

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



EXHIBIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. In order to qualify as an O.N.A. competitive exhibitor, you must be a fully accepted current member of the O.N.A. and abide by the following rules and regulations.
2. Exhibits will be accepted only from persons that are members of the O.N.A. during the calendar year of the convention.
3. Exhibits will be divided into the following categories:
 - a. Canadian Coins & Tokens
 - b. Canadian Paper Money, scrip & related paper items
 - c. Canadian Medals, decorations and other numismatic items not media of exchange
 - d. Non-Canadian Coins & Tokens
 - e. Non-Canadian Paper Money, scrip & related paper items
 - f. Non-Canadian Medals, decorations and other numismatic items not media of exchange
 - g. Junior exhibits by persons 16 years old but under 18 years of age
 - h. Juvenile exhibits by persons under 16 years of age
4. Topical exhibits will be allocated to the categories above depending on what the dominant subject matter is within the display.
5. Exhibits will be judged as per the Judges' Guideline Sheet.
6. All exhibits shall be grouped together according to category.
7. The Exhibits Chair can reject any exhibit at any time or determine the category it shall be entered and judged in.
8. The Exhibits Chair will keep a full and complete record of all exhibits showing the exhibitor's name, the exhibitors' number and the number of cases in each entry.
9. The names of competitive exhibitors will not be disclosed to anyone until the judges have completed judging and made their reports to the Head Judge, who will then be given the names of the exhibitors to whom the awards are to be made.
10. Small exhibit identification cards showing the exhibitor's number, number of cases and the category in which the exhibit is entered will be affixed to each case in the lower left corner of the exhibit.
11. Application for exhibit space and/or cases should reach the Exhibit Chair no later than two weeks prior to the start of the convention. All applicants will be given space and cases (if required) in order of receipt so long as they are available. No single exhibit may be entered in more than one category. However, any exhibitor may enter one exhibit in each of several categories. Each exhibitor must designate the group which she/he wishes to enter.
12. No material exhibited will be offered for sale, nor will advertising, in any form, be permitted with any exhibit. The name or identity of any competitive exhibitor will not be allowed to be shown within the exhibit.
13. Any numismatic material, known to be a copy or replica, will not be exhibited; unless such material clearly complies with the ONA Code of Ethics as defined in its By-Laws. If the material is deemed to be in compliance, by the ONA executive, it must be labeled as a copy or replica.
14. Any material known to be forged, spurious, or counterfeit will not be exhibited; unless such material clearly complies with the ONA Code of Ethics as defined in its By-Laws. If the material is deemed to be in compliance, by the ONA executive, it must be clearly labeled as a forgery, spurious, or a counterfeit. If the exhibit is composed solely of such material the title of the exhibit must also include the appropriate wording..

15. All cases must lie flat on the exhibit table, and no material of any kind will be allowed outside the display cases except signs not exceeding the length of one of the cases, and not higher than twelve (12) inches above the exhibit table.
16. Exhibit cases may be supplied by the exhibitor or will be loaned to exhibitors for use at the convention, providing the exhibitor has made known her/his requirements to the Exhibits Chair prior to the Exhibit Application cut-off date (see item 11). The O.N.A. strives to implement the same exhibit case limit as allowed by the R.C.N.A.: "No competitive exhibit will be allowed more than five cases except for paper money where the maximum will be six cases." The Exhibit Chair is authorized to limit the number of displays and the number of display cases used in a single display. This may be necessitated by an insufficient supply of cases available for loan or insufficient exhibit space. Serious exhibitors are urged to submit their Exhibit Application well before the application cut-off date since Exhibit Applications are processed in the order received.
18. Each exhibit case will be closed and locked by the Exhibit Chair or her/his assistant in the owner's presence. The keys will be kept by the Exhibitor until the removal of the exhibit, where cases are supplied by the convention.
19. No exhibit will be removed from the exhibit area prior to the close of the exhibit period which will be set by the Exhibit Chair. **(Consult the convention program of events for official exhibit setup and removal times)**. In cases of special circumstances, permission may be granted by the Exhibits Chair to take from the area before the closing time. Such permission must be in writing so that there is no miscommunication or misunderstanding.
20. Three judges will be appointed by the Head Judge to judge each category. They will have full and final authority to select all first, second and third awards. They will also have the authority to withhold any such award, in any category, where they feel the exhibits are deemed unworthy of an award.
21. After judging is completed, the judges will meet and briefly discuss their results. If their findings are not unanimous as to the order then the judges should discuss or re-evaluate the points awarded, if possible.
22. Judging sheet results may be made available by the Head Judge during the convention if requested by a displayer. The judges' decision shall be final and binding in all cases.
21. Adequate security protection will be provided for the exhibit room during the period of the convention commencing at the time the room is opened to the exhibitors to place their exhibits and continuing until the time that the Exhibits Chair has set by which the exhibits must be removed.
23. The Best of Show award is chosen from the first place awards given in categories A - E. This Best of Show award is officially presented at the O.N.A. convention banquet on Saturday evening of the convention.
24. The Peoples' Choice award is judged by the general public who view the exhibits. Ballots are provided to everyone entering the exhibit area. People can vote for the best exhibit of their choice and place the ballot in the designated box. The Peoples' Choice award is presented at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon of the convention.
25. Awards, in the form of an engraved O.N.A. Convention Medal and a colored award ribbon will be presented to the first, second and third place winners in all categories, plus the Peoples' Choice award and Best of Show award winners.

TO ENTER A COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT

Please complete the Exhibit Application form and mail it to the
O.N.A. Convention address shown on the Exhibit Application form.

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