

## **RULES FOR C.I.S.S. COMPETITIONS**

### **5 February 2022 at the Royal Philatelic Society London**

This is a summary of the Rules for the various Society Competitions which will take place on Competition Day.

1. The C.I.S.S. Competitions shall be open to all paid up members.
2. All entries whether copies or originals should be sent to the Competition Secretary, Nick Martin, 20 Vervain Close, Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 1LT, or they may be brought along in person on the day of the competition. Overseas or absent members may submit photocopied entries for any competition.
3. A member may submit up to three entries in any one competition and may enter more than one competition.
4. The subject matter shall comprise philatelic or related material of the Channel Islands and the French Islands of Manche and Ile et Villaine Departments only, (hereafter referred to as C.I.).
5. ALL entries shall comprise 16 sheets not exceeding 12 x 10 ins or multiples thereof, e.g. double sheets.
6. THE SOCIETY CUP 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.
7. THE SUSSEX CUP 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.
8. THE TOM GREEN CUP 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.
9. THE SOCIETY CUP 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
10. Channel Island theme. The entries shall be judged by members present with no rules.
11. OPEN PHILATELY COMPETITION CUP 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.
12. SARNIA TROPHY 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.
13. THE PREVIOUS WINNERS of any competition are not eligible to enter the same competition class the following year. Instead, they may enter up to three entries of that class in this competition. 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. The winner will be awarded the PICTON PHILLIPS CUP.
14. The Competition Secretary shall be responsible for appointing judges - if necessary, with a separate judge for each competition.
15. A certificate will be awarded for each entry stating the standard it has achieved: Gold: 85+, Large Vermeil: 80-84, Vermeil: 75-79, Large Silver: 70-74, Silver: 60-69, Silver Bronze: 50-59 and Bronze: 40-49. Trophies are awarded to the winners of the various competitions. A winner may choose not to take these. Winners will be responsible for engraving the trophies, which will be kept for one year and MUST be returned by or on the next Competition Day. All entrants will receive a certificate with their name, the competition title, and the standard which it achieved annotated.
16. THE STANLEY NEWMAN TANKARD shall be awarded to the best first-time entrant in any class.
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 and Personal Study	15
Condition and Rarity	Condition	10
	Rarity	20
Presentation		5
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

19. Sheets winning a competition shall not be entered again in that competition at any time. The winner in each competition will not be eligible to enter that competition the following year.
20. INSURANCE – Members are advised to arrange adequate insurance on their entries for the time they are out of their hands. Neither the Committee nor the Society accept any responsibility for the safe custody of any entry or part thereof at any time during the competition.
21. All entries are accepted on the understanding that the members abide by these rules and that in the event of any dispute the Committee's decision is final.
22. Competitions will be judged by an outside Judge with the exception of the Postcards and Ephemera which will be judged by the members present.
23. JOAN FLOOD SALVER 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.

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