

INDIVIDUAL REGULATIONS (IREX)

DUBAI 2026

Specialized World Stamp Exhibition

Dubai, UAE

4-8 February 2026

Article 1: Purpose

- 1.1 DUBAI 2026 Specialized World Stamp Exhibition (Herein after referred to as “DUBAI 2026”) shall be held for the following purposes:
- a. To celebrate 30 Years of the Emirates Philatelic Association
 - b. To celebrate 100 Years of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP)
 - c. To promote friendly relations and maintain close co-operation amongst the philatelists and stamp collectors throughout the world.
 - d. To promote philately and stamp collecting at the highest international level.

Article 2: Organization, Venue and Date

- 2.1 DUBAI 2026 is organized by the **Emirates Philatelic Association (EPA)** in accordance to FIP (Federation Internationale de Philatelie) General Regulations for Exhibitions. DUBAI 2026 is managed and run by an Organizing Committee (OC).
- 2.2 The Exhibition will be held at the Sheikh Maktoum Hall, World Trade Centre, **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**.
- 2.3 The Exhibition will open on **4 February 2026** and close on **8 February, 2026**.

Article 3: Patronage, Auspices and Applicable Regulations

- 3.1 DUBAI 2026 is a “**FIP Specialised World Stamp**” Exhibition with the Patronage of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) provisionally granted by the FIP Board on 5 November, 2024 at the 177th FIP Board meeting and approved by the 77th FIP Congress in Shanghai on 3 December 2024.
- 3.2 DUBAI 2026 will also be held under the Auspices of the Federation of Inter-Asia Philately (FIAP).
- 3.3 The following regulation shall be generally applicable to DUBAI 2026
- a. The General Regulations of the FIP for Exhibition (GREX).
 - b. The General Regulations of the FIP for the Evaluation of competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibition (GREV).
 - c. The Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions (SREVs).
 - d. Individual Regulations of DUBAI 2026 (IREX) (GREX Article 3.10)

Article 4: Conditions of Participation

- 4.1 Competitive Exhibits Classes:
Exhibitors from Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) member federations and Federation Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP) member federations who are not FIP members thereof shall be eligible for participating at DUBAI 2026.
- 4.2 Non-Competitive Classes:
Entries in non-competitive classes (including Court of Honour) shall be by special invitation at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Article 5: Exhibition Classes

- 5.1 Non-Competitive Exhibits (By Invitation)
A. Court of Honour
B. Other Non-Competitive

- 5.2 Competitive Exhibits Classes

Class 1: Traditional Philately
A) National Class
B) Asia, Oceania and Africa
C) Europe
D) America

Class 2: Postal History
A) National Class
B) Asia, Oceania and Africa
C) Europe
D) America

Class 3: Postal Stationery

Class 4: Thematic Philately
Exhibits will be classified under:
A) Nature
B) Culture
C) Technology

Please indicate clearly in the Exhibit Application Form as to the sub-class (A, B or C) the exhibit is entering.

Class 5: Picture Postcards

Class 6: Experimental class

A: One Frame Exhibit. Exhibits in this class should be based on a subject that is best treated as one frame. An extract from a past International award winning multiple frame exhibits (5 to 8 frames) to One Frame is not allowed.

B: Non-standard frames Exhibit. Exhibits with less than five frames except the youth class.

Awards are presented by Points (60 points to 100 points) and awarded by Certificates only. No award medals will be awarded. Certificate of Participation will be given to exhibits attaining less than 60 points.

Exhibits will be classified under:

- A) Traditional
- B) Postal History
- C) Postal Stationery
- D) Thematic
- E) Picture Post Cards

Please indicate clearly in the Exhibit Application Form as to the sub-class (A, B, or C, etc.) the exhibit is entering.

