



Prospectus and Entry Form
2026 Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition
January 16, 17, 18, 2026
At the Sarasota Sahib Shrine Event Center
600 North Beneva Road
Sarasota, Florida 34232
An American Philatelic Society World Series Show
Rules and Regulations Covering the Exhibit

Eligibility

1. The Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition (SNSE) is open to all collectors, regardless of philatelic affiliation, who conform to the rules contained in this Prospectus. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to reject any Exhibit in whole or in part, and refund all fees, without giving reasons.
2. All material exhibited must be owned by the person whose name appears on the Official Entry Form.
3. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at a previous SNSE, the APS Champion of Champions, an National or International Grand Prix, or three International large gold medals are ineligible to compete..
4. Youth exhibitors must be under 21 on January 1, 2026, and have never exhibited as an adult.
5. Exhibitor's name will appear in the Program as per their instructions on the Official Entry Form.

Frames and Floor Plan

1. The exhibition will consist of approximately 140 frames.
2. Exhibits will be mounted in standard AMERIPEX type aluminum frames which hold 16 pages (up to 9 x 12 inches) in four rows of four (or equivalent).
3. When mounted every effort will be made to insure that no exhibit will be split between rows, or turn a corner.
4. The Committee reserves the right to place exhibits according to its own plan, and its decision is final.

Exhibits

1. Adult multi-frame exhibits must comprise a minimum of two frames with a maximum of ten frames. Youth exhibits must comprise a minimum of one frame with a maximum of five frames. One frame adult exhibits are entered in a separate class.
2. An exhibitor may request consideration of more than one exhibit providing a separate Official Entry Form is submitted for each exhibit. ***No more than two exhibits will be accepted from the same person.***
3. The exhibit must be mounted on pages numbered on the back in sequential order. Each page must be enclosed in a transparent sheet protector, preferably closed on three sides.
4. Forgeries must be so identified; failure to do so may result in the exhibit being disqualified.
5. Exhibits must not show ownership or identification, although names & addresses are permissible on covers.

Security and Liability

1. Due precaution will be taken to guard exhibits against loss or damage, including 24 hour security at the Sahib Shrine Event Center. However, no liability shall attach to the Sarasota Philatelic Club, Inc. ; the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition: the Sahib Shriners (owner of the exhibition hall); or anyone connected with the show.
2. Insurance of any material is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor and should include time in transit, storage, and while the exhibition is in progress.

Judging and Awards

1. The Committee will appoint a panel of no fewer than five APS accredited judges and an appropriate number of apprentice judges, with a Chief Judge presiding over the panel.
2. Judging will be on an open Competition basis. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits, against accepted standards of philatelic achievement, and in accordance with the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting -7th Edition. The decisions of the judges are final and without appeal.
3. Exhibits will be judged on the basis of eight levels of award : Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver/Bronze, and Bronze. There will be no limitation on the number of awards that may be made at any level.
4. The Committee will make every effort to obtain special awards and make them available to the jury.
5. A Grand award will be given to the multi-frame exhibit determined by the judges to be the best in the General Class. A Reserve Grand award will be given to the next best exhibit. A Single Frame Grand Award will be give to the best exhibit in the Single Frame Class.
6. The winners of the Grand Awards shall be eligible for, and are expected to enter, the respective APS/AAPE Champion-of-Champions competition.

All awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet, Saturday, January 17, 2026

Fees and Entry Procedures

1. Entry must be made on the Official Entry Form supplied by the Committee, accompanied by all fees paid in full. The exhibit entry fee is \$30.00 for a one frame exhibit and \$15.00 per frame for adult exhibits of two or more frames and no frame charge for youths. **Entry application, accompanied by fees in FULL, must be received no later than November 1, 2025 either electronically (preferred) or by USPS.** As exhibit space is usually at a premium, early application is recommended. There will be no refund of frame fees for exhibits withdrawn after December 1, 2025.
2. Whether the exhibit entry form is submitted electronically (recommended) or by USPS, each entry must be accompanied by a title page and/or a synopsis (pdf if electronic). The Title Page/ Synopsis should be no more than one (1) page (both sides is fine); these will be posted on the SNSE website for the judges prior to the show to aid them in understanding the exhibit. Subsequent updates are accepted.
3. For exhibits to be returned by mail, full anticipated postage, and insurance fees, must be remitted with the application. Exhibits will only be returned through the USPS.
4. All applications will be processed on an “as received” basis. Exhibits will be returned as soon as possible after the close of the show in the manner dictated by the owner. A list of award winners will be sent with each mailed exhibit.
5. Signature on the Entry Form constitutes acceptance of these RULES & REGULATIONS

Logistics

1. Mailed-in exhibits must be sent prepaid. Exhibits should be sent to: SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, P.O. BOX 20625, Bradenton, FL 34204, and they should arrive between January 2 and January 11, 2026.
2. Exhibitors should not enclose any messages with mailed-in exhibits other than reminders of special mounting instructions, if applicable, since the packages will not be opened until mounting begins.
3. Exhibits will be mounted by owner, agent, or a club member on Thursday January 15, 2026 between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. No Exhibit will be mounted on Friday morning without prior approval of the Committee.
4. Exhibits will be dismounted as soon as the hall has been cleared and secured following the conclusion of the show on Sunday, January 18, 2026 (approximately 3:00 pm). For security reasons no exhibit will be dismounted earlier (and travel plans should be made accordingly).
5. The order in which exhibits are dismounted is at the sole discretion of the Committee.