

CANBERRA STAMPSHOW 2010: HALF NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
12-14 MARCH 2010
PROSPECTUS

1. Canberra Stampshow 2010

Canberra Stampshow 2010 (16th National Philatelic Convention) will be held at the Hellenic Club of Canberra, Matilda Street, Phillip, (Woden) 12-14 March 2010. Address for further information: **Secretary, Canberra Stampshow 2010, GPO Box 1840, Canberra, ACT 2601** or e-mail lisa.slade6@bigpond.com Additional information and updates are available at the Philatelic Society of Canberra's website: www.canberrastamps.org or from the APF website: www.apf.org.au

2. Organisation

Canberra Stampshow 2010 is a Half National Exhibition organised by the Philatelic Society of Canberra Inc., with National-level classes under the auspices of the Australian Philatelic Federation Ltd (APF) and State-level classes under the auspices of the ACT Philatelic Council Inc. The Society has appointed an Exhibition Committee (the Committee) to run the event.

3. Regulations

These regulations are based on the APF Regulations for Australian National Philatelic Exhibitions.

4. Conditions of Participation

Participation in this Exhibition is open to all exhibitors, whether they are members of affiliated organisations or not. Preference will be given to exhibitors from Australia and New Zealand. The exhibitor must be the bona-fide owner of the exhibit. Exhibits shall not be entered in joint names except for the Literature class or where the entrants are spouses/partners. Each entry must be made in the correct class. If considered necessary, the Committee or Jury may transfer an entry to another class. The exhibitor shall provide a description for the catalogue comprising not less than 20 and not more than 50 words. The Committee reserves the right to alter any description for the catalogue. Non-competitive entries will only be by invitation of the Committee.

Youth entries in the State-level classes will be judged in three age groups with the number of frames in brackets: up to 15 (2-4), 16-18 (3-5) and 19-21 (4-5) years of age. The age of youth exhibitors is that attained at 1 January 2010.

5. CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITS

Division 1 Non-Competitive Class Invited Exhibits

Division 2 National-Level Competitive Classes

2.1	Traditional	2.2	Postal Stationery	2.3	Aerophilately
2.4	Astrophilately	2.5	Revenues	2.6	Maximaphily
2.7	Thematics	2.8	Youth Philately	2.8.1	Up to 15 years (2-4 frames)
2.8.2	16-18 years (3-5 frames)	2.8.3	19-21 years (4-5 frames)	2.9	Philatelic Literature

Division 3 State-Level Competitive Classes

3.1	Traditional	3.2	Postal History	3.2a	Marcophily
3.2b	Social Postal History	3.3	Postal Stationery	3.4	Thematic Philately
3.5	Aerophilately	3.6	Astrophilately	3.7	Revenues
3.8	Cinderellas	3.9	Maximaphily	3.10	Open
3.11	Youth Philately	3.11.1	Up to 15 years (2-4 frames)		
3.11.2	16-18 years (3-5 frames)	3.11.3	19-21 years (4-5 frames)		

6. Applications

Applications from intending exhibitors are to be made on the official entry form (or photocopy) and forwarded to the Exhibition Secretary or in the case of New Zealand exhibitors to the New Zealand Commissioner.

Entries for non-residents of Australia and New Zealand will not be accepted unless carried by an appropriate commissioner under an APF accord. Any specific queries regarding this should be sent to the Exhibition Secretary above.

THE EXHIBITOR MUST PROVIDE A DRAFT OF THE TITLE PAGE AND/OR A ONE PAGE DESCRIPTION OF THE EXHIBIT WITH THE COMPLETED ENTRY FORM. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 16 NOVEMBER 2009.

All exhibits must be mounted on white or light-coloured sheets within the range of 210-230mm wide and 260-285mm high (**INCLUDING THE SIZE OF THE PROTECTORS**). An exhibit mounted on black or dark-coloured pages will not be accepted. Oversize sheets will be mounted only with prior approval of the Committee. Sheets for each exhibit must carry the name and address of the exhibitor on the back of each sheet and be numbered consecutively on the back, in the order in which they should be mounted. Only sheets for display may be submitted. Display frames hold 16 sheets (4x4).

All exhibits will be allocated a minimum of 3 frames up to a maximum of 8 frames, except for youth, which will be allocated between 2 and 5 frames according to age (see section 4).

An exhibitor may submit any number of competitive entries but no more than one entry per country or subject in the same class if of a similar or continuing nature. Where an exhibitor submits multiple entries (excluding literature), order of preference for acceptance should be indicated. The Committee will try to accept all entries but, depending on space and frame availability, reserves the right to limit the number of entries accepted for this exhibition. The Committee also reserves the right to reject any entry without assigning any reason for such decision.

