

APPENDIX U
POLICY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SALON ENTRIES
(Refer to Act 79-554)

I. Definitions

In order to avoid possible confusion, two terms used in this policy statement require definition. These terms are "acceptance for judging" and "acceptance for exhibition". All entries received are viewed by the Salon Committee to ensure that they are submitted in accordance with the general rules of the Salon and in compliance with the criteria set forth in this policy. The artistic or technical merits of each entry are not considered in this preliminary screening. All entries which pass this test are termed "accepted for judging". Those which do not pass are returned to the entrant.

The entries which are accepted for judging are then viewed by a panel of judges selected by the Salon Committee. This judging is based upon the criteria set forth in section III of this policy statement only. The judges select those entries to be exhibited at the NSS Convention. This selection constitutes "acceptance for exhibition" and is considered an award. All ribbon and medal winners are chosen from those entries accepted for exhibition.

II. Criteria for Acceptance for Judging

A. General

1. The Salon Committee will promptly acknowledge receipt of all entries and will promptly return all entries not accepted for judging with a letter of explanation and a refund of entry fees.
2. The Salon Chairman will assume the responsibility for all decisions relating to the acceptance of entries.
3. The criteria set forth in this policy statement will be interpreted flexibly. In case of doubt, the Salon Committee will rule in favor of the entry.

B. Safety

Any entry judged to promote unsafe caving practices will not be accepted for judging. This does not preclude acceptance of entries where the intent is obviously educational or humorous.

C. Conservation

Any entry depicting practices which are flagrantly in violation of NSS Conservation Policy will not be accepted for judging.

D. Recruitment

Any entry which is obviously intended to be shown to general audiences for the purpose of caver recruitment will not be accepted for judging.

E. Land Owner Relations

Any entry which depicts flagrant violations of land owner rights or which promotes practices which would be detrimental to good land owner relations will not be accepted for judging.

F. Relevance

Entries which are not relevant to the theme of the Salon will not be accepted for judging.

G. Adherence to Salon rules

Entries which are not submitted in accordance with the published Salon rules will not be accepted for judging.

III. Criteria for judging of Accepted Entries

All entries accepted for judging will be judged on the basis of artistic and technical merit, impact, and caver appeal. Humor will also be considered when appropriate.