

NAPEX 2024 Rules for Exhibitors

NAPEX 24 will be held June 7 – 9, 2024, at the Hilton, McLean, Virginia
Entry Deadline: April 15, 2024
www.NAPEX.org

A: ELIGIBILITY

1. NAPEX is open to all collectors **who apply through the NAPEX website www.NAPEX.org**, regardless of philatelic affiliation.
2. All material exhibited must be owned by the individual (or an immediate family member) and entries with dual or corporate ownership are respectfully declined.
3. The exhibit must not contain material being offered for sale during the course of the show.
4. Youth exhibitors must be age of 21 or under as of January 1, 2024.
5. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at NAPEX, the APS-sponsored Champion of Champions competition, won an APS World Series of Philately Grand Award after June 2023, or won three Large Gold medals at the international level, are not eligible for the Grand or Reserve Grand Awards.
6. The exhibitor name will appear in the program and will be used in conjunction with the awards. To remain anonymous, exhibitors must so advise the Exhibits Committee and furnish a pseudonym.

B: EXHIBITS

1. *General Competition Exhibits* must comprise a minimum of two frames and a maximum of ten frames. *Youth Competition Exhibits* must comprise a minimum of one frame and a maximum of five frames.
2. An exhibitor may request consideration of more than one exhibit by submitting separate entries for each exhibit. No more than two exhibits per exhibitor will be accepted, whether multi-frame, single frame, or a combination.
3. The exhibit must be mounted on pages, numbered on the back in full sequential order or sequentially by frame number. Each page must be enclosed in a transparent sheet protector, closed on at least three sides.
4. Exhibits must not show the name of, or otherwise identify, the owner of the exhibit, although the name and address is permitted on exhibited covers. The exhibitor's name may appear on the reverse of exhibit pages.
5. Forgeries must be so identified; failure to do so may result in the exhibit being downgraded or possibly disqualified.

C: FRAMES AND FLOOR PLAN

1. Exhibits will be displayed in 3-foot by 4-foot standard aluminum frames which hold 16 pages (up to 9 by 12 inches) mounted in rows of four pages. Entries with larger, vertical or odd-sized pages may be accommodated but **must** receive the prior approval of the Committee before they can be accepted.
2. Every effort will be made to avoid splitting an exhibit between rows or turn a corner, but the Committee reserves the right to place exhibits according to its own plan. Committee decisions are final.

D: JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. All exhibits will be judged in accordance with the current edition of the APS *Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting*.
2. The Committee will make every effort to obtain special awards and make them available to the jury. These awards will be made at the discretion of the jury and in compliance with the criteria established by their donors.
3. The winner of the Grand Award will be expected to enter the APS Champion of Champions competition.
4. All awards will be presented at the **NAPEX Awards Banquet**, to be held Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

E: LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

1. NAPEX will take all practical precautions to ensure exhibit safety and proper handling during the exhibition, including 24-hour professional security surveillance. However, no liability for loss or damage to any of the materials exhibited will attach to National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D.C., Inc. and its officers, directors, committee members, or representatives; or the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner and its employees or departments, for any loss or damage whatsoever to any material, whether submitted for competition or not for competition, arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.
2. No individual security arrangements can be made by an exhibitor without the prior approval of the Committee.

F: LOGISTICS

1. Exhibits will be mounted Thursday, June 6, 2024. The Committee will mount mailed-in exhibits. ***Exhibitors desiring to mount their own exhibits should arrive at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, Thursday, June 6, 2024, between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm***
2. Exhibits will be dismantled as soon as possible after **2:00pm Sunday, June 9, 2024, in an order determined by lottery. For security reasons, no exhibit may be dismantled earlier.** The exhibit may be removed only when signed for by the exhibitor or duly authorized agent, and officially released by the NAPEX Committee.
3. Exhibitors mailing their exhibit should send it to arrive between May 13 and May 22, 2024. *The address for mail-in exhibits will be communicated to the exhibitor at time of full official Acceptance.*

G: FEES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. A 25-word (or less) description of the exhibit must be supplied but may be subject to editing by the Exhibit committee.
2. General Class entry fees are \$15.00 per frame; Single Frame Class entry fees are \$30.00 per exhibit. Youth Class exhibit entry fees are *gratis* (no charge).
3. If the exhibitor has not shown a competitive exhibit at an APS-sponsored World Series of Philately event before, then the frame fees will be waived.
4. Provisional Acceptance will be granted to eligible entries, and changed to full Acceptance on receipt by the Exhibits Committee of electronic (pdf) copies of the Title Page and Synopsis of the exhibit, and the Treasurer of all appropriate fees. The Title Page and Synopsis of the exhibit may be modified at any time until April 15, 2024.

H: GENERAL

1. Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition and not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be decided by the Committee at its sole and absolute discretion, whose decision shall be final.
2. Do not send the exhibit to the Hilton hotel directly, but to the address designated to the exhibitor by NAPEX.
3. Latest details of **NAPEX** may be obtained from the show website: www.napex.org.
4. **The importance of the Title Page and Synopsis:**
The **Title Page** is critical as it sets the direction and organization for the exhibit by stating its purpose, scope and plan.
The **Synopsis** is an opportunity to explain to the Jury aspects of the exhibitor's intentions that generally are not written on the title page. The most important feature of the synopsis is the recommendation by the exhibitor to the jury of some of the key literature that will be useful in preparing for the exhibit. The synopsis educates the jury and guides them in areas they may need to research further before seeing the exhibit.

EXHIBITION LOCATION

Hilton Hotel
Tysons Corner
7920 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102
(Just off Exit 46A Washington DC Beltway)

Local driving directions:

1. From VA I-495 headed North OR South, take exit 46A (Rte. 123 South, Tysons Corner)
2. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Tysons Boulevard
3. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Galleria Drive
4. At the second traffic light, turn right onto Jones Branch Drive
5. The hotel is the 2nd building on the right hand side.

From Dulles International Airport: Take Dulles Toll Road east to Exit 17 (Spring Hill Road). After the toll, turn right onto Spring Hill Road. Turn left at the first light onto Jones Branch Drive. The hotel is 1 mile on the left.

From Ronald Reagan National Airport: Take George Washington Parkway north to Route 123 South towards McLean. After the I-495 overpass, turn right on Tysons Boulevard (1st light after overpass), right on Galleria Drive (1st light), right on Jones Branch Drive (2nd light), the hotel is the 2nd building on the right hand side.