

NEWPORT AND GWENT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

COMPETITION RULES (Revised 29 May 2013)

1. Each entry shall be the competitor's own work.
2. Each member to be entitled to submit one entry in each section, of either 8 or 16 sheets (4 or 8 sheets for the junior class):

General Philately	- Len Ewings Rosebowl
Thematic	- May Pegler Trophy
GB (not postal history)	- F & J Brace Trophy
Postal history	- Phillip James Cup
Junior	- Certificate and Philatelic Prize

In addition, the Heidenheim medal will be presented to the best overall 8 sheet entry in the senior classes. Please note that it is possible for a 8 sheet entry to win a prize in its class in addition to this.

3. Two judges are to be appointed by the Committee at least 14 days prior to the date of the competition.
4. Marks will be awarded in accordance with the current rules of the South Wales Federation, except for Junior entries which will be judged using Stamp Active rules until further notice
5. Each entry will be given a certificate indicating the standard achieved: gold (over 85%), silver (over 70%), bronze (over 50%), participation (50% or less). Please note that this means that the trophy can be awarded only if the entry scores over 50%.

GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR COMPETITORS

1. To be eligible for the South Wales Federation Conventions must comprise sixteen sheets (or eight sheets for junior members) and each sheet including exhibition protector must not exceed 300mm in height and 245mm in width.
2. Do not quote catalogue numbers, values or prices paid. Avoid where possible the use of words such as "rare" or "unique", although it is reasonable to use terms such as "one of three so far recorded".
3. Judges at the convention do not look favourably on mixing mint and used items on one page.
4. Keep non-philatelic material, such as maps and photographs to a minimum and make them small (although legible). If you need to show the back of an item, a copy of the relevant part is acceptable.
5. Consider the overall impression of your display by looking at it as if you are a visitor. Make sure the writing is legible. Check for spelling, punctuation and grammar by reading it out loud.
6. Writing up should be concise but descriptive. Try to inform and entertain but be concise.