

CHICAGOPEX 2023 / AAPE AmeriStamp Expo - Philatelic Exhibitor's Prospectus
Our 137th Anniversary **November 17-19, 2023**

Rules and Regulations Governing Philatelic Exhibits - CHICAGOPEX is a World Series of Philately Exhibition. All WSP rules apply.

1. **Each prospective exhibitor must submit an entry application, properly signed and completed, accompanied by one copy of the title page of the exhibit and synopsis. These may be sent electronically.** Neither the exhibitor's name nor any other personally identifiable information should be included on the title page or the synopsis. A separate application must be submitted for each entry. Each exhibit must be the property of the exhibitor. The CHICAGOPEX Philatelic Exhibits Committee will decide whether an application is accepted or rejected; no reason need be given for a rejection. Decisions of the Committee are final.
2. Exhibits can be mounted on any size sheets, encased in transparent sheet protectors for mounting in the frames. CHICAGOPEX frames have an inside display dimension of 35" wide, 56³/₄" high and 1/2" deep (88'145'1cm). Each frame will hold 16 pages of size 9"x11¹/₂" (22.5x 28cm) or smaller, in four rows of four pages each. Eight 11"x 17" pages can be used. Larger pages can be accommodated with prior notice and approval by the Committee.
3. The entry fee is \$15 per exhibit plus \$10 per frame, except for applicants under the age of 21 for whom the fee is only \$1 per frame. The Exhibits Committee reserves the right to limit the number of frames per exhibit to the available space, or to refund entry fees of exhibits which in the opinion of the Exhibits Committee cannot be accommodated. Failure to exhibit after an entry has been accepted will cause forfeiture of all entry fees.
4. A panel of APS accredited judges will act as jury. The decisions of the jury shall be final. The Grand Award recipient will be eligible to participate in the APS' "Champion of Champions" World Series of Philately.
5. **Exhibits will be mounted on the evening of Thursday, November 16, between 3:00pm and 6:30pm.** After the exhibitor checks in at the Exhibits Committee table, a member of the Chicago Philatelic Society will assist the exhibitor with mounting his or her exhibit.
6. **No exhibit may be removed prior to the close of the exhibition on Sunday, November 19, at 3:00pm.** Travel plans should be made accordingly. Please note that our show site is at least 30 minutes from O'Hare Airport.
7. **The application deadline is September 15, 2023.** Notice of acceptance or disallowance will be made no later than September 30, 2023.
8. Mailed in exhibits must be sent prepaid, and will be returned at the expense of the owner. Only mail via **USPS** will be accepted. **Mailed in exhibits must be sent so that they will arrive between Friday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 14, to the address supplied in the acceptance letter.** We welcome exhibits from overseas collectors, but are unable to deal with customs matters; we therefore suggest that you secure a third party to act as "Commissioner" for such exhibits.
9. Exhibitor must arrange for private insurance during transit to and from the exhibition, and at the exhibition itself.
10. Due precautions will be taken to protect exhibits against loss or damage, including security guards on 24-hour duty. No responsibility of any kind or character shall attach, however, to CHICAGOPEX, the Chicago Philatelic Society, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, the Westin Chicago Northwest, or to any of their officers, agents, members or employees, for any loss, damage or costs arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.
11. Exhibitor's signature on the application constitutes acceptance of the Rules and Regulations in this prospectus.

Awards

Regular Awards: CHICAGOPEX is an "Open Class" competitive exhibition. An unlimited number of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze, Bronze medals and Certificates of Participation will be made available to the jury. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits, regardless of the classification.

Special Awards: CHICAGOPEX Grand (Bernard Hennig Award), Reserve Grand (Felix Ganz Award), CPS/AAPE Single-Frame Grand and two Reserve Grands, and Best Youth Exhibit award (Bette & Ralph Herdenberg Award); **Chicago Philatelic Society Awards:** Best Exhibit by a CPS member, other than the Grand or Reserve Grand; Best Exhibit by a First Time Exhibitor at National Level; other awards, including APS, AAPE and specialty society awards will be made available as determined by the Awards Committee.