

**MICHIGAN STATE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY SPRING CONVENTION**  
**Macomb Community College, South Campus Building P, Sports & Expo Center. 14500 E.**  
**12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI 48088. Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 7, 8, 9, 2017.**

**APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT**

**CLASSIFICATIONS:** 1. U.S. Coins. 2. U.S. Paper Items. 3. Foreign Coins. 4. Foreign Paper Items,  
5. Medals. 6. Tokens. 7. Miscellaneous. 8. Juniors ages 8-17. 9. Non-Competitive.

**COMPLETE RULES, JUDGING FORM, AND APPLICATION ARE PUBLISHED ON THE**  
**[www.michigancoinclub.org](http://www.michigancoinclub.org) WEBSITE (Also sent by U.S. mail upon request).**

**COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:**  
Frank Passic, MSNS Exhibits Chairman  
900 S. Eaton St.  
Albion, MI 49224  
**E-Mail: [Albionfp@hotmail.com](mailto:Albionfp@hotmail.com)**

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be received no later  
than Monday, March 20, 2017.

You can also register by **e-mailing** the information on  
this form to the Exhibits Chairman through March 20, 2017.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MSNS#** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MSNS Cases Needed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY STATEMENT.** I hereby release the Michigan State Numismatic Society, all participating clubs and their officers, members, committees, agents and employees, in their official and/or individual personal capacities, from any liability for loss, damage, or destruction through negligence or otherwise, of any numismatic material, and for personal injury and property damage of any kind, including judging results, which the undersigned may suffer or incur before, during or after this Convention. The foregoing shall not however, limit the liability of any individual who may personally be guilty of theft, willful damage or destruction. I also agree to allow my name and/or photograph to be published along with other exhibitors in The Michmatist and/or other numismatic publications. I certify that this display has not previously won a Best-of-Show or two First Places at MSNS Conventions. **I have read and hereby agree to abide by the exhibit rules, waiver, and release from liability statement.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ If Junior, age on April 7, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian if exhibitor is under 18 years of age.

\_\_\_ **I have exhibit judging experience and can volunteer to judge at this convention. Please contact me.**

## MICHIGAN STATE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Rules for Numismatic Exhibits at the Spring, 2017 Convention, April 7, 8, 9, 2017.

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SOUTH CAMPUS BUILDING P, SPORTS & EXPO CENTER. 14500 E. 12 MILE RD, WARREN, MI 48088.

Exhibits at the Convention will be displayed in the following Classifications:

1. U.S. Coins.
2. U.S. Paper Items
3. Foreign Coins
4. Foreign Paper Items
5. Medals
6. Tokens
7. Miscellaneous
8. Juniors ages 8-17
9. Non-Competitive

Exhibit judging standards and maximum points are as follows:

Title and scope: 5 points

Basic Numismatic Information: 15 points

Special Numismatic Information: 15 points

Creativity and Originality: 10 points

Attractiveness: 10 points

Balance: 10 points

Completeness: 5 points

Degree of Difficulty: 10 points

Condition: 10 points

Rarity: 10 points

### **EXHIBITS SECTION SCHEDULE AND LOGISTICS**

*All times, schedules, logistics, and case limits are subject to change. In such cases the exhibitors will be notified.*

1. Exhibit applications must be ***received*** by mail not later than **Monday, March 20, 2017** in order to qualify for the competitive classifications at the Convention. E-mail applications are also accepted with the same deadline. E-mail applications should be sent to the Exhibit Chairman with the subject line "MSNS Exhibits" at: **[albionfp@hotmail.com](mailto:albionfp@hotmail.com)**, and a cc. to the MSNS President as a back-up, at: **[President@michigancoinclub.org](mailto:President@michigancoinclub.org)**

2. Exhibitors may begin placing their displays on **Friday, April 7, 2017** beginning at **8:00 am**. All displays must be placed completely by **10:00 am. on Saturday, April 8, 2017** in order to be eligible for competition.. **Exhibitors must obtain an official name badge upon entry, and must wear/display it at all times while on the Convention floor.**

3. All exhibits must remain on display at the Convention for at least 24 continuous hours in order to qualify for awards. Exhibits must be removed by **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 9, 2017**.

