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BNAPS Convention Exhibit Frame Limits

Following BNAPEX 2008 in Halifax, the maximum number of frames available to exhibitors at future BNAPEX shows was set at 160*. The reason for this was to set reasonable limits on the time required for Judges to complete their tasks, and to optimize their ability to evaluate all entries properly.

At Kingston in 2009 BNAPS Judging Committee Chairman Bill Walton and Committee Member Mike Street met with interested exhibitors to discuss the subject of limits on individual exhibits at future BNAPEX shows. The discussion was lively, with some exhibitors strongly against any limits being placed on the number of frames allocated for a single exhibit. It was decided to leave things as they were for another year and review the matter after the 2010 Victoria convention.

At Halifax the 218 available frames were taken up by 46 individual exhibits submitted by 39 individual exhibitors. At Kingston the 148 available frames were taken up by 35 individual exhibits submitted by 32 individual exhibitors. At Victoria the 160 available frames were taken up by 30 individual exhibits (including five 10-frame exhibits, one 9-frame exhibit and four 8-frame exhibits) submitted by 27 individual exhibitors.

Unfortunately, some 30 exhibitors were turned away from the Victoria exhibit because their applications arrived after the 160 available frames had been allocated. Since BNAPS wants to increase participation in annual conventions, not discourage it, the Judging Committee reviewed the subject and felt obliged to make changes.

During the review it was pointed out that at Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) international show exhibitors are limited to five frames until they have achieved a Large Vermeil, and to eight frames after achieving that level of award. Since many exhibits shown at BNAPEX go on to the International level, it has been decided that at future BNAPEXes exhibits will be limited to a maximum of eight frames. Depending on demand, there may also be a limit on the number of eight frame exhibits in a show and on the number of exhibits an individual may submit. In addition, to encourage broad exhibitor participation and ensure fairness, there will be an initial acceptance period during which applications will be received. Frames will not be allocated until the end of that period. In 2024 the system will work as follows:

Competitive Frames – Maximum 160

- Initial Acceptance Period (10 February to 1 May 2024): 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 1 May 2024 applications received will be processed in sequence based on their submission date, with frames allocated according to the limits above and confirmations of acceptance issued to exhibitors.

- Subsequent Acceptance period (2 May to 23 June 2024): If frame space is available after 1 May 2024 additional applications will be accepted, again in sequence based on their 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 pages are used or included.

- **Please** submit BNAPEX2024 exhibit Application Forms, Title Pages and Synopses online and pay for exhibit entries on the BNAPEX web site [www.bnaps.org, click on BNAPEX button for instructions]. Exhibitors who do not have Internet access will receive the entry form in the Q1 Topics in February 2024

* Additional frames, if physically available, may be allocated by the local BNAPEX organizing committee for a non-competitive Court of Honour, for special displays or for a separate National or Regional level exhibition.

The BNAPEX Frame Limits outlined above will be reviewed after BNAPEX and subsequent conventions, and changes made as required.