

Individual Regulations for BALKANFILA 2027 (IREX)

1. Venue and date

1.1. The International Philatelic Exhibition BALKANFILA 2027 - 22th edition continues to consolidate and develop the friendship between the philatelists from the Balkan Region. The exhibition will be held at the Museum of Romanian Records – Bucharest.

1.2. BALKANFILA 2027 will be held from May 13th to 16th 2027.

1.3. Participating countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey, Cyprus. Invited countries: Israel and Czech Republic.

1.4. Official hotel is RIN CENTRAL.

2. Organization and support

2.1. BALKANFILA 2027 is organized by the Romanian Philatelic Federation, Bucharest Philatelic Association, Romanian Post.

2.2. BALKANFILA 2027 will be held under the Recognition of the Federation of European Philatelic Associations /FEPA/.

2.3. The exhibition is under the F.I.P. Sponsorship.

2.4. Museum of Romanian Records is a main sponsor of BALKANFILA 2027.

2.5. The official language of the exhibition is English language.

3. Regulations

3.1. For BALKANFILA 2027 the following regulations of International Federation of Philately /FIP/ apply:

a) FEPA Regulations for Exhibitions /FREGEX/

b) General Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions /GREV/

c) Special Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions /SREVs/

d) FEPA Guidelines for Narrow Theme Exhibits (1-2-3 frame exhibits).

e) Balkanfila Working group Exhibition regulations (BWGER).

f) These Individual Regulations (IREX) for BALKANFILA 2027.

4. Rank and classes of the exhibition

The BALKANFILA 2020 International Stamp Exhibition is an Rank I. Exhibition, where the exhibits may be presented in the following classes:

A. Non-Competitive Classes:

Class A.1 Official Class

a) Official Class (for postal administrations and museums)

b) Honorary Class (for invited persons and jury-members).

A.2 Other non-competitive classes.

B. Competitive classes:

B.1 Balkanfila Grand Prix Class

C.1 Traditional Philately Class

C.2 Postal History Class

C.3 Thematic Philately Class

C.4 Maximaphily Class

C.5 Revenue Stamp Class

C.6 Open Philately Class

C.7 Postal Stationery Class

C.8 Aerophilately Class/ Astrophilately Class

C.9 Picture Postcard Class

L.1 Philatelic Literature – Books and special studies

L.2 Philatelic Literature – Catalogues

L.3 Philatelic Literature – Periodicals

- L.4 Philatelic Literature – Articles of general nature.
 - Y.1 Youth philately – Age* of exhibitor 10-15 years
 - Y.2 Youth philately – Age* of exhibitor 16-18 years
 - Y.3 Youth philately – Age* of exhibitor 19-21 years
- * Age on January 1st, 2027

Note: The "Narrow theme exhibits" (1-2-3 frame exhibits) are classified in their respective philatelic class. When applying to enter the exhibition the exhibitor is invited to nominate the most appropriate class for the exhibit. However, the Organizing Committee and the Jury reserve the right to transfer any exhibit from one class to another, always to the benefit of the exhibitor.

5. Condition of participation

5.1. All philatelists with permanent residence in one of the countries included in Balkanfila Working Group and foreign philatelists who are members of respective Societies in this Group; invited countries/federations as guests.

5.2. Exhibits in the competitive classes – except Youth Philately and Philatelic Literature - must have achieved a minimum of 75 points or awarded with Vermeil medal at an exhibition of national level. The commissioner confirms the quality of the new/first time exhibits.

5.3. For the "Literature" class there are no restrictions. In philatelic Literature class the exhibits must have been published/issued after:

- 1 January 2018 for handbooks or special studies (class L1)
- 1 January 2022 for remaining entries (classes L2, L3, L4)

5.4. The Exhibition does not have a Championship Class, exhibits that have won LG at FIP/Continental exhibitions are not admitted in the competitive classes. At the request of the exhibitor and with the agreement of the Organizing Committee, they may be placed in class A.2. non-competitive class.

5.5. The exhibitor must be the owner of the exhibit displayed, which is listed under the exhibitor's name, or a pseudonym, in the official program. The exhibit must have been the property of the entrant for at least two years and, if purchased as a collection, extensively revised to qualify for the exhibition.

5.6 Exhibitors may display their exhibit under a pseudonym, provided their name and membership in any appropriate philatelic society are made known to the National Commissioner, the Organizing Committee and the Jury.

5.7. Collections/exhibits with Balkan themes, from any FEPA member federation can be accepted.

5.8. The decisions regarding the applications of the exhibits and their acceptance will be the subject to Article 9-19 of the FIP General Regulations for Exhibitions /GREX/.

