

Balkanfila Working Group Exhibition Regulations

Members of the Balkanfila: Society of Albanian Collectors, Union of Bulgarian Philatelists, Hellenic Philatelic Federation, Hrvatski filatelistički savez , Savez filatelista Makedonije, Union of Philatelists of Montenegro, Romanian Philatelic Federation, Filatelistična zveza Slovenije, Savez filatelista Srbije and Federation of Turkish Philatelic Associations

agree on the aim of the following basic principles of the Balkanfila exhibitions:

1. To foster a strong cooperation between philatelists from countries whose territory is located – at least in part – on the Balkan peninsula, leading to a philately in the area.
2. To organize Balkanfila exhibitions that provide on one hand means to get acquainted with philatelic developments in Balkanfila countries, which have experienced both common and different historical developments leading to their present status, and on the other hand a space for social relationships and friendship among participants.
3. To give an opportunity to exhibitors with limited or no international experiences to exhibit in the international arena, which will help them to improve their exhibits.
4. To offer an occasion to newcomers, youngsters especially, to learn about advanced exhibiting.

These basic principles are an inspiration for the following regulations regarding the exhibitions organized within the Balkanfila Working group.

1. Introduction

These regulations apply to the organization and implementation of and judging at Balkanfila exhibitions.

2. Venue and time of exhibitions

Balkanfila exhibitions should, in principle, take place every second/third year in one of the countries members of the Balkanfila Working group. To organize an exhibition is not a requirement for any of the member countries. The venue and time of an exhibition should be decided at a Balkanfila meeting, at least year and a half in advance.

3. Costs

All costs connected with the exhibition are totally carried by the member in whose country the exhibition takes place.

4. Coordinator

At a Balkanfila meeting a coordinator is appointed for a given exhibition. His/her duties are:

- To closely work with the exhibition organizing committee and to help with his/hers experience
- To report about all matters in connection with the exhibition to the President of the Balkanfila Working group.

5. Organization

The organizer must establish an organizing committee. The President of the organizing committee must immediately report to the coordinator on every important step in the preparation of the exhibition.

Every exhibition should be planned in such a way that every country has at its disposal a minimum of 30 frames. If a country does not use all the frames at its disposal, the organizing committee can offer the remaining frames to another country. The exhibition should last a minimum of three days.

Balkanfila exhibitions are recommended to be either Rank I. exhibitions (gold medal for 85 or more points) or international exhibitions (gold medal for 90 points). At Balkanfila exhibitions all FIP exhibition classes are welcome.

Exhibitions can be held together with other philatelic events. Philatelic seminars, symposia, meetings, auctions etc. are welcome during exhibitions.

In special circumstances a specialized exhibition can also be arranged. Specialized exhibitions are those with only few (minimum four) competitive classes. In this case 30 frames must be on disposal for each country.

6. Invitation

The organizer must send to all Balkanfila countries an invitation with IREX, accompanied by enough entry forms, minimum nine months before the exhibition.

7. Participants

All philatelists with permanent residence in one of countries included in Working group Balkanfila can participate to the exhibition. In the non competitive classes the participation of philatelists also from non Balkanfila countries is possible, if their exhibits have a strong connection with Balkan countries or with the history of this part of the Europe.

Every exhibitor can participate with an exhibit, which was awarded with a minimum of 70 points in previous exhibitions. Exhibits receiving three gold or higher medals in international exhibitions cannot participate in competitive classes.

All exhibits must contain either 80 sheets or 128 sheets, except one frame exhibits, and exhibits in youth and literature class.

8. Frame fee

The organizer can set the frame fee, which, however, must not exceed 25 euro per frame. Delegates at a Balkanfila meeting can change this point, but not later than one year before the exhibition.

9. Commissioners

Every country must appoint a Commissioner for every Balkanfila exhibition. Commissioner duties are those defined in FIP regulations.

A Commissioner has right to accommodation for one person (two persons, if accompanied by his/her partner) during the duration of the exhibition and either a suitable daily allowance or other sustenance offered by the organizer. A Commissioner has right to a free admission to the exhibition, to one exhibition catalogue and to two tickets for the Palmares ceremony.

10. Judging

Competitive exhibits shown at Balkanfila exhibitions will be judged by an international jury consisting of jurors from cooperating countries. Jurors will use appropriate FIP regulations (SREVs) for all exhibition classes. The organizer should invite a sufficient number of jurors in agreement with the coordinator. Jurors acting as team leaders should have FEPA or FIP accreditation. Jurors on national level with international experiences can be members of the Jury as well. No more than two jurors from each country can serve in the jury with the exception of jurors from the country where the exhibition is taking place. The President of the jury, as a rule, comes from the country that organizes the exhibition. The organizer can include up to three apprentice jurors in every exhibition.

The organizer must provide suitable rooms and equipment to be used by the jury for its unimpeded work.

Each jury member has the right to accommodation for two persons during the exhibition and to a suitable daily allowance or other sustenance offered by the organizer. A Juror has the right to a free admission to the exhibition and to two tickets for the Palmares ceremony.

11. Medals

According to the number of points reached, the jury can award the following medals:

Medal	Rank I	International
Gold	85-100	90-100
Large vermeil	80-84	85-99
Vermeil	75-79	80-84
Large silver	70-74	75-79
Silver	65-69	70-74
Silver-bronze	60-64	65-69
Bronze	55-59	60-64
Diploma	up to 54	up to 59

Every exhibitor must receive a certificate stating the reached medal. Medals in metal form are also recommended.

12. Special prizes

Every country, member of the Balkanfila Working group, is asked to donate one special prize. Special prizes will be put at the jury disposal to award the exhibitor for originality, new theme, new treatment etc. shown by the philatelic exhibit.

13. Balkanfila Grand Prix

The organizer must provide a special prize to be awarded to the exhibit, which best expresses Balkanfila ideas. The price should be suitable to its name and must bear the writing Balkanfila Grand Prix, along with the name of the exhibition and year of exhibition. This special price is awarded by decision of the jury and given during the Palmares ceremony by the President of the Balkanfila working group. The winner of the Balkanfila Grand Prix should be also given a related certificate.

14. Security

The organizer should undertake all reasonable activities for the security of the exhibited collections, but it cannot be held responsible for possible damages or stealing of the exhibited material. The insurance of the exhibits should be a responsibility of the exhibitors.

15. Validity

These regulations get in force on the first exhibition after their acceptance at a Balkanfila Working group meeting.

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Union of Bulgarian Philatelists..... *Spas Paucher*
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Hrvatski filatelistički savez..... *B.H.L. G.A.P.I.L. - PROXS - Balko*
Savez filatelista Makedonije..... *Doncho GEORGIEV*
Moldovan Philatelic Federation..... *Alina*
Union of Philatelists of Montenegro..... *TOMO KATURIC*
Romanian Philatelic Federation..... *Francisc Anbrus*
Filatelistična zveza Slovenije..... *1932 P19C*
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