

THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION,
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
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In answer to many inquiries as to the matter of domestic exhibits and the establishment and maintenance of separate State exhibits at the World's Columbian Exposition, the following regulations have been adopted by the National Commission and the Board of Directors:

First. All exhibits intended to be competitive and within the jurisdiction of juries or committees authorized to award prizes must be located in some one of the general Exposition buildings, and be grouped according to the official classification, except such exhibits as can only be properly and advantageously displayed in the grounds; provided, however, that this exception shall only operate in those cases where, in the judgment of the Director-General, he shall deem it expedient to grant the express permission.

Second. Each of the States of the Union, the Territories, and the District of Columbia, shall be entitled to erect and maintain, on the Exposition grounds, a building for the use of State, Territory, or District of Columbia (or two or more States or Territories, if so desired, may erect and maintain a building in common), and each State or Territory desiring to erect such a building (or two or more proposing to erect a building to be used in common) shall, through their official representatives or their State World's Fair Boards, file with the Director-General an application, in writing, for ground space for such building, and, as soon as possible, give a general description of the character and style of the building proposed to be erected, and the sum of money

appropriated for the construction thereof; and after the ground space shall have been allotted, as hereinafter provided, and before any occupation thereof, there shall be filed with the Chief of the Bureau of Construction detailed plans and specifications for each such proposed building, and when such plans and specifications shall have been approved by the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and by the Director-General, a permit to erect the building shall be issued by the last-named officer.

Third. That, preparatory to the assignment of ground space for State buildings, the Director-General, after conference with, and the concurrence of, the Grounds and Buildings Committee of the Exposition, shall cause the States and Territories of the Union to be grouped in such manner as shall appear most likely to produce the best results to the Exposition as a whole, and shall allot suitable ground space to each of such groups; and after such allotment shall have been made, the space in each allotment shall be again properly subdivided so as to provide suitable independent location for each such State or Territory (or any two or more of them desiring a location in common), and the location of each individual State or Territory (or any two or more of them desiring a location in common) within the territorial space assigned to that group wherein they are included shall be determined in the order of their application; subject, however, to harmony of grouping of buildings, which shall be determined by the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Director-General.

Fourth. That correct plans and specifications for every State building, as approved by the Chief of the Bureau of Construction and the Director-General, shall, before the issuance of the permit, be filed in the office of the Director-General and Chief of the Bureau of Construction, and be preserved as a record of the Exposition.

Fifth. That, in the construction of such State buildings, each State or Territory may use such material or materials produced in such State or Territory as the State Board shall determine, with a view of promoting a full exhibition of the structural materials produced in such State or Territory.

Sixth. Such State buildings shall be maintained as a State or Territorial headquarters, under the control of the State Board, but subject to the rules and regulations governing the Exposition, for the convenience and entertainment of residents of the particular State or Territory, and the reception and entertainment of their friends and such guests as they may invite to share the hospitality of such State or Territory; and shall also, if desired by the State or Territory, be used as a depository for a collective exhibit of such a line as shall best illustrate and exemplify the natural resources of such State, as well as its historical and archæological features. Each such collective State exhibit shall, however, be installed and maintained only subject to the following conditions, limitations, and restrictions, to wit:

(a.) These exhibits shall not be catalogued, nor considered as competitive, or at all entitled to participate in prizes or awards, nor be within the jurisdiction of the committees or juries of award.

(b.) They shall embrace no manufactured goods or products.

(c.) No processes shall be included therein, and no motive power permitted in any such building.

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