditation shall have no rights or privileges under these regulations.

13.3 Regular jury members shall stay in the hotel provided for them by the Exhibition Management. If they wish to stay elsewhere, they will not be entitled to reimbursement of the cost of accommodation.

Article 14 Team Leaders

14.1 Team leaders shall be responsible for, inter alia:

Ensuring that all members of the team participate fully in judging
Meeting the deadlines set by the Jury President and Secretary
Training and evaluation of apprentice jurors attached to the team
Reporting on the performance of first time jurors
Ensuring that the results of judging by the team are correctly entered in the awards list
Participating, if invited, in the appraisal of exhibits in the Championship
Presentation of candidates for Grand Awards
Security of jury materials issued to team members

14.2 The DDG(Philately) together with the Coordinator will choose among the Accredited Jurors those who may be considered suitable to act as Team Leaders. Approved Team Leaders (based on performance in earlier exhibitions) will get preference, subject to the discretion of the ODG(Philately) and the Coordinator.

14.3 In order to be selected as a possible Team Leader, an accredited Juror must have acted at least in four opportunities as a Juror in the category in which he is accredited and have participated in courses organized for Team Leaders in different Classes of Competition. Such candidates can be considered as Apprentice Team Leaders.

14.4 The candidate should be recommended in writing by at least two approved Team Leaders.

14.5 The Apprentice Team Leader must be a member of the exhibition jury. In the specified exhibition, he should present by himself to the Team Leader in which he has been designated. The proforma at Annex - 03 gives the Apprentice Team Leader application. The Team Leader will examine him and give him the different activities he should carry out.

14.6 The Jury Chairperson together with the Team Leader will evaluate the selected person and shall submit the results to the DDG(Philately) to approve or not for the accreditation to act as Team Leader in the future. In case he is approved, his name will be added to the official list of qualified Team Leaders that is annually updated.

14.7 Service as an acting Team Leader does not automatically qualify a jury member to become an approved Team leader.

Article 15 Jury Secretary

15.1 The Jury Secretary shall be responsible for
Checking that exhibits are properly qualified for the frames and classes for which they have entered
Ensuring that the equipment necessary for jury work has been provided
Producing a timetable for jury activity
Organizing the jury groups in collaboration with the Coordinator and Jury Chairperson
Arranging for entry of results into the awards file
Liaising with the Expert Group to ensure that their report is available when required by the jury
Liaising with Exhibition management as necessary
Managing the plenary sessions of the jury presided by the Jury Chairperson Managing, with the Organizing Committee the presentation of the awards.
Checking that all necessary paperwork and program files have been transferred to the office of the DDG (Philately) at the end of the exhibition

15.2 The DDG(Philately) in consultation with the Coordinator will choose among the accredited jurors, persons that they consider having the skills for being Secretary in the future.

15.3 In order to be selected as a possible Secretary of the Jury, the Accredited Juror must:
Have acted in at least in five opportunities as a Juror.
Have participated in courses or seminars that have been organized for this purpose Know very well all the Rules, procedures and guidelines.

15.4 The candidate should be recommended in writing by at least two approved Jury Secretaries.

15.5 The candidate must be a member of the exhibition jury. In the corresponding Exhibition the selected person will act as Apprentice Jury Secretary under the orders of the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Jury who will explain and give him things to do.

15.6 The Jury Chairperson together with the Secretary will evaluate the selected person. This will be informed to the DDG(Philately) so as to approve or to deny the nomination of the selected person in order to act in the future as Secretary of the Jury. In case he is approved his name will be included in the list of qualified Jury Secretaries that India Post each year update.

15.7 Service as Assistant Secretary at a jury shall not qualify a accredited juror as a future Jury Secretary unless he has been previously nominated as Jury Secretary Apprentice and passes the evaluation required or the DDG(Philately deems him to be suitable to act as Jury Secretary

Article 16 Jury Chairperson

16.1 The Jury Chairperson shall
Preside over all plenary sessions of the jury.
Have a casting vote in the vote for Grand Prizes. Read the Report of the Jury at the Awards Ceremony.
Be responsible for ruling on interpretation of the regulations.
Have the final decision that shall be binding over the jury in cases of dispute. Evaluate potential Jury Secretaries
Allocate the task of judging to groups of jury members, chosen to reflect their specialized knowledge, appoint the Team Leader, and will determine the number of exhibits to be judged by each group.
Distribute jury apprentices to groups.

