

REGULATIONS FOR SESCAL/AMERICAS 08

Article 1. Organization, Venue, Date, and Purpose

- 1.1. SESCAL/AMERICAS 08 Stamp Exhibition (hereafter "SESCAL/AMERICAS 08") is organized and managed by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California and the FIAF/AMERICAS 08 Committee (hereafter the "Organizing Committee").
- 1.2. The Exhibition will be held October 10-12, 2008 at the Radisson at Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90045, U.S.A. Approximately 450 frames of philatelic exhibits will be on display.
- 1.3. The exhibition will honor the 40th Anniversary of FIAF and host the Annual Assembly of Federación Interamericana de Filatelia (hereafter FIAF).
- 1.4. The exhibition will host the annual meetings of the Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International and the China Stamp Society.

Article 2. Auspices, Recognition, and Applicable Regulations

- 2.1. SESCAL/AMERICAS 08 is a conjoint FIAF Continental Exhibition and a United States National Exhibition.
- 2.2. The exhibition will be held under the Auspices of FIAF.
- 2.3. The exhibition will be held under the Recognition of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (hereafter FIP).
- 2.4. The exhibition will be governed by the following Rules:
 - a. The General Regulations of the FIP for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits (GREVs),
 - b. The Special Rules of the FIP for the Evaluation of Exhibits (SREVs),
 - c. The Rules for World Series of Philately Shows of the American Philatelic Society,
 - d. The Regulations for SESCAL/AMERICAS 08, as included herein.
 - e. Any perceived conflict between the rules will be resolved by the President of the Jury (representing the FIAF), Senior Jury Consultant (representing the FIP), and the Chairman of CANEJ (representing the APS).

Article 3. Conditions of Participation

- 3.1. Exhibitors from the FIAF Federations and other invited Federations may apply to exhibit through their appointed commissioner. Members of Guest Societies who do not have a National Commissioner must submit their application through the United States National Commissioner.
- 3.2. An exhibit that has won either a Grand Prix National or International Award, or three Large Gold awards in FIP-patronage International exhibitions, or has been exhibited in the FIP Championship Class is ineligible to compete.
- 3.3. An exhibit that has won the APS Champion of Champions competition is ineligible to compete.
- 3.4. There is no restriction as to which countries or philatelic entities may be exhibited. All exhibits must be bona fide property of the exhibitor.

Article 4. Exhibition Classes

- 4.1. The following classes will be accepted:
 - Class 1. Traditional,
 - Class 2. Postal History,

- Class 3. Aerophilately,
- Class 4. Revenue,
- Class 5. Thematic,
- Class 6. Postal Stationery,
- Class 7. One Frame Exhibits of these mentioned classes, and
- Class 8. Youth in the age groups as defined in the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging*

Article 5. Judging of Exhibits and Awards

- 5.1. A panel of ten FIP International Judges will be selected by the Organizing Committee. The decision of the judges will be final. The jury has the right to reclassify any exhibit it deems in the wrong class.
- 5.2. The judges will award the following prizes: a) The Grand Prix of the Exhibition. The recipient of this award must agree to participate in the 2009 Champion of Champion's Exhibition at the APS StampShow in Pittsburgh in August 2009, b) The Grand Prix National for the best exhibit of United States, other than the Grand Prix of the Exhibition, c) The Grand Prix International, best exhibit other than United States and other than the Grand Prix of the exhibition, d) unlimited Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver Bronze, and Bronze awards. All exhibitors will be given a diploma documenting their award. Special SESCAL awards and other special prizes will also be awarded.
- 5.3. All exhibits, except those noted below as choosing the FIP Option, are accepted as United States National exhibits and will be judged according to the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging, Fifth Edition*, and United States National Medals will be awarded accordingly.
- 5.4. Exhibits in classes 1-6 participating in the FIP Option will have their exhibits judged according to the FIP point system. Those exhibits which receive at least 85 points will be eligible to participate in a future FIP exhibition with eight frames (FIP GREX 6.3). Exhibits receiving at least 95 points will not count toward qualifying for FIP Championship Class. The FIP Option exhibits will have their points noted in the *Palmares*.
- 5.5. One Frame Exhibits may participate in the FIP Option and will be judged according to the FIP score sheet for One Frame Exhibits.
- 5.6. All Nationally judged exhibits and FIP Option exhibits will be eligible for Special Prizes.
- 5.7. Youth exhibits are not eligible for the FIP Option.

