



ORAPEX Exhibitor Rules

**CURLING RINK, RA CENTRE
2451 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA**

Participation is open to all philatelists in the following classes:

General Class

- a) Traditional philately
- b) Postal History
- c) Aerophilately
- d) Astrophilately
- e) Postal Stationery
- f) First Day Covers
- g) Revenue
- h) Advertising, Patriotic & Event Covers
- i) Maximaphily
- j) Display
- k) Cinderella
- l) Thematic
- m) Picture Postcards
- n) Topical
- o) Experimental
- p) Court of Honour, Non-Competitive Classes**
- q) Regional Class**
- r) One Frame Class**
- s) Youth Class**

1. Each exhibitor, by signing an entry form, indicates his/her willingness to abide by the rules of the exhibition.
2. All competitive entries must be the property of the exhibitor, or a family member resident with the exhibitor, who will so declare on the entry form.
3. Exhibitors shall enter their exhibit in the proper class. The jury, at its discretion, may transfer an exhibit, if incorrectly entered.
4. An entry may be eligible for multiple awards. In addition to the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) medals, many society and other awards will be available to the jury. RPSC medals will be awarded for one frame exhibits.
5. Exhibit frames accommodate 16 standard size 8½" x 11" pages. **The entry fee is \$15.00 per frame in all classes except One Frame Class (\$25.00), Youth Class (\$5.00 per exhibit), and Regional Class (\$5.00 per frame).** All exhibits must be in protective sleeves. These fees are

payable in advance and must accompany the entry form the exhibit title page and synopsis If you are mailing in your exhibit, please include enough postage for exhibit return and indicate how you wish it returned, otherwise it will be returned by express collect.

6. The exhibit committee reserves the right to reject, restrict or limit the number of frames allowed an exhibitor and/or entry. Exhibitors will initially be allowed a maximum of one multi-frame and one single frame exhibit. They may request additional frames for exhibits, if there are still unallocated frames by the entry form deadline.
7. Exhibitors may deliver their exhibits directly to the exhibition hall **between 3 pm & 8 pm on the Friday of the show weekend**. The exhibition hall is the Curling Rink of the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
8. Although stringent precautions against theft, damage, or other mishaps are taken, no responsibility shall attach to the ORAPEX Organizing Committee, the RA Stamp Club, the RA Centre, the RPSC, their agents, officers, employees, voluntary or paid assistants, or any other person authorized to perform any tasks in connection with the exhibits. Insurance is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor since all exhibits are entered and received at the risk of the exhibitor.
9. A panel of judges, accredited by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, will decide on the allocation of awards. This allocation of awards is at the sole discretion of the judges, and their decision is final.

Comparison of the old and new medal levels and point ranges (as of January 1st, 2017):

Previous medal level	Previous points range	New medal level	New points range
Gold	85-100	Large Gold	90-100
		Gold	85-89
Vermeil	75-84	Large Vermeil	80-84
		Vermeil	75-79
Silver	65-74	Large Silver	70-74
		Silver	65-69
Silver-Bronze	60-64	Silver-Bronze	60-64
Bronze	55-59	Bronze	55-59
Certificate	0-54	Certificate	0-54

New medal levels and point ranges for the youth category (as of January 1st, 2017):

Large Gold: 85-100, Gold: 80-84, Large Vermeil: 75-79, Vermeil: 70-74, Large Silver: 65-69, Silver Bronze: 55-64, Bronze: 45-54, Certificate: 0-44.

10. The decision of the ORAPEX Organizing Committee concerning any and all exhibition matters shall be final. All awards will be granted in accordance with the judged merits of the exhibits independently of any other exhibits.
11. Although exhibitors are free to mount their own exhibits, they must first contact the ORAPEX Organizing Committee before doing so.
12. Any exhibit which has won a Grand Award at ORAPEX can only be re-entered in a subsequent show's Court of Honour or Non-Competitive Classes, unless it has been extensively revised.
13. The multi-frame Grand will be eligible for entrance in the summer APS annual Champion of Champions competition; the single-frame Grand will be eligible for entry to the AAPE One-Frame Champion of Champions competition (providing there are at least five single-frame competitive exhibits); and the Youth Grand will be eligible for entry to the APS Youth Champion of Champions competition (providing there are at least three competitive youth exhibits).
14. The exhibits will be removed in a timely manner once the show closes and the hall emptied at approximately 4:15 pm on the last day of the show. Exhibitors will not be allowed to remove their exhibits prior to that time. All exhibitors must sign-out their exhibits at takedown time.