4. Each exhibitor will receive a complimentary ticket at the Convention for the Sunday morning Awards Breakfast which begins at 8:30 am. on **Sunday, April 9, 2017**. A Junior exhibitor is granted an extra ticket for an adult driver. Exhibit judges also each receive one complimentary ticket. Additional breakfast tickets may be purchased from the MSNS secretary at the designated rate.

### **STANDARD RULES FOR EXHIBITING**

1. All exhibitors must be members of the Michigan State Numismatic Society. If not a member, you must join **prior** to the Convention. A membership application and further information is found on the [www.michiganclub.org](http://www.michiganclub.org) website. Write to: MSNS Membership, P.O. Box 301, Algonac, MI 48001.

2. Only one entry per classification. No more than **10** total cases per exhibitor, and no more than **3** displays per exhibitor. If entering more than one display, exhibitors must file a separate application for each. All applications must be signed and dated. Entries sent by e-mail within the deadline with the necessary exhibit/contact information only will be accepted, but the exhibitor will still need to fill out an official application form and sign it for legal purposes; those should be subsequently sent to the Exhibit Chairman before the Convention. The signature of a parent or guardian is also required if the exhibitor is under 18 years of age.

3. Junior exhibitors have the option of entering their exhibits in either the adult classifications, thereby competing as an adult; or in their own age group class. Age is determined by the exhibitor's age on the opening day of the Convention. A Junior exhibitor may only place one (1) exhibit in the Junior classification, but may compete with additional exhibits in the adult classifications. This provision may be suspended by the Exhibit Chairman or the Exhibits Committee at their discretion due to space limitations or other reasons.

4. If an exhibit contains items belonging to more than one classification, at least 65% of the items must be from the classification to which it is entered. If it is less than 65%, then the display should be entered in the Miscellaneous classification. The Exhibit Chair and/or Chief Judge have the discretion by mutual agreement of changing the classification of a display if it is determined that the exhibit was improperly classified. The Exhibit Chair and Chief Judge, at their discretion, may confer with the exhibitor before making their determination. An exhibitor may not request a classification change at the Convention.

5. Exhibit material is displayed in standard 34" long x 22" wide x 3" (Note: those are the **outside** measurements; please allow for lesser inside placement measurements) high cases which will be arranged horizontally and provided by MSNS. An exhibitor may also bring their own cases if so-indicated on the exhibit application.

6. Other-sized cases, panels, and vertical displays are allowed at the discretion of the Exhibit Chair. In such instances however any special requirements (including other-sized case measurements) need to be submitted in advance with the exhibit application so proper logistical and layout needs can be considered.

7. No titles, signs, placards or numismatic materials of any kind may be placed outside the exhibit cases. Switches or buttons intended to operate lights or educational displays in the cases or magnifying glasses provided to assist exhibit readers may be mounted on the table or on the cases, given that nothing extends more than one inch above the top (glass) surface of a case. Outside lights are not permitted.

8. All material shown must be the personal property of the exhibitor, which may include property owned jointly with a spouse.

9. The displays must be prepared and set up by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's designated agent. The Exhibit Chair should be notified by the exhibitor of any designated agent. **Juniors must set up their own displays, except for a physical limitation or special circumstances approved by the Exhibit chair.**

10. **No items are to be displayed that are in violation of United States laws or regulations.** Copies of U.S. Federally-issued/printed paper money/items, whether in color or black-and-white, must be less than 75% of original size, or more than 150% of original size. The regulations as provided in the U.S. Secret Service website state: *"The Counterfeit Detection Act of 1991, Public Law 102-550, in Section 411 of Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, permits color illustrations of U.S. currency provided: The illustration is of a size less than three-fourths or more than one and one-half, in linear dimension, of each part of the item illustrated. The illustration [must] be one-sided."*

In addition, under "Other Obligations and Securities," the regulations state: *"Photographic or other likenesses of other United States obligations and securities and foreign currencies are permissible for any non-fraudulent purpose, provided the items are reproduced in black and white and are less than three-quarters or greater than one-and-one-half times the size, in linear dimension, or any part of the original item being reproduced."*

In the event a violation of this Rule No. 10 is discovered prior to the beginning of the judging process, an exhibitor must remove the offending material upon being notified of the violation. If the exhibitor cannot be reached in time, or a violation of this Rule is not discovered until the judging process is underway, a total

disqualification will result, even if the violation is unintentional. Either way, the offending material must be removed or covered over. Application of this rule will be administered by the Chief Judge.

