

BNAPS Convention Exhibit Frame Limits BNAPEX 2018 VILLE DE QUÉBEC – QUEBEC CITY

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 exhibitor 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 La Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) international shows 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.

The system works as follows:

- **Number of competitive frames**
The total number of competitive frames will be limited to 160.

- **Initial Acceptance Period (approx. 15 February to 14 April 2018)**
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 **15 April 2018**, applications received will be processed in sequence based on their mailing date, with frames allocated according to the limits above.

- **Subsequent Acceptance period (15 April to 30 June 2018)**

If frame space is available after 15 April 2018, 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 × 11) pages or equivalent if oversized material is included.

For BNAPEX 2018, exhibit application forms will be mailed to members with the first quarter 2018 issue of *BNA Topics*, which should arrive by 15 February 2018. (Because of our mailing process, overseas and U.S. copies of *BNA Topics* are received almost simultaneously with Canadian copies.) Ten days after *BNA Topics* is mailed, the application form will also be posted on the BNAPEX web site [www.bnaps.org, click on BNAPEX button]. **Completed applications with payment, title page and synopsis, must be returned by post office mail or courier.** Exhibit entry applications sent by email will not be accepted.

The BNAPEX frame limits outlined above will be reviewed after each of the 2017 and subsequent conventions, and changes made as required.

* Additional frames, if physically available, may be allocated by the BNAPEX organizing committee for non-competitive Court of Honour, special displays or for a separate exhibit organized by a club hosting BNAPEX.