

## **Sports Philatelists International Criteria for Best-of-Show Awards**

1. Sports Philatelists International, in order to encourage the exhibiting of sport and Olympic thematic material, sponsors a Best-of-Show award.
2. Any philatelic society having a competitive exhibition using American Philatelic Society (APS) or American Topical Association (ATA) accredited judges may request SPI Award Certificates from the Membership Chairman, Dr. Margaret Jones (docj3@doverplaceecc.org). There is no charge for the certificates.
3. In adult level competitions, a Best-of-Show may be awarded to a bronze medal winner if three or more sport or Olympic exhibits are in competition. A silver medal level must be attained if only one or two exhibits are shown.
4. The SPI Best-of-Show Award may not be awarded to the same exhibit more than once in any 4-year period. Show committees will be provided with the exhibit titles and their owner's names who are ineligible for the award. This rule does not apply to special SPI awards at international FIP/FIPO exhibitions.
5. In special cases, SPI may expand the Best-of-Show awards to include second and third place, as well as provide a special trophy.
6. A youth award is also available, which may be given at the discretion of the judges regardless of the medal level attained by the exhibit or number of thematically-related exhibits entered in the show.
7. The recipient of an SPI Best-of-Show award need not be a member of SPI, however the organization does reserve the right to solicit all winners of SPI certificates for possible membership in SPI.