11. Copies (in color or in black-and-white) of foreign paper money/items that are no longer legal tender (for example, German government inflation notes of the 1920s) are allowed, as such copies are allowed at ANA conventions and are not considered a violation of Secret Service rules (see Rule 10 above). There are no size limitations. They must however, be so-marked or indicated with the word “copy.” This can be indicated either in the text or captions, or on the photograph/reproduction itself. Similarly, copies/scans of paper numismatic items such as obsolete banknotes are also allowed and can be full size, but they too must be so-marked or indicated with the word “copy.” This can be indicated either in the text or captions, or on the photograph/reproduction itself.

12. Photographs or photocopies or scans of numismatic items such as coins, tokens, or medals, either in color or in black-and-white, are generally not considered copies and do not have to have the word “copy” attached to them. Illustrations lifted directly from other sources should be directly attributed to those sources. If photographs displayed to represent an item are not taken of the actual items being displayed, then that should be indicated in the text. There are no size limitations as to photographs (with the exception of Rule No. 10), as that would be covered under the criteria of creativity, originality, attractiveness, and balance on the judging form.

13. Forged, spurious, or counterfeit material and replica copies may not be displayed unless such items are appropriately labeled and are displayed for educational purposes only, and also are not in violation of U.S. laws. So-called “Liberty Dollars” are not allowed to be displayed at MSNS Conventions, as they are not allowed at ANA Conventions. In the event a violation of this Rule No. 13 is discovered prior to the beginning of the judging process, an exhibitor must remove the offending material upon being notified of the violation. If the exhibitor cannot be reached in time, or a violation of this Rule is not discovered until the judging process is underway, a total disqualification will result, even if the violation is unintentional. Either way, the offending material must be removed or covered over. Application of this rule will be administered by the Chief Judge.

14. The exhibit text should be in the exhibitor’s own words, except when using direct quotes as indicated. Exhibitors, in preparing their texts, may choose to lift information verbatim from one or more sources. For details judged as “basic numismatic information,” such as mintage, designer, composition, etc., it is sufficient that sources for such information will be shown in a list of references. For text relating more to “special numismatic information,” such as historical, biographical or economic matters, it is best for exhibitors to present information in their own words. Text or illustrations lifted directly from other sources should be directly attributed to those sources. Instances where material is presented as “original” that has been copied from other sources without attribution will result in significant point deductions.

15. The name or photograph or identity of the competitive exhibitor may not appear in the exhibit, except as an author in a bibliographic reference, which will be sufficiently general that the exhibitor cannot be linked to the exhibit by that reference. In the event a violation of this Rule No. 14 is discovered prior to the beginning of the judging process, an exhibitor must remove the offending material upon being notified of the violation. If the exhibitor cannot be reached in time, or a violation of this Rule is not discovered until the judging process is underway, a total disqualification will result, even if the violation is unintentional. Either way, the offending material must be removed or covered over. Application of this rule will be administered by the Chief Judge.

16. No exhibit may contain any current advertising of items therein for sale.

17. Judging procedures, including judging times, are set by the MSNS Exhibits Committee and Chief Judge, according to the needs and logistics of each Convention. Judging will be guided by the rules of the American Numismatic Association. **The decisions of the judges are final.** Competitive exhibitors are not permitted to attend their exhibits while they are being judged.

18. The Exhibit Chairman and Chief Judge, and members of their immediate families may not place competitive exhibits. No MSNS board member nor MSNS officer may enter competitive exhibits. Non-competitive exhibits are encouraged, and are still eligible for the People’s Choice award. MSNS board members and officers may still receive the same judging appreciation awards given to exhibit judges.