6. Applications and Acceptance

6.1. The entry form must be accompanied by a photocopy of the introductory sheet of the exhibit or a Synopsis and sent to the respective national Commissioner.

6.2. The entry form will be sent by the national Commissioner to the Organizing Committee no later than October 30th, 2026.

6.3. Exhibits must be entered under the correct classification. The Jury reserves the right to reassign the incorrectly classified exhibits. No exhibit can be entered in more than one class. The contents of the exhibits must be in accordance with the moral and ethical standards as well as with the Romanian law.

6.5. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit without assigning any reason for rejection.

6.5. Data provided by the applicants is used by BALKANFILA XXII to organize the exhibition and may be stored and transmitted electronically, as well as in paper. By submitting their applications, the exhibitors assent to this. Data handling will be performed in compliance with EU GDPR. No data will be passed to any third party for any purpose other than retention for exhibition records and may be used to provide the exhibitor with information about future exhibitions.

6.6. Every exhibit accepted will be listed in the official exhibition catalog under its given title as stated in the entry form together with a short description.

6.7. The list of accepted exhibits will be sent to the national Commissioners not later than November 15th, 2026. This leaves enough time to inform the exhibitors and to collect the entry fees to be sent to the address indicated by the Organizing Committee not later than February 15th, 2027.

7. Participation fees

7.1. The participation fee for classes A1 and A2 is 25 Euro for one frame.

The participation fees in the competitive classes (B1, C1-C9) are as follows:

- One-frame exhibits: 80 €
- Two-frame exhibits: 140 €
- Three-frame exhibits: 180 €
- Multiframe exhibits of 5 to 8 frames: 50 € per frame

In the Philatelic Literature Class (L1 to L4) the fee is 50 € per exhibit.

Youth Philately Class: 20 € per frame.

7.2. The participation fee must be sent to the Organizing Committee no later than February 15th, 2027.

The payment information can be provided to the National Commissioners after the publication of the list of accepted exhibits.

7.3 Official website for BALKANFILA 2027 will be: <http://balkanfila.eu/>

8. Frame allocation and sizes

8.1. There will be approximately 500 frames (if the number of requests is higher, it can be increased) for the competitive classes and 200 frames for non-competitive class, measured 970x1200mm. One frame holds 16 sheets measured DIN A4 /210x295 mm/ and maximum 12 mm thickness for objects in the OPEN class. The Organizing Committee must be informed about the OPEN exhibits that require a special exposure.

8.2. The sheets will be mounted in four rows of four. Each sheet must be placed in a transparent protective cover.

8.3. Multiple size sheets may be accommodated but must be noted on the entry forms and coordinated with the organizers.

8.4. Philatelic literature will be displayed in special exhibition cabinets or in halls to be at visitor's disposal.

8.5. The Organizing Committee will decide on the allocation of frames in the Non-competitive Classes.

8.6. In the competitive classes the allocation of frames is as follows:

- 8 frames to the exhibits awarded a Large Vermeil medal at FIP/FEPA exhibitions;
- 5 frames for exhibits awarded a lower than Large Vermeil medal, including first time international appearance.
- "*Youth Class*" –minimum 3 frames and maximum 5 frames.

9. Presentation of exhibits

9.1. All exhibits must be mounted on white pages. Exhibits mounted on dark colored or black sheets are not accepted. Sheets must contain genuine objects.

9.2. The Organizing Committee advises exhibitors to enclose in a transparent protective cover their sheets rather rigid to ensure a better presentation of the sheet.

9.3. The original of expertizing certificate must be placed at the disposal of the Jury by inserting it at the back of the page. A small letter © should be present at the right bottom corner of the display sheet.

10. Commissioners

10.1. Every country must appoint a Commissioner for every Balkanfila Exhibition. It would be preferable for the Commissioner to also be a Jury member of the FEPA / FIP.

11. Jury

11.1. The exhibits in the Competitive Classes will be judged by a Jury approved by the Organizing Committee. Jury members will be elected from Candidates nominated by National Philatelic Federations, and they must be accredited Judges of Continental or FIP level. In addition, one or more FIP Jurors can be invited from outside the participating countries. The President of the Jury will be a FIP accredited Juror.

11.2. If the Jury discover manipulated, fake or improved items in an exhibit without a proper description of this fact in the exhibit, a report of the item will be sent to the Commissioner, the exhibitor and his/her respective National Philatelic Federation.

11.3. Jury members, Jury apprentices or their family members/employees/employers cannot participate in any Competitive Class.

