

Frugal Philately

Experimental Guidelines for Frugal Philately

"Frugal Philately Class" is a new exhibition class which concentrates on the criteria of treatment, importance, knowledge, research and condition. There are limiting criteria with respect to the value of items included. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for collectors to display interesting items and enhance their philatelic skills rather than blunt their cheque books. The availability of such a class will encourage those who are put off exhibiting by the alleged high cost of items needed to compete in the normal classes. It will be purely a national class. The chances of attaining international recognition should be considered remote. Because of the limiting nature of the rules, it is proposed that certificates rather than medals be awarded, but that they be based on the same points spread as other national classes.

Entry Size

Restricted to three to five frames (less would be unrepresentative of the subject: More would suggest an ability to enter a normal class.)

Entry Class

No restriction as to philatelic class, except for Youth and Literature.

Special Conditions

The wholesale value of the exhibit should not exceed \$750 (equal to \$150 per frame or \$10 per sheet. If over \$750 in total, then penalties will apply.

Judging

To be carried out in two stages. Note: The results of each stage will not be revealed to the judging teams until both stages are complete.

First Stage: The entries will be judged by the relevant philatelic class judging team, using all the normal criteria.

Second Stage: The exhibit will be assessed as to its wholesale value. This judging being carried out by a team of three judges, well versed in philatelic valuations and, normally drawn from the philatelic trade, particularly APTA, with at least five years standing. The results of this phase will be to provide a dollar figure of wholesale market value. Judges will assess the normal market value rather than any

enhanced value accruing to the exhibit because of the skills of the exhibitor. This valuation will be available to the exhibitor.

Reconciliation

There will only need to be a reconciliation where the adjudged wholesale value exceeds \$750.00. The reconciliation will be in the form of points deducted from the philatelic score on the following scale:

\$1 - \$60 - loss of one point for each \$20.00 or part thereof;

\$61 - \$200 - loss of one point for each \$10.00 or part thereof;

\$201 upwards - loss of one point for each \$5.00 or part thereof.