

Exhibitors Prospectus - APS/WSP Exhibits
MILCOPEX 2024 – June 14 &15, 2024 Milwaukee, Wis.
APS World Series of Philately Show
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 Oct. 2019) (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. No exhibit which has won the NTSS Grand Award in the last five years shall be eligible for the current Grand Award unless extensively rewritten.
5. Youth exhibitors must be under 21 on June 14, 2024, and have never exhibited as an adult.

Frames and Floor Plan

1. The exhibition will consist of between 100 and 125 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 ensure 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 multi-frame and two single frame competitive 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. Exhibits that require special frames or configurations of frames require approval of the Exhibits Chair.
5. Exhibits should not show on their face any identifying marks of ownership aside from names on the covers.

Security and Liability

1. 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. BBC 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 the 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

1. The Committee has appointed a panel of three APS accredited judges (jury).
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 ed. 2016, revised Oct. 2019). 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 may 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 given to the best exhibit in the Single Frame Class. A Most Popular Award will be given based on popular vote.
6. 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

1. Entry must be made on the Official Entry Form supplied (attached) by the Committee, accompanied by all fees paid in full. As exhibit space is usually at a premium, early application is recommended. Each exhibitor will be notified of its acceptance or rejection within 30 days after the receipt of the complete application with required attachments.
2. 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 to the MILCOPEX 2024 Exhibits Chair. Subsequent updates are accepted till May 17, 2024.
3. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received no later than May 1, 2024, or until such time as all frames have been fully subscribed. Contact the Exhibits Chair if in doubt about availability of frames.

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

Logistics

1. Exhibitors will be notified of where and when to send exhibits to be submitted by mail for mounting by the Committee.
2. 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 owners expense.
3. Personally delivered exhibits will be received and mounted at the Exhibition during setup Thursday, June 13, 1:30 to 4:30 PM and Friday, June 14, 7:00-9:00 AM. If personally delivering exhibits ensure exhibitor (or Agent) coordinates exhibit receipt and mounting with Exhibits Chair.
4. Those personally calling for exhibits may receive them on Saturday, June 15, 2024, after the show closes. No exhibit will be removed until the exhibit area is cleared of all visitors. Exhibitors must wait in the reception area until their numbers are called if they are dismantling their own exhibits, and must sign a receipt at the time of exhibit pickup.
5. Exhibitors may discuss arrangements by telephone with Exhibits Chair

Miscellaneous

1. The Exhibition 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 and regulations.

MILCOPEX 2024 EXHIBITS CHAIR

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MILCOPEX 2024
EXHIBITOR'S APPLICATION
 APS World Series of Philately Show
 Brookfield Convention Center, Brookfield, WI
 June 14 & 15, 2024

Return This Application by Mail to:
MILCOPEX 2024 Exhibits Chair:
 Blayne Kirsch, P.O. BOX 131
 Trevor, WI 53179
 or email: Blayne_Kirsch@icloud.com
 Phone: (262) 220-1883

Application due: May 1, 2024 (or when Frames are filled)
A separate Entry form is required for each exhibit.

Three (3) copies of your title page and/or synopsis required by **May 1, 2024**.
 E-mail PDF scans of title page, synopsis, & important but hard to locate materials to Exhibits Chair.

TITLE OF YOUR EXHIBIT: _____

Exhibit Description (20 words or less): _____

Multiframe? ____ Single Frame? ____ Youth? ____ If Youth, date of birth: _____

Has the exhibitor previously exhibited at a WPS show? ____

____ I or my agent _____ will personally deliver my exhibit.

____ I will ship my exhibit via _____

____ I will personally pick up my exhibit after the show

____ Return my exhibit by: _____ Insurance Requested \$ _____

Open exhibit adult: \$15 per exhibit = \$ 15.00

PLUS ____ frames X \$10.00 per frame = \$ _____

Open exhibit youth: ____ frames (no charge) = \$ no charge

Return postage and insurance fee, if applicable = \$ _____

OPTIONAL: Donation to MILCOPEX 2024 = \$ _____

- offset judging/MILCOPEX 2024 expenses

TOTAL REMITTANCE ENCLOSED: = \$ _____

Make checks payable to Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip code: _____

I have read, understand, and willingly comply with all the rules and regulations for exhibiting at MILCOPEX 2024. I understand that I will be responsible for insuring my exhibit, and will not hold the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc., sponsors, Brookfield Conference Center, or their officers, members or employees, volunteers liable for loss or damages to this exhibit. I understand that the time and date when my exhibit must be in the hands of the Exhibit Chair will be provided to me after my exhibit is accepted and I will comply with that deadline. I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and hereby release and agree to hold harmless the judges and the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Received:	Acknowledge Receipt:	Exhibit #:
		Frame #(s):

DO NOT SIGN THIS PAGE NOW.

To be signed upon return of your exhibit after the show closes.

To Whom it May Concern:

I, the undersigned owner or owner's agent, certify that I have received my or the owner's exhibit from MILCOPEX 2024 in good condition and, as a result, have no claims against the MILCOPEX 2024 Committee, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Inc. sponsors, Brookfield Conference Center, or their officers, members or employees, volunteers liable for loss or damages to this exhibit.

Owner or Agent

Date

Mail to:

MILCOPEX 2024 Exhibits Chair:

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