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BNAPS Convention Exhibit Frame Limits

(Revised specifically for **Royal*2027*Royale BNAPEX** – November 2026)

Following BNAPEX 2008 in Halifax, the maximum number of frames available to exhibitors at future BNAPEX shows was set at 160*. The reason for this was to set reasonable limits on the time required for Judges to complete their tasks, and to optimize their ability to evaluate all entries properly.

At Kingston in 2009 BNAPS Judging Committee Chairman Bill Walton and Committee Member Mike Street met with interested exhibitors to discuss the subject of limits on individual exhibits at future BNAPEX shows. The discussion was lively, with some exhibitors strongly against any limits being placed on the number of frames allocated for a single exhibit. It was decided to leave things as they were for another year and review the matter after the 2010 Victoria convention.

At Halifax the 218 available frames were taken up by 46 individual exhibits submitted by 39 individual exhibitors. At Kingston the 148 available frames were taken up by 35 individual exhibits submitted by 32 individual exhibitors. At Victoria the 160 available frames were taken up by 30 individual exhibits (including five 10-frame exhibits, one 9-frame exhibit and four 8-frame exhibits) submitted by 27 individual exhibitors.

Unfortunately, some 30 exhibitors were turned away from the Victoria exhibit because their applications arrived after the 160 available frames had been allocated. Since BNAPS wants to increase participation in annual conventions, not discourage it, the Judging Committee reviewed the subject and felt obliged to make changes.

During the review it was pointed out that at Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) international show exhibitors are limited to five frames until they have achieved a Large Vermeil, and to eight frames after achieving that level of award. Since many exhibits shown at BNAPEX go on to the International level, it has been decided that at future BNAPEXes exhibits will be limited to a maximum of eight frames. Depending on demand, there may also be a limit on the number of eight frame exhibits in a show and on the number of exhibits an individual may submit. In addition, to encourage broad exhibitor participation and ensure fairness, there will be an initial acceptance period during which applications will be received. Frames will not be allocated until the end of that period. In 2026 the system will work as follows:

Competitive Frames – Maximum 160

- Initial Acceptance Period (15 November 2026 to 1 May 2027): Exhibitors will be limited to a maximum of two (2) multiple-frame entries in Class 2 totalling a maximum of ten (10) frames, and a maximum of one (1) one-frame entry in Class 3, OR two (2) one- frame entries in Class 3. Entries in Class 2 shall consist of not less than two frames. In the Initial Acceptance Period a maximum of seven 8-frame exhibits and two 10-frame exhibits will be allowed and a minimum of fifteen frames will be reserved for 1-frame exhibits, with the balance of 76 frames available for 1-to-7 frame exhibits. Exhibits will be accepted as they are received as long as the entry meets the limit requirements. The exhibits chair reserves the right to reject any exhibit.

- Subsequent Acceptance period (2 May 2027 to 30 June 2027): If frame space is available after 1 May 2027 additional applications will be accepted, again in sequence based on their receipt date. Preference will be given to applicants who have not already had exhibits accepted for the show. In Class 2 additional 8 or 10-frame exhibits may be accepted but only if no other applications for exhibits requiring fewer frames are on hand. No individual exhibit will be allowed more than 10 (10) frames. Entries in Class 3 shall consist of one frame only. All entries must consist of complete frames of 16 (8.5″ × 11″) pages or equivalent if oversized pages are used or included.

* Additional frames, if physically available, may be allocated by the local BNAPEX organizing committee for a non-competitive Court of Honour, for special displays or for a separate National or Regional level exhibition.

The BNAPEX Frame Limits outlined above will be reviewed after **Royal*2027*Royale BNAPEX** and subsequent conventions, and changes made as required.