

Texas Numismatic Association

GENERAL RULES FOR EXHIBITING

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EXHIBIT GROUPS

Exhibits are placed in one of three groups: competitive (judged) exhibits, non-competitive (non-judged) exhibits and junior exhibits.

- 1) **Competitive** - Open to any member of the Texas Numismatic Association and TNA Member Clubs.
- 2) **Non-Competitive exhibits** - Open to members of the Texas Numismatic Association, regardless of age, and TNA Member Clubs. Other non-TNA members may be invited to place a non-competitive exhibit by the exhibit chairperson. Non-competitive exhibits are eligible for the People's Choice award.
- 3) **Juniors** - Limited to junior members of the Texas Numismatic Association, ages 6-17.

EXHIBIT CLASSES

Class 1 - United States Coins - All United States coins and patterns and all coinage or trade tokens used in pre-Federal America.

Class 2 - United States Paper Money - All paper money and bonds issued by the United States Government, including military currency, fractionals and obsolete paper money. Essays, proofs, specimens and stock certificates may also be shown in this class.

Class 3 - World Coins - Coins, including ancients, issued by any government except the United States.

Class 4 - World Paper Money - Paper money of any kind, including scrip, bonds, and stock certificates, issued by any country, except the United States.

Class 5 - Medals/Tokens - Medallion items not used as a medium of exchange, or not having trade value. Items, including encased postage, issued as a medium of exchange for goods, services, or for advertising purposes. Also included are orders, decorations, badges, Masonic pennies, casino chips and tokens.

Class 6 - Miscellaneous - Includes material such as hobo nickels, wooden money, themed collection, literature or other numismatic material not covered in other classes or covered by more than one class.

Class 7 - One Case Exhibits - Any numismatic subject that qualifies for **Class 1** through **Class 6** multi case exhibits, but is limited to the use of only one case.

Classes for Junior Exhibits

Until such time as the number of junior exhibits is large enough to warrant individual classes, all junior exhibits will be judged in one combined class. In years when there is a wide range in ages of Youth Exhibitors, the exhibits could be split into two categories (ages 6-11 and 12-17). A first place junior exhibit could conceivably meet the requirements for Best of Show consideration. Junior exhibitors may also choose to have their exhibit judged in the regular adult class. **Please note:** Junior Exhibits must be created and set up by the Junior TNA Member, with parental help, if necessary.

Determining Appropriate Classification for Competitive Exhibits

If an exhibit contains items belonging to more than one classification, it will be shown in the class represented by the majority of the items. The Head Judge and Exhibit Chair(s) will have the final decision about Class Placement for Competitive Exhibits.

APPLICATION

Each exhibitor must complete a separate application for each exhibit. Applications must reach the TNA Exhibit Chairperson no later than two weeks before the opening date of the convention. *Each exhibitor is limited to three exhibits, each of which must be entered in a different class.* A one case exhibit may be entered in Class 7 (One Case) **or** in the Class of the Numismatic Subject (Class 1 through Class 6). However, it cannot be entered in both classes.

Agent or Assistant. If needed, exhibits may be set up **or** taken down by an agent of the exhibit; however, an agent may not do both set up and removal. Before this can be done, the exhibitor **MUST** complete, sign and submit the **Agent's Application** with the exhibit application. Any other variance concerning set up and removal must be approved by the Exhibit Chair.

ADDITIONAL RULES – please read carefully!

1. Forged, spurious or counterfeit material and copies or replicas may not be displayed unless each item is described as such in the exhibit and the items are displayed for educational purposes. No such item will be displayed in violation of United States law or government regulations. In general, this means that no counterfeits of US federal material may be shown under any circumstance. Copies of federal paper money must be smaller than 75% or larger than 150% of life size, and single sided.
2. No exhibit may contain any advertising of items for sale.
3. The name or identity of a competitive exhibitor will not appear in the exhibit (including photographs of the exhibitor or of family members, through which the identity of the exhibitor can be deduced), except as an author in a bibliographic reference, which will be sufficiently general that the exhibitor cannot be linked to the exhibit by that reference.
4. All material in a competitive exhibit must be the personal property of the exhibitor unless noted in the exhibit. Competitive exhibits placed by TNA member clubs may be composed of material owned by the club or association itself or by a conglomeration of the members thereof.
5. Competitive exhibitors should not be in the exhibit area while the exhibits are being judged.

EXHIBIT CASE INFORMATION

Exhibit Cases. In order to achieve a level of uniformity, TNA exhibit cases will be provided to exhibitors for use at the convention. Each exhibit will be limited to 8 cases unless a variance is granted by the exhibit chairperson prior to placing the exhibit. Exhibitor owned cases may be approved for use only if the Numismatic items shown will not fit into a standard sized case.

Exhibit Case Dimensions. The TNA exhibit cases outside measurements are 34 inches by 22 inches. The inside (exhibit area) dimensions are approximately 32 ³/₄ inches by 20 ³/₄ inches.

Case Placement. All standard cases must lie flat on the tables provided, viewed either horizontally (preferred) or vertically.

Outside the Case. No titles, placards, or numismatic materials of any kind may be placed outside the exhibit cases. No light sources, magnifying glasses or other equipment may be located outside the case without the pre-approval of the exhibit chairperson.

Exhibit set-up and removal. The exhibit area is open for the placement of exhibits before the convention opens to the public. All exhibitors are encouraged to have their exhibit in place at the time the convention opens. All exhibits will remain in place until after the Awards Ceremony. No exhibit may be removed early unless pre-approved by TNA Exhibit Chairperson. Junior Exhibits must be set up by the Junior TNA Member, with help from a parent, if necessary.

Record Keeping. The exhibit chairperson keeps a copy of the exhibit applications showing the name of the exhibitor, the group, the identification number of the exhibit, the number of cases used, and the convention residence of the exhibitor. Names of the exhibitors are not disclosed until the judges have made their reports to the exhibit chairperson, all reports have been prepared, and the best-of-show exhibit and runners-up have been selected.

Lock Down. Each exhibit case will be locked by the exhibitor when it is placed. The keys will be kept by the exhibitor. Exhibits may not be opened after they are initially locked without the permission and presence of the TNA Exhibit Chairperson.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

Exhibitors are encouraged to use the TNA Rating Sheet as a guideline when planning and preparing an exhibit. The judges will use the same rating sheet when they score the exhibits.

Judges – The TNA Exhibit Chairperson will choose qualified judges for the competitive exhibits. The judges may not be exhibitors or agents of exhibitors of competitive exhibits in the same class. Judging may begin as early as 9 AM on the first day of the show.

Awards

Class – Each class of competitive exhibits is judged for first, second, and third place awards. If there are not three exhibits in a class that are award-quality, all awards may not be given, including first place awards.

Best of Show – First place award-winning exhibits are judged as a group by the judges for the Best of Show Award. The exhibits will be judged against each other in conference by the judges. If consensus is reached, a Best of Show Award will be given.

People's Choice – Most interesting exhibit as determined by a vote of those who viewed the exhibits at the convention. Both competitive and non-competitive exhibits are eligible for this award. Voting for People's Choice Award will begin when the Convention opens and will continue until one hour before the Awards Ceremony. Voters may vote only once.

Special Award (May be presented)

New Exhibitor – Best exhibit by an adult or junior who has never before exhibited competitively.

ENTERING PREVIOUS EXHIBITS

An exhibit entered previously at a TNA Show may be entered again unless the exhibit received a 1st Place Award. If the exhibit received a 1st Place Award, it can be entered again **IF** significant changes have been made to the exhibit. Any previous winning exhibit may be shown non-competitively.