

BALPEX 2018 Entry Form – August 31 September 1, and 2, 2018

Closing date for entries: August 10, 2018, subject to prior sellout.

Send completed application to:
 BALPEX Entry
 Richard M. Drought
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 Westminster, MD 21157
rmdrought@yahoo.com

After August 1, 2018 applications for BALPEX entries may be submitted by email.

Please enter the following exhibit in the General Class One Frame Class
 Youth Class Two to Three frame exhibit category 23FE.

Title: _____

Number of frames requested: _____ **Description** for Program (be brief, it may be edited as necessary):

Enclose seven (8) copies of your Title/Synopsis page or provide upon acceptance of the exhibit. (Class A, B or C) and payment fees.

My exhibit will be delivered by: myself agent* Express mail Registered mail Commissioner
 My exhibit will be returned by: myself agent* Express mail Priority, Insured Commissioner
The committee will NOT return any exhibit by Registered mail; the packaging requirements are too onerous.

*Name of agent (please print!): _____

Exhibit Fee (N/A for Youth Class and two to three frame exhibits 23FE)	\$ 15.00
Amount enclosed for Frame Fees at \$10.00 per frame. The Youth Class is free	\$
Amount enclosed for Return postage if applicable	\$
Total: Please make out check (in US funds drawn on a US bank) payable to BALPEX 2018:	\$

If you do **not** want your name to appear in the program, please check here:

What pseudonym do you want listed instead - please print!: _____

Exhibit Owner: _____

Street address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number in the rare event you must be contacted: _____

Entries will be acknowledged upon receipt and checks deposited. Notices of acceptance/rejection may be mailed at a subsequent date but no later than August 4, 2018.

I am a member of: BPS
 ROSSICA Vatican Philatelic Society The Éire Philatelic Society
 This is the first time I have exhibited at the national level (WSP show)

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, have read the rules and regulations and understand that it will be my responsibility to insure my exhibit; and I will not hold the Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc. any participating Society, The Baltimore Delta Hunt Valley Inn and/or their officers, members, or employees liable for any loss of or damage to this exhibit:

Signature: _____ Date of this application: _____
 (Required)

If Youth Exhibitor, date of birth: _____ Signature of parent or guardian: _____

BALPEX Awards

General Class - A Grand Award, a Reserve Grand Award and an unlimited number of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze.

One-Frame Class – A Best One Frame Class and an unlimited number of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze.

PLUS - many Special Awards for General Class Exhibits regardless of Society Affiliation

BALPEX 2018

An American Philatelic Society Accredited National Level Exhibition

Sponsored by The Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc.

Prospectus and Entry Form

Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend

August 31, September 1, and 2, 2018

At the Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn

245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland

Exit 20E off I-83 north of I-695

Annual Conventions of:	Judges
ROSSICA	Nancy Clark - Chairperson
Vatican Philatelic Society	John Hotchner
The Éire Philatelic Society	Ray Pietruzska
	Charles Verge
	Pat Walker

IMPORTANT DATES* * * IMPORTANT DATES	
Friday, June 29, 2018	First mailing to Judges
Friday, August 10, 2018	Closing date for entries, subject to prior sellout
Friday, August 10, 2018	Last date for Exhibit Acceptances to be mailed
Friday, August 10, 2018	Latest date for receipt of revised Title/Synopsis pages
Friday, August 10, 2018	Final mailing to Judges
Monday, August 20, 2018	Earliest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive
Tuesday, August 28, 2018	Latest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive
Thursday, August 30, 2018	Exhibit mounting 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Friday, August 31, 2018	BALPEX opens at 10 AM
Sunday, September 2, 2018	BALPEX Awards Presentation - Salon A - 9:00AM
Sunday, September 2, 2018	BALPEX closes at 3:00 PM and exhibit dismantling begins
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	Mailing date for returned Mailed-in Exhibits.

Exhibition Classes:

A. General Class - 2 frame minimum and 10 frame maximum. In an effort to have more exhibit participation BALPEX would like to encourage exhibits of two to three frames by offering special awards for this exhibit category 23FE. See the rules section for additional information.

B. One-Frame Class – Maximum of 15 exhibits accepted into this class. Preference given to exhibits from convening society members.

C. Youth Class - Youth exhibits have a 1 frame minimum.

Judging the Exhibition

Each exhibit in the General Class will be judged independently against accepted standards of philatelic achievement. The only direct competition between any of the exhibits will be for the Grand Awards and the Special Awards. The Jury has been asked to judge each exhibit separately and present to each exhibit in these Classes the Award that they believe it warrants. There are no limits on the number of awards that may be given at any level: Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The Grand Award is limited to entries in the General Class.

Each exhibit in the One-Frame Class will be judged independently using standards based on the current APS criteria.

Eight levels of award are possible: Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The Best One Frame exhibit is invited to the Single Frame Champion of Champion competition at Ameristamp Expo., Omaha Nebraska, August 1 through 4, 2019.

Rules and Regulations

1. BALPEX is open to all exhibitors who abide by the rules herein.

2. All material exhibited must be the bona fide property of the individual exhibitor or immediate family members.

3. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse any exhibit at its discretion, and may reject any exhibit without giving reason. In such cases, refund of entry fee will be made.

4. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at BALPEX, won the APS Champion of Champions, a FIP Grand Prix, or three (3) FIP Large Gold Medals are not eligible to enter. They may be invited to participate in the non-competitive court of honor. You may request an invitation from the exhibit chairman.

5. Except for Youth Class and the One-Frame Class, the minimum number of frames is 2. The maximum number of frames for an exhibit is 10.

6. Exhibitors may enter no more than two (2) exhibits in the General Class and two (2) exhibits in the One Frame Class.

7. An entry fee of \$15 **per exhibit** plus \$10 **per frame** applies to all classes except the Youth Class which is complimentary. However, in order to encourage two to three frame exhibits the entry fee is waived. The frame fee still applies. Fees are payable in advance (with the entry form). If return mailing is desired prepayment of the correct amount is required. Exhibits will be returned by Express Mail unless otherwise instructed by Exhibitor. ***Registered Mail is NOT an option for return – this restriction was established 2004.*** Payment for applications submitted by email must be mailed promptly to be received no later than August 20, 2018.

8. Exhibitor's names will appear in the program and will be used in conjunction with the presentation of awards, unless notified by the exhibitor on the entry form that a pseudonym is desired.

9. It is strongly recommended that the exhibitor provide the judges a copy of the Title Page and/or synopsis page. The synopsis page should specify the type of exhibit being presented i.e. postal, revenue, thematic, etc. Eight (8) copies are requested; at entry or upon acceptance, but no later than August 10, 2018. Pages received after that date will not be distributed to the judges in advance of the show.

10. Exhibit pages, when mounted in the frames should not show the name of the owner.

11. Forgeries and counterfeits should be plainly identified, or the exhibit may be subject to downgrading or disqualification.

12. Pages will be displayed in Ameripex type frames, mounted in four (4) rows each holding four (4) pages up to 9"x12". Exhibit pages must be numbered on the back in sequential order, and enclosed in transparent sheet protectors. Exhibitor may combine pages in accordance with their discretion and ingenuity.

13. The BALPEX awards Presentation will be held on Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 9:00 AM, in Salon A.

14. The Baltimore Philatelic Society, the convening societies, the Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn or any of their members and/or employees will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any material submitted for exhibit. The Exhibit Committee will exercise all reasonable care in the handling and mounting of all entries, while enroute to and from the post office, including the employment of guards on 24 hour duty while the exhibits are on display. Exhibitors desiring insurance must make their own arrangements. See Rule 15.

15. Exhibitors desiring to mount their own pages must so indicate on the Entry Form. Mailed in exhibits should arrive at the below listed address after August 20 and not later than August 28, 2018. Exhibitors mailing exhibits are required to have their exhibit fully insured. Please package carefully and ship to:

Norman Cohen
Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc.
12400 Greenspring Avenue
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

Do not enclose any message requiring an answer prior to mounting. Exhibit packages are not opened until mounting begins on Thursday, August 30, 2018.

16. Exhibits may be mounted by owners or agents between 4pm and 7pm on Thursday August 30. No exhibit will be dismantled until after the close of the show at 3pm on Sunday September 2.

17 Procedures for mounting and dismantling exhibits

A BALPEX COMMITTEE MEMBER MUST ACCOMPANY EXHIBITORS/AGENTS FOR MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING EXHIBITS

B Mounting Procedures

On Thursday, at approximately 4:00 pm, exhibitors or their agents form a line at the bottom of the escalator.

Mounting may not begin until the frames are up and completely numbered.

On a first come first serve basis, each exhibitor/agent will sign the mounting book, making note of the exhibits assigned frames and proceed with the next available committee member to the ballroom for mounting.

If the exhibitor/agent has entered more than one exhibit, signing for all exhibits and mounting them with the same committee member is permitted.

After this process, members of the show committee will sign for and mount the mailed in exhibits. The mounting of mailed in exhibits may begin once all the in-person exhibitors/agent have started the mounting process.

C Dismounting Procedures

Dismounting of exhibits will be begin at approximately 3:00 pm on Sunday when the show closes.

Exhibitors/agents will assemble in order of their dismount number. The dismount number is noted on the acceptance letter of the exhibit and on the exhibit page in the mount/dismount book.

Dismount numbers are assigned as follows:

1. BALPEX is limited to 15 single frame exhibits. Dismount number for single frame exhibits will be 1-15.
2. Multi-frame exhibits will have a dismount number of 16 or higher with the following exceptions:
 - A If an exhibitor has both a single frame and a multi-frame exhibit, the dismount number will be the number assigned to the single frame, 1-15.
 - B If an exhibitor has more than one multi-frame exhibit, only one dismount number will be assigned for all that exhibitor's exhibits.
3. Dismount numbers will be assigned in the order the exhibit application is received.
4. After the exhibitor/agent has dismounted the exhibit, the dismount section of the mount/dismount book will be signed.

For additional information about exhibiting at BALPEX please contact:

Richard M. Drought Chairman, at email rmdrought@yahoo.com or phone 410-627-2889, or Norman Cohen Co-Chairman at email nec1945@comcast.net or phone 410-356-6567.

For any other information regarding BALPEX, please contact the BPS Clubhouse 3440 Ellicott Center Drive, Suite 103, Ellicott City, MD 21043 or 410-465-5712, or email balpex@verizon.net.