

AUSTRALASIAN CHALLENGE RULES & REGULATIONS

Objectives

The Australasian Challenge team-based philatelic competition between the States and Territories of Australia and the North and South Islands of New Zealand. It seeks to attract the best exhibits from each participating area while rewarding the participation of novice and youth exhibitors. The winning team will be winners of the Ed Druce Memorial Trophy, a perpetual trophy commemorating the original proponent of the Challenge. The Challenge is held every three years or as agreed by the APF and NZPF.

The appropriate Australian State/Territory Councils and the New Zealand Philatelic Federation make formal entries to the Challenge. For Australian entries, it is the responsibility of State/Territory Councils to select the participants and to arrange for the completion and submission of the individual entry forms, payment of frame fees through their Commissioner/Judge and to ensure delivery of the exhibits to the Exhibition.

1. Challenge format

- The entries for the Australasian Challenges will be kept in a separate class in the exhibition (much like the championship class in FIP exhibitions)
- Where possible the challenge exhibits be shown separate from the national exhibits. If keeping them separate is not practical for the exhibition the exhibit must be clearly marked as being part of the challenge.
- The challenge entries will be judged and provided with a national result (and could therefore qualify for FIP).
- The challenge entries are not eligible for any grand or best in class prizes.
- The challenge entries should have their own allocated prizes, including at least a best in challenge. The exhibition could allocate others, especially if the challenge included novices and youth.

2. Composition of a Team Entry

- Each team should have a total of 4 entries each from different National Classes, however, entries from Novice or Youth exhibitors may come from the same class as one of the other entries. If this rule is not adhered to then a penalty will apply to the team score.
- Teams can include Novice or Youth exhibitors.
- Teams with less than 4 members may still participate in the Challenge.
- Each team member can only enter one exhibit.
- No member of the Jury or close relative can enter an exhibit in the Challenge.
- Each entry must comprise a total of at least five (16 sheet) frames; however, a novice entry can be in the range of 2-5 frames. A youth entry must accord with the range appropriate to the age of the exhibitor, as described in FIP/APF/NZPF rules.
- Teams can include exhibitors who are not resident in the team's state/territory/island but who are members of a Society from that state/territory/island.

3. Classes

- All FIP and Australian and New Zealand National classes are allowed with the exception of the Frugal and Literature classes.

4. Novice Exhibitor:

- 'Novice' is defined as an adult exhibitor who has not previously obtained 70 points or more in a National Show (in Australia, New Zealand or elsewhere). This means an earlier exhibit in any class except 1-frame or literature.
- The novice entry can be in the range of 2-5 frames.

5. Youth Exhibitor:

The number of frames must accord with the range appropriate to the age of the exhibitor, as described in FIP/APF/NZPF rules.

- Youth competitors who entered an earlier Challenge can also enter future Challenges, provided they remain within the age limits.

6. Exhibits displayed in Previous Challenges.

- Exhibits entered in previous challenges can be re-entered in future Challenges with the exception of the two exhibits that gained the highest marks in the winning team in each earlier Challenge.
- It is, however, permissible for those exhibitors to enter different exhibits in future Challenges.

7. Judging:

- All exhibits will be judged at National level using the FIP (or other approved APF) rules, regulations and marking scheme.
- 10 extra marks will be given to Teams for each Novice or Youth entry. Note: these extra 10 marks are not added to the result of the individual exhibits.
- 10 marks will be deducted from the team score for exhibits (other than youth or novice entries) which duplicate the class of another exhibit (other than youth or novice entries). Note: these extra 10 marks are not deducted from the result of the individual exhibits
- The marks for each of the four entries, plus any extra marks for novice or youth entries or penalties, will be totaled and the Team with the highest number of marks will be declared the Champion.
- Each individual entry will receive an Exhibition medal and certificate appropriate to the class achieved by the entry; in addition, mark sheets and critiques will be provided for individual entries.
- The jury will comprise accredited National judges from Australia and New Zealand. The Judge/Commissioners from Australia and New Zealand will be approved by the APF. Jury members will be selected to provide an overall balance of expertise appropriate to the exhibits and in relation to the geographical areas of the competing teams.

8. Winning Team:

- The winning Team will receive the Ed Druce Memorial Trophy. Winners of the Challenge will hold the trophy until the next Challenge is held. Prizes will be awarded to each of the four members of the winning team.

Queries: Any queries should be addressed to the current APF Immediate Past President.