

Number of Qualifying Exhibits for Commissioners

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During my role as the FIP Consultant for some of the past and immediate forthcoming FIP exhibitions, the issue of the “Number of Qualifying Exhibits for Commissioners” has always puzzled a good number of commissioners as to who decide the “number”, how the “number” been decided etc. I would like to address this subject to the best of my knowledge.

- 1) The number of qualifying exhibits determines the entitlement of the privileges accorded to the commissioners at FIP exhibitions.
FIP GREX (General Regulations of the FIP for Exhibitions) Article 27 Number of Exhibits stated:
 - 27.1 The Commissioner must obtain a minimum number of accepted exhibits to be entitled to the privileges set out in Article 28.1. This qualifying number of exhibits will be published annually by the FIP Board and will apply to all exhibitions in the stated calendar year.
 - 27.2 It is in the interest of the exhibitors that the Exhibition Management and the Commissioners reach a mutual agreement in advance on the number of frames that can be allotted to them to avoid embarrassment.
 - 27.3 The FIP Board will determine the qualifying number of exhibits for each Member. The minimum will not be less than three, of which not more than one third may be in the youth class. Exhibits in the literature class are not counted for this purpose. The criteria to be applied are shown in the Guidelines for the Conduct of Commissioners.
- 2) The qualifying exhibit defined by FIP is one that has achieved a vermeil award or above at FIP exhibitions. If an exhibitor has two exhibits, both with vermeil awards, then they are counted as 2 exhibits. **For example:** If a FIP member federation has 22 exhibits with vermeil awards and above, the “number of qualifying exhibits” is 6 (for general world exhibitions) and 4 (for specialized world exhibitions, see GREX Article 2.1). However, exhibits in the FIP Championship Class (see GREX Articles 4, 9.6) will not be counted upon graduation. Upon graduation means the exhibit has either (a) already showed for 5 years during the 10 years duration or (b) the exhibit has already won the Grand Prix d'Honneur.
- 3) The FIP Secretary General issues an invoice to the member federation annually at the beginning of the year for membership dues, together with an updated awards list (up to the end of the previous year). The member has to check and ensure that the “number” is correct. Exhibitors who have disposed off their exhibits and/or who have deceased should be deleted from the “number”. The member has to inform the FIP Secretary General to that effect.
- 4) Finally, please note that the amount of your membership dues is based on the “number”.

Number of Qualifying Exhibits	Annual Membership Dues
0 – 10	625 Swiss Franc
11 – 25	1.250 Swiss Franc
26 – 50	1.875 Swiss Franc
51 – 75	2.500 Swiss Franc
76 – 100	3.125 Swiss Franc
Over 100	3.750 Swiss Franc

One shall not be “surprised” or “shocked” when one has to pay higher membership dues a year later. This simply implies that one has upgraded the “number” to the next higher level.
- 5) Append below is the FIP latest list for year 2011 and at the bottom right hand corner shows clearly the “number”.

For example, if the qualifying exhibits are 6, the commissioner could submit 6 normal 5 and/or 8 frames exhibits, OR he could include (a) 1/3 youth exhibits = 1/3 x 6 normal exhibits = 2 youth exhibits, (b) 3 one frame exhibits = 1 normal exhibit, therefore it would become 3 normal exhibits + 2 youth exhibits + 3 one frame exhibits.

Number of qualifying exhibits for Commissioners 2011

<i>Country</i>	<i>Exhibits</i>	<i>General</i>	<i>Speciali.</i>
Albania	1	3	3
Argentina	25	6	4
Armenia	1	3	3
Australia	105	18	10
Austria	63	10	6
Bahrain	0	3	3
Bangladesh	1	3	3
Belarus	4	3	3
Belgium	55	10	6
Bolivia	8	3	3
Brazil	20	6	4
Brunei	0	3	3
Bulgaria	8	3	3
Canada	39	7	4
Chile	5	3	3
China	127	18	10
Chinese Taipei	39	7	4
Colombia	24	6	4
Congo	0	3	3
Costa Rica	20	6	4
Croatia	4	3	3
Cuba	7	3	3
Cyprus	7	6	4
Czech Rep.	29	7	4
Denmark	42	7	4
Ecuador	2	3	3
Egypt	16	6	4
Estonia	5	3	3
Finland	42	7	4
France	95	12	7
Georgia	1	3	3
Germany	161	18	10
Great Britain	184	18	10
Greece	24	6	4
Guatemala	0	3	3
Honduras	7	3	3
Hong Kong	28	7	4
Hungary	24	6	4
Iceland	10	3	3
India	27	7	4
Indonesia	10	3	3
Iran	5	3	3
Ireland	8	3	3
Israel	37	7	4
Italy	88	12	7
Japan	83	12	7
Kuwait	2	3	3
Latvia	7	3	3
Liechtenstein	1	3	3
Lithuania	7	3	3

<i>Country</i>	<i>Exhibits</i>	<i>General</i>	<i>Speciali.</i>
Luxembourg	18	6	4
Macau	1	3	3
Malaysia	16	6	4
Malta	1	3	3
Mexico	7	3	3
Mongolia	2	3	3
Montenegro	4	3	3
Nepal	9	3	3
Netherlands	39	7	4
New Zealand	29	7	4
Nigeria	0	3	3
Norway	24	6	4
Pakistan	21	6	4
Paraguay	9	3	3
Peru	5	3	3
Philippines	7	6	4
Poland	31	7	4
Portugal	32	7	4
Qatar	6	3	3
Rep. Korea	44	7	4
Romania	25	6	4
RPD Corée	0	3	3
Russia	39	7	4
Saudi Arabia	1	3	3
Serbia	16	6	4
Singapore	17	6	4
Slovakia	8	3	3
Slovenia	7	3	3
South Africa	33	7	4
Spain	117	18	10
Sweden	57	10	6
Switzerland	68	10	6
Thailand	32	7	4
Turkey	23	6	4
UAE	15	6	4
Ukraine	8	3	3
Uruguay	10	3	3
USA	247	18	10
Venezuela	7	3	3
Vietnam	2	3	3

Level	General	Special
0 - 10	3	3
11 - 25	6	4
26 - 50	7	4
51 - 75	10	6
76 - 100	12	7
over 100	18	10

1/3 Youth exhibits allowed

3 One-Frame exhibits = 1 normal exhibit