

Homer Laughlin China Collectors Association

Exhibit Rules and Regulations

A. Eligibility

1. The HLCCA Exhibit competition is open to all active members of HLCCA who are willing to conform to the rules contained herein, and who apply on the official Exhibit Application Form.
2. The majority of the material exhibited for the judged exhibits should be owned by the person or persons whose name(s) appears on the Exhibit Application Form. Ownership of all other objects/materials should be acknowledged in the exhibit.
- 2a. (A "single" membership = single exhibit; A "couple" membership = either one joint exhibit or two single exhibits)
3. The exhibit must not contain material that will be offered for sale during the HLCCA Conference.
4. An exhibit shown competitively two years in succession must contain new material that supports its objective.
5. Exhibitors' names will appear in the Conference Program, and will be used in conjunction with the awards. Exhibitors who wish to remain anonymous must indicate this on the Exhibit Application Form and furnish a pseudonym.
6. The Association reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit, for any reason.

B. Judging and Awards

1. The President of the Association (or his/her designate) shall appoint a panel of no fewer than three judges. HLCCA Officers, other members of the Board of Directors, and candidates for a seat on the Board are not eligible to serve as judges.

Judging, under the leadership of the Exhibit Judge Chairperson, will be on the basis of open competition. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits. The decisions of the judges shall be final, and shall not be subject to appeal.

2. The exhibit must not contain material that will be offered for sale during the HLCCA Conference.
3. All exhibits will be judged on a point-value basis, as outlined below. Three levels of awards shall be given: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The panel will have at its disposal a sufficient number of awards such that no limitation needs to be made on the number of awards given at each level. The HLCCA Grand Award will be awarded to the exhibit determined by the judges to be the best in the competition.
4. All awards will be presented at the Conference Banquet, to be held on Saturday evening during the Conference.
5. The ballots for the "People's Choice Award" shall be tabulated by the Exhibit Judge Chairperson and at least one of the other judges. All exhibits are eligible for this award.
6. No one will be admitted to the Exhibit room during the judging process. The President of the Association shall appoint a person to remain outside the Exhibit Room during judging. This person will communicate, if necessary, between the judges and the President (or his/her designate).
7. Any exhibitor who attempts to enter the Exhibit Room before judging is completed will be disqualified from the Exhibit competition.

C. Evaluation of Exhibits

1. Judges shall evaluate what is presented in the exhibit without regard to ownership and without consideration of any extramural information to which any judge may be privy; the exhibit receives the award, not the exhibitor.
2. Exhibits shall be evaluated on a 100-point scale, with the breakdown of points as follows:

Subject & Originality (maximum 20 points)

- Subject of exhibit is appropriate
- Scope of exhibit is appropriate (not too broad or too narrow)
- Exhibit presents a logical exposition of some aspect(s) of Homer Laughlin China (HLC) products and related materials
- Originality of subject

Development & Research (maximum 25 points)

- Items selected are appropriate to the topic
- Items shown illustrate the points that exhibitor is attempting to demonstrate
- Items cover full scope of subject
- Exhibitor displays a diversity of items
- Exhibit demonstrates research, with additional merit given for new, original research

Knowledge (maximum 20 points)

- Exhibit demonstrates the exhibitor's knowledge of subject
- Exhibit demonstrates exhibitor's knowledge of ceramic processes, HLC production, etc

Condition and Rarity (maximum 25 points)

- All items should be in the best possible condition, given source, age, and general availability
- Items are evaluated on difficulty of acquisition (which does not, necessarily, equate to price or value).

Presentation and General Impression (maximum 10 points)

- Exhibit is presented as a harmonious whole
- Objects are highlighted, not overshadowed, by supporting materials and text
- Display is pleasing and attractive
- Display is creative and innovative

3. The point-values for each award shall be: 85-100 points, Gold; 70-84 points, Silver; 55-69 points, Bronze. Exhibits receiving fewer than 55 points shall receive a Certificate of Participation.

D. Display Space, Floor Plan, and Set Up

1. Exhibits will be displayed on standard-height banquet tables provided by the hotel. All materials must be contained on the tabletop surface or immediately above it. The tables must be used. Any use of electricity needed for an exhibit must be pre-approved.
2. No materials may be attached to the walls of the Exhibit Room.
3. Tables will be skirted and covered with tablecloths; exhibitors may elect to use their own covers on top of the supplied cloths.
4. Exhibits will be set up Saturday morning, 7:00-9:00 am. All exhibit set-ups must be completed by 9:00 am. Exhibits not set up within the time period will be disqualified.
5. 15 minutes will be scheduled prior to judging to allow for official Conference photographs.
6. The Exhibits will be open to the public until 2:00 pm, during which time there will be an uniformed security guard in the Exhibit Room.
7. Exhibitors may begin removal of their exhibits from the Exhibit Room starting at 2:00 pm on Saturday; no exhibit may be removed earlier without the express permission of the Conference Chairperson. All exhibits must be removed by 4:00 pm.

E. Fees and Entry Procedures

1. Entry must be made on the Exhibit Application Form, together with the entry fee.
2. The Exhibit Application form provides space for a 25-word (or fewer) description of the exhibit. This description, subject to editing if necessary, will be used in the official Conference Program,
3. Exhibit Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served, basis. Because exhibit space is limited, those who wish to exhibit are advised to submit their applications as soon as possible.
4. Failure to exhibit forfeits the entry fee.

F. General.

1. Any questions that arise concerning the Exhibit competition that are not addressed by the Rules and Regulations shall be resolved by an HLCCA officer.
2. The exhibitor's signature on the Exhibit Application Form shall be construed to signify understanding and acceptance.