12. Awards

12.1. Awards will be given in accordance with the FIP General Regulations for Exhibitions /GREX/, the General Regulations for the Evaluation of Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions /GREV/ and the Special Regulations for the Evaluation of the Competitive Exhibits at FIP Exhibitions /SREV/.

12.2. Awards for the exhibits from Competitive Classes:

- ♥ Large Gold medal (95 - 100 points)
- ♥ Gold medal (90 - 94 points)
- ♥ Large Vermeil medal (85 - 89 points)
- ♥ Vermeil medal (80 - 84 points)
- ♥ Large Silver medal (75 - 79 points)
- ♥ Silver medal (70 - 74 points)
- ♥ Silver Bronze medal (65 - 69 points)
- ♥ Bronze medal (60- 64 points)
- ♥ Diploma ($\leq$ 59 points)

The exhibitor that does not attain the medal degree will be provided with a Diploma of participation.

The awards will be accompanied by Diplomas.

12.3 Each Federation is welcome to donate a Special Award that will be made available to the jury and given to the exhibits as Special Prizes.

12.4 The Organizing Committee will nominate the **Balkanfila 2027 Grand Prix, Grand Prix International and Grand Prix National**. The special prize will be awarded by the jury's decision during the Palmares ceremony by the President of the Balkanfila Working Group.

-**Grand Prix BALKANFILA** is awarded by the Jury to the highest scoring exhibit in the Balkanfila Working Group (all others Balkan countries).

-**Grand Prix International** is awarded by the Jury to the highest scoring exhibit in the in the International Group (all others areas including Romania and the Balkans).

-**Grand Prix National** is awarded by the Jury to the highest scoring exhibit in the National Group (Romanian philately)

13. Delivery and Return of the Exhibits

13.1. All exhibits must be sent in envelopes, each sheet must be numbered and enclosed in a transparent protective cover closed by three sides. The numbering will be continuous and placed in any of the frontal lower corners.

13.2. Exhibits in the "Literature" Class must be provided in advance in a single copy by April 15th 2027. Exhibits in the Class "Literature" will not be returned. They will be dispatched to the Organizing Committee by the exhibitor at the address indicated on the registration form.

13.3. All expenses in connection with sending the exhibit shall be paid by the exhibitor. The exhibits will be returned to the exhibitors by the way they are sent (Art.51.1 GREX).

13.5. The Organizing Committee recommends the exhibits to be **delivered and returned by the national commissioners**.

13.6. The exhibits of the Romanian exhibitors will be delivered personally or by delegate.

13.7. Exhibitors are allowed to bring their exhibits to the exhibition venue on 12 May 2027 at time to be announced later.

The Organizing Committee, together with National Commissioners, will take care of mounting/dismounting the exhibits. Also, exhibitors, or their representatives holding a written proxy from the exhibitor, can make an agreement with Organizing Committee and be allowed to mount their own exhibits. Mounting by exhibitors or their representatives must be assisted by member of the exhibition staff.

If an exhibit is not received or mounted within the limits stated above, the exhibitor is not entitled to participate in the exhibition. The participation fee is not refundable.

14. Insurance and security

14.1. Every exhibitor must insure at his own expense the exhibit presented to BALKANFILA 2027.

14.2. The Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2027 will take the appropriate measures to safeguard the handling and display of exhibits, from their arrival until their return.

14.3. The Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2027 and their employees, whether they are paid or voluntary, will not be liable for any loss or damage to an exhibit from the time of receipt to its return.

14.4. For all legal questions arising between the Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2027 and the exhibitors, the Laws of the Romania shall apply exclusively.

15. Customs

15.1. Special instructions concerning Customs regulations for export and import of exhibits coming from abroad from countries outside the European Union shall be sent to the national Commissioners.

15.2. Exhibitors must deliver to their national Commissioners, before sending entries, a list or inventory, indicating in every sheet the number of stamps or postal items, and their estimated value.

16. About the Organizing Committee

16.1. The Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2027 reserves the right to change the present regulations. In such case exhibitors will be informed of any modification at once.

16.2. By signing the final entry form, every exhibitor accepts these Special Regulations for BALKANFILA 2027.

16.3. The interpretation and solution of the issues not included in the present Regulations are up to the Organizing Committee of BALKANFILA 2027 to decide and those decisions are final.

16.4. In case of discrepancy or disagreement which could not be solved in a friendly way between the parties, the place of jurisdiction is the Bucharest Local Court.

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Please specify that payment is for BALKANFILA 2027

NOTE: In the event of deviations attributable to differences in the various language versions of this Special Regulations of BALKANFILA 2027, the Romanian version is binding.

Throughout the exhibition, there will also be a **Philatelic Fair**, coordinated by Mr. **Romeo Mincă**.
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