7. Entry Fees

Entry fees are \$30 for each frame of 16 sheets for national classes, \$30 for literature entries and \$20 for each frame of 16 sheets for State classes. Youth entries are free. **Frame fees and return postage (where applicable) must accompany the completed entry form.**

8. Delivery of exhibits

After paying the entry fee, the exhibitor will receive notification of frames allocated and an envelope for each frame of 16 sheets. Each sheet shall be put into a lightweight transparent sheet protector, with only one side open. The protector shall not exceed the exhibition sheet by more than 1 cm all round. Sheets received without protectors will not be judged. Certificates of expertisation (where applicable) shall be placed behind the relevant sheet in the protector.

Hand delivered exhibits must be delivered to the bin-room at the exhibition by 10 am Thursday, 11 March 2010. Exhibits sent by mail must be addressed to the Exhibition Co-ordinator, GPO Box 1840, Canberra, ACT 2601 Australia and forwarded prepaid using a traceable method in time to reach the Committee not earlier than 1 March 2010 but not later than 10 March 2010. They will be returned as soon as practicable after the close of the exhibition in the manner directed by the exhibitor (this too must be via a traceable method). Sufficient return postage must accompany the entry form if the exhibit is to be returned by post. Where no instructions or insufficient funds are received, the exhibitor shall be contacted for return arrangements. An exhibit may not be removed before the close of the exhibition. Adequate notice shall be given to the Committee if the early collection of exhibits is desired.

9. Plan of the Exhibit

All exhibits should have an introductory page or plan to indicate what is being shown and give guidance to the viewer, including areas of special interest. Under FIP regulations for some classes, a plan of the exhibit is mandatory.

10. Philatelic Literature Entries

Two copies are required, one of which will be available for inspection at the Exhibition. One copy will be returned after the exhibition if sufficient postage/instructions have been provided; the other will be deposited in the library of the Philatelic Society of Canberra Inc. Any book or catalogue published after 1 January 2007 or series of magazines or newsletters written after 1 January 2008 may be entered. **All literature entries must be received by 7 January 2010.**

11. Security and Insurance

The Committee will take all reasonable care of the exhibits. However, it declines all responsibility in case of loss, theft or damage of the exhibits during conveyance to/from the exhibition or at the exhibition. Exhibitors are advised to arrange adequate insurance for their exhibits.

12. Mounting of Collections

Upon receipt of an exhibit, the Committee will issue a receipt, which must be produced after the exhibition to collect the exhibit. All exhibits will be mounted and removed from the frames in accordance with instructions given by the Bin Room Manager. Personal mounting or removal of exhibits may only be done with the express permission of the Bin Room Manager and according to his directions. No exhibit will be released after the exhibition until checked by the Committee.

13. Jury

The members of the Jury judging National classes will be approved by the APF and members of the Jury judging State classes will be approved by the ACT Philatelic Council. The decisions of the Jury are final and cannot be contested. Jury members, apprentice jurors and consultants to the Jury may not participate in the competitive classes. Members of the Jury must declare any conflict of interest relating to any entry and in some circumstances they will need to be excused from the Jury if they have a close personal association with an exhibitor.

Judging will be done in the frames and will only be carried out on the sheets so presented. The judging will be carried out in accordance with the FIP/APF General Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits and the FIP/APF Special Regulations for each class and the Special Regulations for Canberra Stampshow 2010.

A judges' critique of exhibits will be held and competitive exhibits will be reviewed for interested participants including, when possible and time permitting, a brief 'in front of the frames' discussion. A judging slip and critique will be returned with each entry.

14. Exclusions

The jury shall penalise exhibits containing forgeries or reproductions not so described. Exhibits containing items which can be proved as not being the property of the exhibitor shall not be judged.

15. Awards

The Committee will place for disposal by the Jury the following awards: Grand Award of Exhibition, Grand Award National, Grand Award International, Special Prizes, Medals (Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze) and Certificate of Merit and Certificate of Participation. A Gold medal is the highest award for National Youth classes and all State classes.

16. Modification or Withdrawal

For the duration of the exhibition, an exhibit may not be modified or withdrawn. Exhibitors are reminded that the rules of the APF stipulate that once an application form is accepted by the Exhibition Committee, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to produce the exhibit. Failure to give notice of withdrawal or to produce the exhibit is subject to penalty by the APF and, in either case, the entry fees will not be returned.

17. Amendment of Exhibition Regulations

The Philatelic Society of Canberra Inc. reserves the right to amend these Special Regulations. Any matter not covered by these Special Regulations shall be decided by the Committee.

18. Recognition of Exhibition Regulations

By the signing of the application form, the exhibitor is bound by these Special Regulations for Canberra Stampshow 2010.