Article 6. Frame size, allocation of frames, and Participation

- 6.1. Approximately 450 frames will be available for the exhibition. Each frame holds 16 pages (8 1/2" x 11" or A4 size) in four rows of four pages, or 12 pages (11" x 11") in four rows of three pages. Oversize pages will only be accepted upon prior approval of the SESCAL/AMERICAS 08 Commissioner General.
- 6.2. There is a minimum of four frames per multi-frame exhibit and a maximum of eight frames.
- 6.3. To participate in the FIP Option the exhibitor MUST complete the special section on the Official Entry Form. The exhibit must have achieved at least a Vermeil National Level Medal to participate. If the exhibit has not received a National Level Vermeil, the National Commissioner must attest that the exhibit is at the National Vermeil level.
- 6.4. Exhibits in classes 1-6 participating in the FIP Option, which have not received 85 or more points in an FIP recognized exhibition or never have been shown in an FIP recognized exhibition, are allocated five frames, no more or less.
- 6.5. Exhibits in classes 1-6 and participating in the FIP Option, which have received at least 85 points in a previous FIP Exhibition, are allocated eight frames, no more or less.

Article 7. Application and acceptance

- 7.1. All entries must be submitted on the Official Entry Form and completed in their entirety. Incomplete or unsigned entries will be disregarded. The Entry Form and Regulations for SESCAL/AMERICAS 08 are available on the SESCAL (www.sescal.org) and FIAF (www.fiaf-filatelia.org) websites. Entries MUST be submitted through the appropriate National Commissioner.
- 7.2. All entries must provide reference material for the judges to use during their deliberations. Such material may include a reference bibliography, title page and/or exhibit plan or outline. All material must accompany the Official Entry Form. Not more than 2 sheets, both front and back, of material will be accepted. Fourteen (14) copies of the reference material must accompany the Official Entry Form.
- 7.3. All exhibits participating in the FIP Option which have been shown in a previous FIP exhibition must indicate the FIP exhibition with year and the medal received on the Official Entry Form.
- 7.4. Exhibitors may enter exhibits under a pseudonym. However, their true identities must be disclosed to the Organizing Committee.
- 7.5. The deadline for arrival of the Official Entry Forms to the Commissioner General from the National Commissioners is July 11, 2008. Any Entry Forms received after that date will be put on a waiting list and will be considered subject to availability.
- 7.6. Any and all decisions regarding acceptance of any exhibit will be made by the Organizing Committee and their decisions are final.
- 7.7. Notification of acceptance or rejection shall be sent to the applicants through their respective Commissioners by July 25, 2008.
- 7.8. The Commissioners are to collect the participation fee from the exhibitors, and MUST remit to the Organizing Committee by August 22, payable in U.S. dollars to "SESCAL". If fees are not received by this date, the exhibit will be deemed as withdrawn and will be replaced by an exhibit from the waiting list. Fees will be forfeited upon failure to exhibit. Checks, payable in US\$ and drawn on a USA bank, should be sent to:

Name	Carl Shaff, SESCAL
Address	3763 E. Colorado Blvd, #508
	Pasadena, CA 91107
	USA

For Bank transfers, payable in US\$, please contact the Commissioner General
- 7.9. Each exhibit shall be listed in the exhibition catalogue under its given title as stated in the application form.

Article 8. Participation fee

- 8.1. The participation fee for each accepted multi-frame exhibit is US\$30 per frame. The participation fee for each accepted one-frame exhibit the fee is US\$50. The participation fee for accepted Youth exhibits will be 50% of these fees.

Article 9. Handling of exhibits

- 9.1. Each exhibit page shall be placed in a transparent protective cover and numbered in consecutive order.
- 9.2. In the event an exhibit is delivered late or fails to be delivered, or in the event the page size does not comply with the provisions of Article 6.1. , the exhibit will not be judged and the participation fee shall not be refunded.
- 9.3. Only USA exhibitors may mail in their exhibits. Instructions will be provided when acceptances are sent out.

