Boston 2026 World Expo

The Twelfth International Philatelic Exhibition of the United States



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Boston 2026 Exhibit Deadline Nears

Prospective philatelic exhibitors to the Boston 2026 World Expo are reminded that the deadline for entries is September 30.

Unlike FIP international exhibitions in the past, Boston 2026 is receiving applications directly from exhibitors and exclusively online through the show's web site, www.boston2026.org. Dzintars Grinfelds, Deputy Commissioner General, is handling the technical aspects of the process and responding to inquiries.

"I've received several comments from exhibitors who appreciate our efforts in making the application procedures simple. Having the ability to easily enter then update submitted information and paperwork as needed is a big plus," said Dzintars. "There has been a clear uptick in the rate at which entries are coming in with the deadline approaching."

It is not uncommon that the bulk of applications are received in the last month of entry, as exhibitors finalize appropriate paperwork and some attempt to fulfill the minimum qualification requirements. That's especially true for some GASS exhibitors, taking place mid-August in suburban Chicago. Exhibitors showing first-time international competitive exhibits are especially welcome to apply, as at least 20% of total frames are reserved for their use.

Grinfelds is especially appreciative of the work national commissioners are doing to promote Boston 2026 with their country's exhibitors. "Thus far their work has ensured 75% of the FIP exhibit classes have competitive applications in its class—and that's thrilling to me, as it ensures a wide variety of displays at our exhibition. That includes the experimental First Day Cover class. Don't forget that we are actually managing three competitions, the primary one for the FIP, the Polar Salon and the annual APS Champion of Champions."

The Polar Salon is the first in the U.S. and welcomes 1 to 10 frame exhibits dealing with any aspect of polar philately—historical, thematic or stamp issues from the regions. Entry fees are lower than the FIP competition, with similar medal awards. For details, email Hal Vogel (halvogel@aceweb.com).

The Deputy Commissioner General's last words of advice are for all interested to apply as early as possible. Philatelic exhibit selections take place in October, with acceptance notifications anticipated by mid-November.

Boston 2026 World Expo takes place May 23-30, 2026, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Full show details may be found at <u>Boston2026.org</u> and on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>. Sign up to be added to the <u>Boston 2026 email list</u> and receive updates when available.