16.2 The DDG(Philately) together with the Coordinator will choose among the accredited jurors, persons that they consider having the skills for being Jury Chairperson in the future.

16.3 In order to be selected as a possible Chairperson of the Jury, the Accredited Juror must:
Have acted in at least in eight opportunities as a Juror.
Have participated in courses or seminars that have been organized for .this purpose Know very well all the Regulations, procedures and guidelines.

16.4 The candidate should be recommended in writing by at least two approved Jury Chairmen.

16.5 The candidate must be a member of the exhibition jury. In the corresponding Exhibition the selected person will act as Apprentice Jury Chairperson under the orders of the Chairperson the Jury who will explain and give him things to do.

16.6 The Jury Chairperson together will evaluate the selected person. This will be informed to the DDG(Philately) so as to approve or to deny the nomination of the selected person in order to act in the future as Jury Chairperson. In case he is approved his name will be

included in the list of qualified Jury Chairmen India Post each year update.

16.7 Service as acting Jury Chairperson shall not qualify an accredited juror as a future Jury Chairperson unless he has been previously nominated as Apprentice Jury Chairperson and passes the evaluation required or the DDG(Philately) deems him to be suitable to act as Jury Chairperson

Article 17 Honorary Chairperson

17.1 The Honorary Chairperson of the jury shall be the Director General of India Post or his designated alternative.

Article 18 Expert Group

18.1 The DDG(Philately) in consultation with the Coordinator will choose among the Accredited Jurors those who may be suitable to serve on an Expert Group as a regular member.

18.2 Members of the International Association of Philatelic Experts (AIEP) or an India Post recognized National Expertising body, although not an accredited Juror, can be invited by the DDG(Philately) to be part of the list of experts that shall examine at least 1 % of exhibits for fakes and forgeries and report to the Jury Chairperson.

18.3 In order to be selected as possible Expert Group member, the accredited Juror should have acted in at least six opportunities as Juror in the category that he is accredited, in case he is not member of the AIEP or a recognized National Expertising body and have attended courses or seminars organized for the purpose.

18.4 The Expert Group Members will have same rights and obligations as a regular juror.

18.5 Service as a member of the Expert Group does not automatically qualify an accredited Jury member as a regular Expert Group member.

18.6 In order to be selected as possible Expert Group assistant, the accredited Juror should have acted in at least three opportunities as Juror in the category that he is accredited, in case he is not member of the AIEP or a recognized National Expertising body, and have attended courses or seminars organized for the purpose.

18.8 In the specified exhibition the selected person will present by himself to the Expert Group Team Leader on the first day of work. The Team Leader will explain the things he has to do. He will normally serve as an additional member of the Expert Group.

18.9 The Jury Chairperson together with the Team Leader of the Expert Group will evaluate the selected person including his knowledge. This will be submitted to DDG(Philately) so as to approve or to deny the nomination of the selected person to be put on the list from which Expert Group members are drawn. In case he is approved his name will be included in the Expert Group list in the following year.

18.10 The Expert Group Assistants will have the same rights and obligations as an apprentice juror.

18.11 The DDG(Philately) in consultation with the Coordinator will nominate the Expert Group Team Leader

18.12 The Expert Group team leader shall be responsible for
Ensuring that the equipment proposed for the expert group work is appropriate. Managing the activities of the Expert Group
Collaborating with the Organizing Committee during the opening of frames for further

examination of exhibits

Collaborating with the Secretary of the Jury in handling the reports submitted by Jury Groups

Reporting on the activities of the Expert Group

Submitting recommendation for decision by the jury

Appraising the other members of the Expert Group

Examining any expert group apprentices which are part of the expert team

Submitting a final report on the activities of the Expert Group to the Jury Chairperson

Article 19 Final Provisions

19.1 The Jury Chairperson, Jury Secretary, Team Leaders and their deputies must not hold a key post in the management of the exhibition.

19.3 The Coordinator is responsible for ruling on interpretation of these instructions, at the exhibition.

19.4 The DDG(Philately) will take a decision for those cases where there is no ruling provided by these instructions. Exceptions to the provisions of these instructions may only be made by the DDG(Philately).

19.6 In the event of any discrepancies in the text arising from translation, the English text shall prevail.

19.7 The Philatelic Jurors Program came into force on 1st August 2003.