

Exhibitors Prospectus
MILCOPEX 2026 – September 25-26, 2026, Milwaukee, Wis.
American Philatelic Society - World Series of Philately Show (APS/WSP)
Brookfield Conference Center (BCC)
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility

1. This exhibition is open to all collectors, regardless of society affiliation or place of residence, who conform to the rules contained in this Prospectus. The Exhibit Committee (Committee) reserves the right to reject any Exhibit in whole or in part, and refund all fees, without giving reasons.
2. Consistent with the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting (7th ed. 2016, revised August 2025) (MOJ), exhibits need not fall within any of the conventional exhibit types.
3. Exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and the preparation of the exhibit must represent the owner's efforts.
4. Exhibits that have won the APS Champion of Champions, a National or International Grand Prix, or three International large gold medals are ineligible to compete.
5. Youth exhibitors must be under 21 on September 24, 2026, and have never exhibited as an adult.

Frames and Floor Plan

6. The exhibition will consist of between 100 and 125 frames.
7. 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).
8. When mounted, every effort will be made to ensure that no exhibit will be split between rows, or turn a corner.
9. The Committee reserves the right to place exhibits according to its own plan, and its decision is final.

Exhibits

10. Adult multi-frame exhibits must comprise a minimum of two frames with a maximum of ten frames.
11. Youth exhibits must comprise a minimum of one frame with a maximum of five frames.
12. One frame adult exhibits are entered in a separate class.
13. 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 multi-frame and two single frame competitive exhibits will be accepted from the same person.
14. 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.

15. Exhibits that require special frames or configurations of frames require approval of the Exhibits Chair.
16. Exhibits should not show on their face any identifying marks of ownership aside from names on the covers.

Security and Liability

17. 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. Every precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. BCC has security personnel who patrol the outside premises of the building. The doors to the BCC are electronically secured. However, no liability shall attach to MILCOPEX, the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc., sponsors, the Brookfield Conference Center, or their officers, members, volunteers, or employees for loss or damages.

Judging and Awards

18. The Committee has appointed a panel of three APS accredited judges (jury).
19. 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 ed. 2016, revised August 2025). The decisions of the judges are final and without appeal.
20. 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.
21. The Committee may obtain special awards and make them available to the jury.
22. 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 given to the best exhibit in the Single Frame Class. A Most Popular Award will be given based on popular vote of those attending in person. Awards from philatelic organizations will be sought.
23. The winners of the adult Grand Awards shall be eligible for, and are expected to enter, the respective APS Champion-of-Champions competition.

Fees and Entry Procedures

24. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received no later than June 1, 2026, or until such time as all frames have been fully subscribed. If in doubt about availability of frame space Contact:
maryann15b@mac.com : MaryAnn Bowman, PO Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187
25. Entry must be made on the MILCOPEX 2026 Official Entry Form supplied (attached) by the Committee, accompanied by all fees paid in full. Exhibit space is usually at a premium, early application is recommended. Each exhibitor will be notified of its acceptance or rejection within 10 days after the receipt of the complete application with Required Attachments.

Required Attachments: Three (3) copies each of a Title Page (required) and a Synopsis (recommended) of the exhibit must accompany the Official Entry Form. PDF SCANS of

your title page, synopsis, and any important but hard to find research materials may be emailed: maryann15b@mac.com

Send Entry Form Application and fees and Required Attachments to:
MaryAnn Bowman, PO Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187

Subsequent updates are accepted till August 1, 2026.

26. Failure to show after an exhibit has been accepted forfeits the entry fee.
27. Exhibitor's name will appear in the Program as per their instructions on the Official Entry Form.
28. Signature on the Entry Form constitutes acceptance of these RULES & REGULATIONS.

Logistics

29. Exhibitors will be notified of where and when to send exhibits to be submitted by mail for mounting by the Committee.
30. Exhibits must be forwarded prepaid. Exhibits will be returned promptly after closing of the show. Instructions for the return of the Exhibit, along with adequate postage and wrapping costs must accompany the entry form. No exhibit will be returned until prepayment of postage is made. If insufficient funds are provided to return exhibits as specified, exhibits will be returned by insured priority mail at owner's expense.
- 31. If personally delivering exhibits ensure exhibitor (or Agent) coordinates exhibit receipt and mounting with Exhibits Chair.** Personally delivered exhibits will be received and mounted at the Exhibition during setup Friday, September 25, 9:00 – 9:30 AM CT
- 32.** Those personally calling for exhibits may receive them on Saturday, September 26, 2026, after 4 PM. No exhibit will be removed until the exhibit area is cleared of all visitors.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Exhibitors/Agents SHALL check in with Exhibits Chair and wait for approval to dismount exhibits.
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- Exhibitors/Agents SHALL sign a receipt at the time of exhibit pickup.

Miscellaneous

33. The Exhibit Committee in their sole and absolute discretion shall decide any and all questions that may arise concerning the Exhibition and not provided for by these RULES & REGULATIONS.

End.