19. Applications for Non-competitive displays should be made on a regular exhibit application and marked "Non-competitive." Exhibit applications received after the application deadline may be allowed at the discretion of the Exhibit Chairman in the Non-competitive classification.

20. First, Second and Third Place awards may be given for each competitive classification. An exhibit must earn an average of at least 80 scoring points to merit a First Place; 70 points for a Second; and 65 points for a Third. An exhibit which has previously won two First awards, or one Best-of-Show award at MSNS Conventions may not be entered in further competition.

21. A "People's Choice Award" will be given at each convention. All displays (except past People's Choice Award winners), both competitive and non-competitive, are eligible for the People's Choice Award. The winner will receive a plaque or other award as determined by the Exhibits Committee. The winner will also be awarded free tuition at an MSNS-sponsored numismatic educational class.

22. There will be separate Best-of-Show awards: An Adult Best-of-Show will be selected from the First Place exhibits in the Adult Classes 1 through 7. A Junior Best-of-Show will be awarded to the First Place Junior exhibit.

23. The Best-of-Show awards at MSNS Conventions approved by the board of directors of MSNS are as follows: Spring Adult Best-of-Show: Irving Moskovitz Memorial. Spring Junior Best-of-Show: Al and Ann Bobrofsky Award. Fall Adult Best-of-Show: Paul Schilling Memorial. Fall Junior Best-of-Show: Florence Schook Memorial Junior Best-of-Show.

24. The Best-of-Show winners (one Adult, one Junior) at each of the two MSNS Conventions held during the same calendar year (Spring, Fall) will compete for "Exhibit of the Year" at the Fall Convention. One Adult and one Junior Exhibit of the Year will be chosen by a judging team. The Spring Best-of-Show winners are required to bring back their displays to the Fall Convention in the non-competitive classification, so that they may be judged along with the Fall Best-of-Show winners to determine the Exhibit of the Year.

The Exhibit-of-the-Year winner in each division (one Adult, one Junior) will receive a plaque. The winner will also be awarded a tuition and travel-expense paid trip at the Fall Convention to the Summer Seminar of the American Numismatic Association, subject to these conditions: 1) There is a 3-year time interval before the winner of a trip is eligible to win another trip [Example: the Fall 2017 winner will become eligible again in the Fall of 2020]; 2) The eligibility begins with the month the trip is awarded at the Fall Convention; 3) The trip must be taken within the two (2) subsequent Summer Seminars. Trips not taken after two years will expire. The exception is a Junior exhibitor who cannot attend before the age allowed by the ANA. In such cases the two year eligibility will begin with the Seminar that they are old enough to attend; 4) It is the responsibility of the winner to join the American Numismatic Association and register for the Summer Seminar in a timely manner, and indicate that MSNS is paying for the tuition on the application form; 5) MSNS will reimburse for travel expenses up to \$500 upon completion of the summer seminar session/class. Travel expenses will be reimbursed after verification of summer seminar/class completion and copies of receipts for expenses are provided to the MSNS Treasurer. The \$500 travel expense is inclusive of either airfare for coach (not first class) rates or for those driving to the seminar. Students will be reimbursed according to the comparable coach airfare rate, rather than mileage rates.

25. All exhibits are displayed at the risk of the owner. Each exhibitor must agree to and sign a waiver and release from liability statement on the exhibit application which states: "I hereby release the Michigan State Numismatic Society, all participating clubs and their officers, members, committees, agents and employees, in their official and/or individual personal capacities, from any liability for loss, damage, or destruction through negligence or otherwise, of any numismatic material, and for personal injury and property damage of any kind, including judging results, which the undersigned may suffer or incur before, during or after this Convention. The foregoing shall not however, limit the liability of any individual who may personally be guilty of theft, willful damage or destruction. I also agree to allow my name and/or photograph to be published along with other exhibitors in The Michmatist and/or other numismatic publications. I certify that this display has not previously won a Best-of-Show or two First Places at MSNS Conventions. **I have read and hereby agree to abide by the exhibit rules, waiver, and release from liability statement.**"

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