Class 7: Youth Philately
Age for Group A 10-15 years old
Age for Group B 16-18 years old
Age for Group C 19-21 years old

(All ages as of January 1, 2026)

Class 8: Philatelic Literature

- A) Philatelic books and research papers
(Published on or after January 01, 2021)
- B) Philatelic magazines and periodicals
(The whole annual volume issued after January 2024)
- C) Catalogues
(Published after January 01, 2024)

Exhibitors are requested to fill in the particulars stated in the “Philatelic Literature Exhibit Information Form” in addition to the “Exhibit Application Form”

Article 6: Judging of Exhibits and Award

- 6.1 Exhibits in the Competitive Classes will be judged by appointed and accredited FIP judges in accordance with the principles laid down in the GREV and SREVs. Any deviation in the judging system has to have the prior approval of the FIP Board.

Article 7: Frame Size and Allotment of Frames

7.1 The exhibition frame at DUBAI 2026 shall be 97cm x 120cm. Each frame shall have a capacity for 16 (four sheets in four rows) album pages, 23cm x 29cm each in size (maximum) including their protective mount. Album pages slightly exceeding the said size shall be accepted if the pages can be overlapped in the frame, in which case, the Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for any loss of, or damage to, the pages.

In addition, the other FIP recommended allowable exhibit sheet sizes will be accepted, namely:
46 cm x 29 cm (A3) : 8 Sheets (two sheets in four row)
31 cm x 29 cm : 12 Sheets (three sheets in four row)

7.2 All exhibits must be mounted on white pages. **No exhibit mounted on dark colored or black pages will be accepted.**

7.3 The original copy of Expertizing Certificate must be placed at the disposal of the Jury by inserting it at the back of the page. **A small letter © is to be denoted at the right bottom corner of the display sheet.**

7.4 Every exhibit shall be allowed five (5) or eight (8) frames (with the exception of Classes 6, 7 and 8) according to GREX Articles 6.3 & 6.4.

- Class 6: Experimental class
 - A: One frame narrow theme Exhibit 1 frame
 - B: Non-standard frame Exhibit 1-4 frames
- Class 7: Youth Philately Groups
 - A: 1-3 frames
 - B: 2-4 frames
 - C: 3-5 frames

Article 8: Application and Acceptance

8.1 Exhibit Application Forms duly filled shall be submitted through the respective Commissioners to the Commissioner General not later than **31 July 2025**. When submitting the Exhibit Application Form, the exhibitor shall attach a copy of the introductory page, in one of the FIP's official languages.

8.2 Exhibitors may enter exhibits under a pseudonym. However, their true identities must be notified to the OC (GREX Article 16).

8.3 Notification of acceptance or rejection, together with the number of allocated frames, shall be sent to the exhibitors through their respective National Commissioners not later than **30 September 2025**.

8.4 The National Commissioners are to collect the participation fee from the exhibitors and shall remit to the OC by **31 December 2025**

8.5 Entrants may revise the introductory page or synopsis through the National Commissioners by **31 December 2025**. Each exhibit shall be listed in the exhibition catalogue under its given title as stated in the application form.

- 8.6 When the title of the exhibit differs from the past (irrespective of minor or major changes), **the previous title of the exhibit must be stated in the Exhibit Application Form.** Furthermore, the FIP created Exhibitor's Identity Number must be stated. This ID number could be obtained from the Secretary of your Federation. The FIP Secretariat circulates annually "a list of Awards and ID Nos for all exhibitors" of the member federation concerned.
- 8.7 All information in the exhibit application forms shall be kept strictly confidential by the Organizing Committee and shall not be disclosed to third parties or used for any commercial purposes.

Article 9: Participation Fee

- 9.1 There is no fee for Non-Competitive Class entries.
- 9.2 The participation fee for Competitive Classes (except 6, 7 and 8) will be US\$ 100 per frame.
- 9.3 The participation fee for Experimental class (Class 6)
- A: One frame Exhibit is US\$ 110 per exhibit
- B: Non-standard frame exhibit is US\$ 100 per frame.
- 9.4 The participation fee for Youth Philately (Class 7) is US\$ 20 per exhibit.
- 9.5 The participation fee for Philatelic Literature (Class 8) is US\$ 90 per exhibit.

