



# Poway Stamp Club

## Proposed Code of Ethics

Membership in the Poway Stamp Club is a privilege extended to those persons deemed worthy thereof and is not a matter of right. Membership may be maintained unless the Board of Directors, with guidance from the bylaws, determines that the conduct of a member has been such that, in the best interest of the Club, membership should be suspended or terminated.

This code of ethics has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Poway Stamp Club by the authority vested in it by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club. A breach of ethics by any member reflects poorly upon all other members and shall be considered conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Club and cause for disciplinary action by the Board.

As a member of the Poway Stamp Club:

1. You agree to support and be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Code of Ethics including any amendments, resolutions, and policies that may be established.
2. You agree to abide by all federal, state and local laws relating to your conduct in philatelic matters.
3. You agree to conduct yourself in a manner that does not bring reproach or discredit to the Poway Stamp Club.
4. You agree not to conduct transactions with the Poway Stamp Club or its members that could bring into question your integrity and to avoid “self-dealing” in all instances.  
**Definition:** Self-dealing is when someone in a position of trust uses their role to benefit personally from a transaction that should serve the interests of the membership, essentially acting in their own interest rather than the Club’s creating a Conflict of Interest.
5. You agree not to abuse your membership privilege by:
  - a. Buying or selling philatelic items of which the ownership is in question or questionable;
  - b. Knowingly selling, producing, or advertising counterfeit material in any form;
  - c. Refusing to fulfill all contract obligations either oral or written, and/or refusing to make prompt payments upon delivery and/or refusing to promptly return any item that is not satisfactory.

- d. Substituting stamps, covers and/or other philatelic items that have been provided to you for review without first obtaining permission of the owner.
  - e. Intentionally failing to inform appropriate individuals when you are aware of an error that you may have made in a transaction.
  - f. Taking items that do not belong to you during meetings or other Club sponsored events.
  - g. Using deceptive practices in the advertisement, sale or trade of any philatelic materials including false or misleading claims of scarcity, value, condition or investment potential.
- 6. You agree that any dispute concerning philatelic transactions in which you are involved will be settled by binding arbitration through JAMS San Diego.
  - 7. You agree that should you be found guilty of unethical or unlawful conduct, the record thereof may be disclosed to other philatelic societies or clubs of which you are a member.
  - 8. You agree to conduct yourself in accordance with accepted standards of morality and courtesy in philatelic activities whether or not specifically cited in the code.
  - 9. You agree that you have read and understand all of the terms and agree to be bound by these terms.