

BNAPEX 2023 Halifax
Best Western Dartmouth, 15 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth NS, B3B 1X7, Canada
15-17 September 2023

Exhibition Rules and Regulations

Who may enter: Only members in good standing of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) may enter exhibits in the BNAPS National Competitive Classes 2, 3 and 4. Court of Honour (Class 1) exhibits are by invitation only.

What may be entered: Philatelic material mailed within and from British North America, i.e. Canada, its pre-Confederation Provinces and Territories. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. **NB:** An exhibit of philatelic material mailed to British North America from other countries **MAY** be acceptable. Please **first** consult the Exhibit Committee, which may in turn consult the BNAPS Judging Committee. For an exhibit of mail from a foreign destination to Canada to qualify as a "BNA exhibit" at a BNAPEX, the material must show a significant proportion of BNA content such as BNA rate markings (i.e. conversions from foreign rate markings, if applicable) and BNA transit or forwarding postmarks either from a fixed location or railway post offices or BNA paquebot offices, and/or BNA "Instructional Markings" (e.g. handstamps directing passage of mail within BNA) or auxiliary postmarks (e.g. DLO) and/or BNA Postage due stamps or markings.

Exhibit Classification:

Class 1: Court of Honour Exhibits (by invitation only)

Class 2: Competitive Multi-Frame Exhibits

Class 3: Competitive One-Frame Exhibits

Class 4: Youth (21 years or younger as of 1 January 2023)

Frame Limits – Competitive Frames – Maximum 160 in Exhibition

- **Initial Acceptance Period (approx. 15 February to 30 April 2023):** Exhibitors will be limited to a maximum of two (2) multiple-frame entries in Class 2 totalling a maximum of eight (8) frames, and a maximum of one (1) one-frame entry in Class 3, OR two (2) one-frame entries in Class 3. Entries in Class 2 shall consist of not less than two frames. No exceptions to the 8-frame total limit in Class 2 will be allowed. In the Initial Acceptance Period, a maximum of nine 8-frame exhibits will be allowed and a minimum of twelve frames will be reserved for 1-frame exhibits, with the balance of 76 frames available for 1-to-7 frame exhibits. On 30 April 2023, applications received will be processed in sequence based on their mailing date or e-mailing date, with frames allocated according to the limits above.
- **Subsequent Acceptance period (1 May to 25 July 2023):** If frame space is available after 30 April 2023 additional applications will be accepted, again in sequence based on their mailing date or e-mailing date. Preference will be given to applicants who have not already had exhibits accepted for the show. In Class 2, additional 8-frame exhibits may be accepted but only if no other applications for exhibits requiring fewer frames are on hand. No individual exhibit will be allowed more than eight (8) frames under any circumstances. Entries in Class 3 shall consist of one frame only. All entries must consist of complete frames of 16 (8.5" x 11") pages or equivalent if oversized material is included.

All exhibit entries must consist of complete frames of 16 (8.5" x 11") pages or equivalent if oversized material is included. Exhibit pages must be in transparent page protectors, ideally closed on three sides, and numbered on the back in sequential order to aid in the correct mounting of the exhibit. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to place exhibit frames according to its own plan. No entry that has received a previous BNAPEX Grand Award may compete in Class 2. **Note:** Single frame exhibits on closely related subjects submitted by the same exhibitor may be treated as a multi-frame exhibit at the discretion of the jury.

Jury: Three or four experienced judges, all members of BNAPS, will be appointed by BNAPS. Nonvoting apprentice judges may also be appointed. The judges' decisions on awards will, in all cases, be final. No officiating judge may enter a competitive entry in the exhibition. Classes 2, 3 and 4 will be judged at a National level (BNAPS) for the purpose of awards. Any exhibit may be reclassified at the discretion of the judges.

Insurance & Liability: The exhibitor is solely responsible for all insurance for the exhibit described on the entry form. The host committee will provide security for the exhibits during the time they are on display or in the hands of the committee. **By submitting an exhibit application, the Exhibitor is agreeing not to hold BNAPEX 2023**

Halifax, British North America Philatelic Society, Nova Scotia Stamp Club, Best Western Hotels, or any of the volunteers, members, committees, officers or employees of the above organizations liable for damage or loss of any kind or for any reason whatsoever.

Exhibit Entry: Entries will be accepted according to the frame limits noted above.

Exhibit entry forms for BNAPEX 2023 will be mailed to members with *BNA Topics* first quarter 2023 issue, which should arrive by 15 February 2023. (Because of our mailing process, overseas and U.S. copies of *BNA Topics* are received almost simultaneously with Canadian copies.)

Electronic versions of the entry form (pdf), and Title/Plan (pdf) and Synopsis (pdf) are preferred with entry fees to follow. If sending physical copies, one copy each of the Title/Plan page and Synopsis will be required.

Entry forms: No exhibit will be accepted until the prescribed entry fee has been received in full.

Entry Fees: Class 2: Adult Multi Frame (2+, max. 8) – CAD\$ 25.00 per frame
Class 3: Adult One Frame – CAD\$ 25.00 per frame.
Class 4: Youth – No charge.

Entry package: Electronic copies can be sent to bnapexExhibits@bnaps.org. Physical copies must be sent by post office mail or courier to:

**BNAPEX 2023 Halifax Exhibits Committee
c/o Sean Weatherup
29 Hallmark Avenue
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia B4C 3P7 Canada**

together with your cheque or money order in Canadian dollars made out to “NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB” or Interac e-Transfer to “keithmackay@eastlink.ca”. **PayPal is not accepted.** If you have any payment questions, please contact the Exhibits Committee for assistance. All entries will be acknowledged, but acknowledgement does not constitute acceptance for exhibition unless so stated. Additional entry forms may be photocopied, requested from the committee or found on the BNAPEX 2023 website.

Delivery: Exhibits not delivered in person or by proxy must be received by the Exhibits Committee at the above address before 10 September 2023. Please indicate method of delivery on the entry form. All exhibits being delivered in person to the **Best Western Dartmouth** should be brought for exhibit mounting **Thursday evening, 14 September, between the hours of 5 pm and 9 pm.** Late arrivals can be accommodated between **8 am and 9 am on Friday morning.** The Exhibit opens at 10 am Friday morning. Judging may begin on Thursday evening and continue on Friday.

Return: The Exhibition **will close at 3 pm on Sunday, 17 September.** The Awards Banquet is Sunday evening, beginning at 7 pm. For security reasons no exhibit or part thereof may be dismantled before the close of the exhibition and until all visitors have cleared the exhibit area. Exhibitors, or their authorized agents, must present proper proof of identity to obtain the exhibits from the Exhibition Committee. Exhibits not claimed in person will be returned at the expense of the owner as soon as possible after the close of the exhibition in the manner directed by the owner. Prepayment and explicit instructions for return must be enclosed with the entry form. Please allow sufficient time for processing before making inquiries.

Authority: Any and all questions that may arise concerning the Exhibition, which are not provided for by the Prospectus, Rules and Regulations, other than Jury decisions, shall be decided by the Exhibition Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.

Questions: Questions should be directed to **Sean Weatherup** at the address above or by email to: bnapexExhibits@bnaps.org.