Article 10: Handling of Exhibits

- 10.1 In the event an exhibit is delivered late or fails to be delivered, or in the event the page size does not comply with the provisions of Article 7.1, the exhibit will not be judged and the participation fee shall not be refunded.
- 10.2 Each exhibit page shall be placed in a transparent protective cover and numbered in a consistent manner, in the lower right hand corner margin.
- 10.3 The Organizing Committee shall certify the receipt of the exhibits to the exhibitors or the Commissioners.
- 10.4 The Organizing Committee shall distribute exhibit envelopes and exhibit inventory forms through the Commissioners to the exhibitors.
- 10.5 Each and every exhibit shall be forwarded in the envelope provided (one envelope is allotted per frame). The exhibit inventory form shall be put in the envelope for the first frame.
- 10.6 The Organizing Committee strongly recommends that all exhibits are delivered by hand by the National Commissioners. **Personal delivery by hand by the exhibitors (or his/her friends) are not allowed.**

- 10.7 Exhibitors in the Philatelic Literature Class (Class 8A, 8B and 8C) must send minimum one copy of each title or volume – these are non-returnable. Periodicals shall exhibit a complete volume or year. Philatelic Literature exhibits must be received by the Organizing Committee **no later than January 3, 2026**, in order that preliminary judging may take place.
- 10.8 The address to which Philatelic Literature exhibits must be sent to the Organizing Committee of DUBAI 2026 World Stamp Exhibition. The address of the Organizing Committee is stated under article 17.1.

Article 11: Mounting and Dismounting of Exhibits

- 11.1 The Organizing Committee shall provide the directions and conditions under which the mounting and dismounting of the exhibits shall be undertaken.
- 11.2 The Commissioner shall pay for the costs of (a) delivering his exhibit to the Exhibition site as well as (b) collecting his exhibit at the close of the Exhibition from the Exhibition site and returning to his country.
- 11.3 Dispatching exhibits to the Organizing Committee and returning of exhibits by means of Air Cargo are not allowed.
- 11.4 No complaints after the dismounting and return of the exhibit to Commissioner will be entertained by the Organizing Committee.
- 11.5 Requests for return, dismounting etc. of the exhibits during the Exhibition period shall not be accepted.

Article 12: Customs Regulations

- 12.1 The Organizing Committee shall establish simplified customs procedures through the customs consultative committee, and details of the applicable custom regulations shall be sent to the exhibitors through the Commissioner in each Country. *(All exhibits to enter the UAE via Dubai Airport)*

Article 13: Security Measures

- 13.1 The Organizing Committee shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the security of the exhibits from arrival to return thereof. However, the Organizing Committee shall not be liable for any loss or damage to an Exhibit that might occur during the transportation to and from the exhibition; from receipt to return of the Exhibit; and during the exhibition.
- 13.2 After the exhibit is mounted by the Organizing Committee and the National Commissioner, the National Commissioner is required to check that all pages and philatelic items are intact. In the event of any missing items, the National Commissioner must inform the Organizing Committee immediately. A confirmation form shall be signed by the National Commissioner to be returned to the Organizing Committee to confirm that the exhibit mounted is in order. This procedure is to be executed prior to the Opening day of the exhibition, except where an Exhibit is received after the Opening day when such report shall be made at the soonest opportunity.

13.3 Every exhibitor has to insure his or her exhibit at own expense (GREX Article 50.2).

Article 14: Expert Group (GREX Article 45)

14.1 An Expert Group will be appointed by the DUBAI 2026 Organizing Committee in consultation with the FIP Consultant.

Article 15: Rights of Organizing Committee

15.1 Every exhibitor applying to exhibit at DUBAI 2026 is deemed to have accepted the stipulations of the IREX.

15.2 The Organizing Committee shall have the right to revise the IREX through consultation with the FIP Consultant. Exhibitors shall be promptly notified of any of such revisions either directly or through his Commissioner.

15.3 The Organizing Committee shall have the right to adjudicate any problems arising that are not covered by FIP Regulations or by the IREX, and its decisions shall be final.

Article 16: Acceptance of these Regulations

16.1 By signing the Exhibit Application Form, the exhibitor shall be deemed to accept the stipulations of the IREX, GREX, GREV and SREVs.

16.2 In the event of any discrepancies in the text arising from translation, the English text shall prevail.

16.3 Any legal cases arising shall be settled within the jurisdiction of UAE.

Article 17: Addresses

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