

WOKINGHAM & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

RULES FOR THE ANNUAL COMPETITION

CLASSES

Special Classes

1. Advanced
2. Postal History
3. Thematic

General Classes

4. Club
5. Novice
6. Junior

RULES

1. The exhibitor must be a member of the Wokingham & District Philatelic Society.
2. All exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibiting competitor.
3. The exhibitors name must not appear on the exhibit or any indication of the value shown.
4. Exhibits should be mounted on display sheets, not more than 295mm high by 245mm wide, numbered consecutively on the reverse and preferably contained in transparent protectors.
5. Special Classes 1 to 3 shall be 16 sheets; General Classes 4 to 6 shall be 9 sheets.
6. It is now required under Federation Internationale de Philatelie regulations that every exhibit should have an introductory page as the first sheet. This rule applies to the "Special Classes" class 1 to 3.
7. All exhibits will be "judged in frames".
8. The Society does not accept responsibility for material exhibited at meetings.
9. The qualification for entry into the various classes are as follows:
 - a. Advanced Open to all members except:
 - ◆ a member who exhibits in the novice.
 - b. Postal History Open to all members.
 - c. Thematic Open to all members.
 - d. Club Open to all members except:
 - ◆ a member who has been awarded a medal in a national competition.
 - e. Novice Open to all members who have not entered any class in previous years except the open class.
 - f. Junior Only open to members under the age of 18.
10. No entry will be accepted that has won a WDPS trophy.
11. A member may not submit more than two exhibits for any one class. If more than six members enter a class, only one exhibit per member will be accepted.
12. The WDPS competition organiser will appoint the Judges.
13. Should the Judge decide that an exhibit has been wrongly classified, he has the right to move it to a more appropriate class.
14. The Judges will award marks on the following basis:

ADVANCED AND POSTAL HISTORY

Philatelic Knowledge	25%
Personal Study & Research	10%
Treatment	20%
Originality & Philatelic Importance	10%
Relative Condition	10%
Rarity	15%
Presentation, Write Up and Arrangement	10%

THEMATIC

Knowledge, Personal Study, Research;	Thematic	15%	
	Philatelic	15%	30%
Treatment:	Plan	15%	
	Development	15%	
	Originality	5%	35%
Condition			10%
Rarity			15%
Presentation			10%

CLUB AND NOVICE

Philatelic Knowledge			20%
Personal Study & Research			20%
Originality			25%
Condition and Rarity			20%
Presentation, Write Up and Arrangement			15%

JUNIOR

Subject Knowledge			20%
Condition			25%
Presentation			30%
Judge's Discretion			25%

15. The Judges' decision will be final and there will be no appeal.
16. If an exhibitor enters more than one exhibit in a class, the lower marked exhibit will be deemed "unplaced".
17. The winner of each class will be awarded a trophy for one year which must be returned to the Competition Organiser at the meeting preceding the competition, or before.

	Special Classes		General Classes
Advanced:	WDPS Cup	Club:	Franklin Jones Cup
Postal History:	Peter Graham Cup	Novice:	WDPS Cup
Thematic:	WDPS Cup	Junior:	will be awarded a cup to keep.

18. Certificates of Merit will be awarded for the first three places. Certificates of Commendation may be awarded. If there is only one entry, that entrant will receive the trophy and certificate.

NOT APPLICABLE TO JUDGES

OPEN COMPETITION

On Competition Evening there will be an "Open Competition" for any Member of the Society to exhibit a display of up to 9 sheets. The sheets can be of any philatelic subject and are not covered by any of the Club Competition Rules. The Members of the Society will judge the exhibits, on the evening. The winner will be awarded the "Alford Cup" which will be held for one year and must be returned to the Competition Organiser at the meeting preceding the competition, or before.