

RULES FOR COMPETITIONS

1. C.I.S.S. Competitions shall be open to all paid up members.
2. All entries should be scanned and sent in JPEG or PNG format to the Competitions Secretary via email at competitions@ciss.uk. If an entrant is unable to provide scans, photocopies should be sent to the Competitions Secretary, whose address is provided on the entry form.
3. The Competitions Secretary will be responsible for: agreeing with the Committee a date for the Competitions day; appointing judges, if necessary with a separate judge for each competition; setting out a timetable that will include a deadline for all entries, that deadline allowing sufficient time for the judges to complete their assessments and award marks; and advertising to all members, in the Journal and via emails, the dates by which entries must be received.
4. The Society will hold a Competitions Day, usually in February each year. All members who have entered a competition are encouraged to bring their entries to the Competition Day where they will be displayed and, if the member is willing, subject to a brief description by that member. Where members cannot attend the Day, the Competitions Secretary will endeavour to print off and display such entries. If judges are able to attend the Competitions Day, they will announce markings and awards; if no judges are able to attend, the Competition Secretary will undertake this task.
5. A member may submit up to three entries in any one competition and may enter more than one competition.
6. The subject matter shall comprise philatelic or related material of the Channel Islands and the French Islands of Manche and Ille et Vilaine Departments only (hereafter referred to as C.I.).
7. ALL entries shall comprise 16 sheets not exceeding A4 size or multiples thereof, e.g. double sheet or sheets at A3.
8. THE SOCIETY AWARD FOR STAMPS shall be awarded for entries of a specialised nature showing personal study and research. All postage and revenue stamps issued within this Island group may be entered. Artwork and proofs may be included in the entry. Inclusion of First Day Covers is acceptable. The first page should include a short description/summary of the exhibit.
9. THE SOCIETY AWARD FOR POSTAL HISTORY & POSTAL MARKINGS shall be awarded for entries of a specialised nature showing personal study and research. This class may include pre-stamp, C.I. postmarks on piece or cover and aero philately. This class can include any mail to or from or between the Channel Islands. The first page should include a short description/summary of the exhibit.
10. THE SOCIETY AWARD FOR OCCUPATION POSTAL HISTORY & POSTAL MARKINGS shall be awarded for entries of a specialised nature showing personal study and research. This class can include letters, markings, postmarks, and postal history of the Occupation period including Red Cross. A limited number of Ephemera, such as permits, are allowed in this class. The first page should include a short description/summary of the exhibit.
11. THE SOCIETY AWARD FOR POSTCARDS shall be awarded for entries containing postcards (picture side only) of the Channel Islands, on any subject relating to the Islands. This includes postcards on a Channel Island theme. The entries shall be judged by members present with no rules.
12. THE SOCIETY AWARD FOR OPEN PHILATELY shall be awarded for entries of C.I. material showing personalised study and research. Open philately represents the study of the development of a social activity or enterprise in an imaginative and creative manner. The exhibit may include up to 50% non-philatelic material such as letters, postcards, and other ephemera. The function of the non-philatelic material is to amplify and develop the story, which should have a beginning, middle and an end. The first page must include a summary of the exhibit.
13. THE SOCIETY AWARD FOR EPHEMERA shall be awarded for entries of C.I. material showing personalised study and research. The entries shall be judged by members present with no rules.
14. THE SOCIETY AWARD FOR FIRST TIME ENTRANTS shall be awarded to the best first-time entrant in any class.
15. The winners of any competition are not eligible to enter the same competition class in the following year. Instead, they may enter up to three entries of THE SOCIETY AWARD FOR PREVIOUS WINNERS. The entries will be

judged according to the rules for the normal competition of that class. Thus, entries from different classes will be judged against each other.

16. Marking classes will be based upon the combined markings of the judges and are as follow: Gold: 85+, Large Vermeil: 80- 84, Vermeil: 75-79, Large Silver: 70-74, Silver: 60-69, Silver Bronze: 50-59 and Bronze: 40-49. All entrants will receive a certificate with their name, the competition title, and the standard which it achieved annotated.
17. If, in any Competition, there are (in the opinion of the judges if appointed and two Committee members) insufficient entries, or the entries are of too low a standard, no award shall be made.
18. The marking scheme is as follows:

Stamps, Postal History and Postal Markings and Occupation Postal History and Markings

Treatment and Importance	Treatment	20
	Importance	10
Knowledge and Research	Knowledge	20
	Research	15
Condition and Rarity	Condition	10
	Rarity	20
Presentation		5
Total		100

Open Philately

Treatment and Importance	Title and Plan	10
	Philatelic Treatment	5
	Non-Philatelic Treatment	5
	Philatelic Importance	5
	Non-Philatelic Importance	5
Knowledge and Research	Philatelic Knowledge and Research	20
	Non-Philatelic Knowledge and Research	15
Material	Condition	10
	Rarity	20
Presentation		5
Total		100

19. Sheets winning a competition shall not be entered again in that competition at any time.
20. All entries are accepted on the understanding that the members abide by these rules and that in the event of any dispute the Competition Secretary's decision, once endorsed by the Committee, is final. Competitions will be judged by an outside Judge with the exception of the Postcards and Ephemera which will be judged by the members present.
21. THE SOCIETY'S AWARD FOR ORIGINAL RESEARCH may be awarded, usually at the AGM, for the best piece of published research on a Channel Island topic. There shall be no formal entries, but the award shall be made by the Committee on considering published research that is brought to their attention during the year. The entries for this award will be discussed at a Committee Meeting, usually prior to the AGM. Society member(s) whose articles are being considered for this award will be informed by the Secretary before this Committee Meeting.