Guidelines for the duties and accreditation of Jurors

In FIP World and specialized Exhibitions

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CHAPTER II - Accredited Jurors

ARTICLE 2 – Period of Service

Existing Regulation

2.1 Jurors shall remain on the accredited list for a period of eight years after which they may be required to be reassessed unless:

- they have been nominated or approved as a Team Leader
- they have served at least twice in the previous four years.

Amendment

- 2.1 Jurors shall remain on the accredited list for a period of ten years after which they may be required to be reassessed unless:
 - they have served at least twice in the previous eight years.

Reason for Amendment

This change simply makes the years of initial period of service slightly longer to all for the somewhat reduced numbers of opportunities to serve on juries due to fewer Exhibitions in the last decades.

Removing the Team Leader clause makes sense as it would really never be applicable.

ARTICLE 3 – Newly accredited Jurors.

A report by the Team Leader endorsed by the Jury President shall be submitted on the first occasion a newly accredited juror serves as a full member of a jury. This shall cover the competence and diligence of the juror.

Amendment

As above but add "3.1" at the beginning of the clause.

3.2 If in the selection of a Jury, the FIP Board decides not to take any of the three Jurors nominated by the Member Federation according to the GREX, then the Board may select an additional newly accredited or other Juror from the same Federation.

Reason for Amendment

The change in this clause allows more flexibility for the FIP Board to select underused newly accredited jurors for exhibitions and other jurors as well.

CHAPTER III – Apprentice Juror

ARTICLE 12 – Requirements

Existing Regulation

- 12.1 To serve as an Apprentice at a FIP Exhibition an Apprentice Juror shall:
 - a) Have been an exhibitor in a FIP exhibition and must have received at least Vermeil Medal in a Competitive Class.

Amendment

- 12.1 To serve as an Apprentice at a FIP Exhibition an Apprentice Juror shall:
 - a) Have been an exhibitor in a FIP exhibition and must have received at least a Vermeil Medal within the last 10 years from the application date in his specific selected Competitive Class.

Reason for Amendment

This brings the initial requirement for an Apprentice in line with the current requirement for someone to Cross Accredit. As cross accreditation candidates must have received their Vermeil Medal within 10 years of cross accreditation, it makes sense for this to apply to new Apprentices as well.

ARTICLE 14 – Accreditation

Amendment

(New Clause) 14.5 An Apprentice can only apply for and be approved for one philatelic Class.

Change the number of existing Clause 14.5 to "14.6".

Reason for Amendment

If Cross Accreditation applicants must go through fairly stringent requirements to become accredited in another Class, it is unfair to allow a first time Apprentice to be initially accredited in more than one Class.

CHAPTER IV – Cross Accreditation

Article 16 – Accreditation

Amendment

(New Clause) 16.4 To Cross Accredit an applicant must participate as a Juror during the entire exhibition. This can be accomplished by being present on the Jury without voting rights or other financial and social privileges given to voting Jury Members.

Reason for Amendment

Cross Accreditions in the past have managed simply by an applicant showing up and judging 3-4 exhibits in the new Class and being approved or not. Having the applicant participate in the entire judging process of the Exhibition allows a much better chance for the applicant to be fairly evaluated from a number of parameters.

CHAPTER VI – Team Leaders

Article 22 - Team leader apprentice

Existing Regulation

- 22.2 In order to be selected as a possible Team Leader, the accredited Juror must:
 - have acted at least in three opportunities as a Juror in the category in which he is accredited
 - have participated in courses or seminars organized for Team Leaders in different classes of Competition recognized by the FIP.

Amendment

- 22.2 In order to be selected as a possible Team Leader, the accredited Juror must:
 - have acted at least in three opportunities as a full Juror in the category in which he is accredited
- 22.6 To serve as a Team Leader Apprentice the applicant must be acting as a full Juror during the designated FIP Exhibition.
- 22.7 Any Juror who is already certified as a Team Leader in a Class and wishes to be designated as a Team Leader in another Class for which he is already certified as a Juror must send in a request to the FIP Board for consideration

Reason for Amendment

- 22.2 A requirement that was not completely clear in the past.
 - The courses and seminars organized for Team Leaders have never been put in place and are not intended to be at this point in time.
- 22.6 This was not stated in the Guidelines before and needed to be clarified as an obvious requirement and also to make clear his role in the designated FIP Exhibition.
- 22.7 This cuts out a lot of unrequired work and forms. A person who is an already qualified Team Leader would normally be equally qualified to serve as a Team Leader in another Class in which the individual is already an accredited Juror.