

# COLOPEX 2024--COLUMBUS, OHIO—May 21 and June 1, 2024

COLOPEX is an APS-Accredited NATIONAL Stamp Exhibition  
Part of the World Series of Philately  
Sponsored by The Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc.

## COLOPEX 2024—PHILATELIC EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS

### Regulations, Awards List, and Entry Form

1. This exhibition is open to all individual collectors. Exhibits may be entered in any one of four classes: Open, Youth, Single Frame, and, by invitation, Non-competitive. No exhibit may be larger than ten (10) frames. Any and all exhibits and displays in the Court of Honor, the Invited Non-Competitive Class, and the Official Class are hors de concours. Exhibits already eligible for the Champion of Champions competition of the 2022 World Series of Philately will be accepted only hors de concours. All other exhibits must be at least one frame and are eligible for the COLOPEX 2024 open competition awards. An exhibit which has won a Grand Prix National or a Grand Prix International or three or more Large Gold Awards in international exhibition, or which has been exhibited in the FIP Championship Class, is ineligible to receive the COLOPEX 2024 Grand Award. Certain awards are restricted to those exhibited by members of certain philatelic organizations and/or to exhibits in certain categories.
2. Competitive exhibits will be judged by a panel of at least three APS accredited judges, using the 7th edition of the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting, whose decisions will be final. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits. Competitive exhibits will be judged based on nine levels of award (large gold, gold, large vermeil, vermeil, large silver, silver, silver-bronze, bronze, and certificate). A Grand Award and a Reserve Grand Award will be given to the best exhibits in the open class. Grand awards will be given to the best exhibits in the single frame and youth classes. Appropriate special awards will also be presented. The Grand Award winner of the Multi-Frame class will be eligible to enter the winning exhibit in the next World Series of Philately, competing for the Champion of Champions award. The Grand Award winner in the Single-Frame class will be eligible to enter the winning exhibit in the next APS winter show, competing for the Single-Frame Champion of Champions award (if at least six exhibits are shown).
3. All exhibits in the competition for the awards must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Exhibits with dual ownership are only eligible if the individuals are husband and wife or parent and child. Material with corporate ownership may only be entered noncompetitively.
4. An exhibit which has been purchased intact may not be exhibited at a nationally accredited exhibition for two years from the date of purchase unless the exhibit has been substantially altered by the addition of new material or new text.
5. The Exhibits Committee reserves the right to refuse part or all of any exhibit.
6. Each frame will hold sixteen 9" x 12" pages. Slightly larger pages can be accommodated with some overlapping. All pages must be inserted in transparent sleeves and should bear progressive numbers to indicate the mounting order. Entries with odd size pages must be sent with instructions to indicate how they can be mounted in the sixteen-page frames. Double width pages are permitted.
7. An Entry Form for each exhibit, together with the entry fee of \$15.00 per frame for multiple frame exhibits, \$25.00 for single frame exhibits, and \$2.00 per frame for Youth Exhibits from individuals 21 years of age or younger, must be received by the Exhibits Chairman BEFORE April 1, 2022.

8. The Exhibits Committee requires each exhibitor to submit, **electronically**, a copy of the title page and synopsis to the exhibits chair with a e-copy of the entry form to [exhibit-chair@colopex.com](mailto:exhibit-chair@colopex.com). That information will be forwarded to the judges and posted on our website in order to assist the judges in making a more informed evaluation of the exhibit. Do not mail these items.
9. Each exhibit, except in those instances where the condition of the following paragraph applies, is to be brought to the exhibition venue between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2022. All fees for frames and additional services must be paid in full prior to mounting of an exhibit. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WHATSOEVER MAY AN EXHIBIT BE REMOVED BEFORE THE CLOSE (5 p.m.) OF THE EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY, June 1, 2024.
10. An exhibit which is not being delivered and mounted by the owner or the agent of the owner is to be mailed to: COLOPEX 2024, Exhibit Chair, Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc., PO Box 20582, Columbus, Ohio 43220-05822.
11. This address is the ONLY address at which the COLOPEX 2024 Exhibits Committee will accept a mailed exhibit. Mailed exhibits should be sent to arrive at the address AFTER May 20, 2024 BUT NOT LATER THAN May 28, 2024. Furthermore, such a mailed exhibit must be accompanied by written instructions concerning the return of the exhibit after the close of the exhibition and a check made payable to the Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc. to cover the return postage costs for the exhibit.
12. Each page of a mailed exhibit MUST be enclosed in a protective, transparent sheet protector and numbered giving the frame and page number for that page. If, however, due to packaging considerations, an oversize page of the exhibit is packaged out of sequence order, then a blank page with the clear notation (for example, "Oversize page—Frame 3, Page 2 goes here") must be placed in the corresponding position with the regular size pages in order to specify the position of such an oversize page. The Exhibits Committee cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for the handling and proper mounting of an exhibit whose individual pages are not enclosed in protective, transparent sheet protectors and whose pages are not numbered according to the these directions.
13. Each exhibitor will provide his or her own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safety of the exhibits; however, no responsibility shall be attached to The Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc., the show venue, or their agents.
14. Failure to exhibit after an entry has been accepted or failure to comply with the details of Paragraphs 9, 10, or 11 will cause all entry fees to be forfeited.
15. Exhibitors are restricted to a maximum of two competitive multi-frame exhibits of not more than ten 16-page frames and a maximum of two one-frame exhibits. A separate form must be submitted for each entry.
16. The signing of the Entry Forms by the exhibitor shall signify the acceptance of these regulations and the following release: I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and hereby release and agree to hold harmless the judges and the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging.
17. For answers to questions pertaining to this prospectus and entry form please contact the COLOPEX 2024 exhibit chair at PO Box 20582, Columbus, OH 43220-0582, or email your question to [exhibit-chair@colopex.com](mailto:exhibit-chair@colopex.com). For all other matters regarding COLOPEX 2024, email [info@colopex.com](mailto:info@colopex.com) or mail your question to COLOPEX 2024 at PO Box 20582, Columbus, OH 43220-0582.
18. Note that exhibit entry entitles the exhibitor to **free entry** to the Awards Breakfast on June 1.

