**Victorian Clubs’ Competition 2023**

**PROSPECTUS – RULES and REGULATIONS**

Date: Sunday 30 April 2023

 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Venue: BriPhil House

 Brighton Philatelic Society

 90 Gardenvale Road,

 GARDENVALE 3187

The Victorian Clubs Competition 2023 is organised by the Victorian Philatelic Council Inc. (VPC).

**GENERAL RULES:**

Participation in the competition is open to all philatelic societies/clubs in Victoria and any organisation or individual who is a member of an organisation affiliated with the VPC.

Each club may enter a minimum of 2 exhibits or a maximum of 4 exhibits. An exhibit must be at least 1 frame or a maximum of 5 frames.

An exhibit that has been awarded a vermeil (75 points) medal or higher at the National level is not eligible to enter.

An exhibit must fit into the 15-pages frame (3 rows x 5 pages).

The winning club Competition will be decided by popular vote. Only the top 2 scoring exhibits for each society/club will count towards a club’s total score.

An exhibitor may opt to have their exhibit judged by the VPC jury. (See the special regulations for exhibits requiring formal judging below)

The Organising Committee will take reasonable care of the exhibits. However, it declines all responsibility in case of loss, theft, or damage during conveyance to/from the Competition or at the venue. Entrants are advised to arrange adequate insurance coverage themselves.

**APPLICATIONS:**

The closing date for entry is Friday 31 March 2023.

The application for the Clubs’ Competition is on behalf of the exhibitor and their society/club.

An individual exhibitor may lodge an application if they want their exhibit to be judged. Entries that are not included in the club competition will not be included in the popular vote.

The official application form must be completed and signed and forwarded to:

The Secretary, Victorian Philatelic Council, PO Box 1 Carnegie, Victoria, 3163 by the closing date.

The VPC will endeavour to accept all entries, but depending on space and frame availability, might need to limit the number of entries that are accepted. They reserve the right to reject any entry without assigning any reason for their decision.

The club/exhibitor will receive notification of the accepted exhibits

**ENTRIES**

The accepted entries must be received by Wednesday 26 April 2023.

Entries sent by mail must be forwarded to the **Secretary, Victorian Philatelic Council, PO Box 1 Carnegie, Vic. 3163**.

Arrangements may be made to hand in an exhibit by contacting the Secretary by phone 9690 3438, or by email at chabro@optusnet.com.au.

The frames to be used for the exhibition hold 15 standard-sized sheets. The height of the sheets may not be greater than 28.5 cm. Sheets of different sizes may be used if they fit within the frame. Each frame can only hold 3 A3 sheets or 9 square sheets.

Each sheet of the exhibit must have the name and address of the entrant on the **back** and be numbered consecutively on the back in the order in which they are to be mounted.

Each sheet must be placed in a lightweight transparent sheet protector, with only one side open. The transparent protector must not exceed the exhibition sheet by more than l cm all around. Sheets received without protectors will not be accepted.

All exhibits should have a title page to indicate what is being shown and give guidance to the viewer.

**MOUNTING AND REMOVAL OF ENTRIES:**

Exhibits will be mounted and removed by a mounting team. No exhibit will be released until after the exhibition has closed and all exhibits have been dis-mounted.

The exhibit may be collected from the exhibition by the exhibitor, club or nominated carrier. An exhibit may be returned by post if it was sent in together with a postage-paid envelope.

**CLUB COMPETITION AWARDS:**

There will be a winning club and a winning exhibit determined by the popular vote of the visitors to the exhibition. Each visitor to the exhibition will be given a voting slip and asked to select a winner. The voting slips must be lodged by 3 pm on the afternoon of the competition.

Only the top 2 entries from each club will be used for determining the winning club. In the event of a tie, other entries from the tied clubs will be considered.

Clubs that submit a Youth entry will receive a bonus vote.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning society/club. A prize will be given to the most popular entry. A certificate of appreciation will be awarded to each entrant.

**JUDGED ENTRY REGULATIONS:**

Any exhibitor can request to have their exhibit judged under the APF rules for State exhibitions. The following rules apply:

* The class for the exhibit must be nominated. If considered necessary, the Jury may transfer an entry to another class.
* There must be a title page for the exhibit.
* A score and feedback sheet will be returned with the exhibit.

Judges will be available to discuss the exhibit either in front of the frames (if time allows) or by arrangement at a ZOOM meeting.

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**:

The VPC reserves the right to amend these Rules & Regulations.

The VPC shall decide any matter not covered by these Rules & Regulations.

By signing the application form, the exhibitor is bound by these Rules & Regulations for The Victorian Clubs’ Competition 2023.