- 9.4. All exhibits, except for those in Article 9.3. must be personally delivered by the exhibitor, National Commissioner, or the exhibitor's representative.
- 9.5. Exhibits delivered by the National Commissioners or personally delivered will be accepted by SESCAL/AMERICAS 08 at the Radisson Hotel beginning Wednesday, October 9, 2008, at a time and place to be determined which will be announced with the acceptances.

Article 10. Mounting and dismounting exhibits

- 10.1. The mounting and dismounting of the exhibits shall be undertaken by the Organizing Committee and the National Commissioners. In the event the exhibitor requests to mount or dismount his exhibit, the Organizing Committee shall provide the directions and conditions under which this may be undertaken.
- 10.2. The exhibitor or Commissioner shall pay for the costs of (a) delivering his exhibit to the Exhibition site as well as (b) collecting his exhibit at the close of the Exhibition from the Exhibition site and returning to his country.
- 10.3. No complaints after the dismounting and return of the exhibit to the exhibitor or Commissioner will be entertained by the Organizing Committee.
- 10.4. Requests for the return or dismounting of the exhibits during the Exhibition period shall not be accepted.
- 10.5. The exhibition closes at 4 p.m. on Sunday October 12, 2008. No exhibit or part thereof may be removed prior to this time and only after all visitors have been cleared from the exhibition area. Complete details will be sent out with acceptances.

Article 11. Security

- 11.1. Exhibitors MUST provide their own insurance at their own expense. All reasonable precautions will be taken in the handling and security of the exhibits during the time the exhibits are on display and during setup and return of the exhibit. An authorized security service will be present 24 hours per day on the premises
- 11.2. Neither the SESCAL/AMERICAS 08 COMMITTEE, PERMANENT EXHIBITION COMMITTEE, THE FEDERATED PHILATELIC CLUBS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, THE FEDERACION INTERAMERICANA DE FILATELIA, THE RADISSON AT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT HOTEL, nor any of their committees, departments or employees shall be held liable for any damages or loss. The exhibitor agrees to assume the entire responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of injury or damage to the exhibitors, displays, exhibits, equipment, and other property brought upon the premises of the hotel and shall indemnify and hold harmless the hotel agents, servants, and other employees from any and all such losses, damages and claims.

Article 12. Rights of Organizing Committee

- 12.1. Every exhibitor applying to exhibit at SESCAL/AMERICAS 08 is deemed to have accepted the stipulations of the Regulations of SESCAL/AMERICAS 08.
- 12.2. The Organizing Committee shall have the right to revise the Regulations of SESCAL/AMERICAS 08. Exhibitors shall be promptly notified of any of such revisions either directly or through his Commissioner.
- 12.3. The Organizing Committee shall have the right to adjudicate any problems arising, and its decisions shall be final.
- 12.4. The English version is the official version of the Special Regulations and any issues regarding interpretation are to be referenced to the English version as here presented.

Article 13. Acceptance of these Regulations

- 13.1. By signing the Official Entry Form the exhibitor accepts all rules and regulations of SESCAL/AMERICAS 08.
- 13.2. Additions, deletions, and/or corrections may be made at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Article 14. National Commissioners, Judges, and Delegates

- 14.1. Each FIAF Federation is asked to forward to the Commissioner General their nominee for National Commissioner by March 25, 2008. The Commissioner General will then direct all communication to the appointed National Commissioner. The Commissioner General is Dr. Ross Towle. (15.2)
- 14.2. Each FIAF Federation is asked to nominate a jury member and forward their nomination to the President of SESCAL/AMERICAS 08, Dr. James Mazepa (15.1). A limited number of apprentice jurors (for FIAF accreditation only) will be accepted. These nominations must be received no later than March 25, 2008.
- 14.3. Each jury member, commissioner, and Federation Delegate will receive three nights at the Exhibition Hotel, a ticket to the FIAF Dinner, a ticket to the FIAF outing, and a ticket to the Palmars. If their spouse is attending, an additional ticket will be provided. Each jury member, commissioner, and delegate is responsible for their transportation.

Article 15. Addresses

- 15.1. The President of SESCAL/AMERICAS 08

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- 15.2. The Commissioner General of SESCAL/AMERICAS 08

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- 15.3 Email is the preferred means of communication.

- 15.4 For the latest information, changes or updates, please see www.sescal.org.