



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

SPECIAL RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only commercial spirits produced by a professional distillery are eligible for entry. All spirits exhibited must conform to federal regulations and standards of identity.
2. **ENTRY FEE – Early Bird \$300.00 PER ENTRY** (postmarked by March 31) **\$310.00 PER ENTRY** (after March 31). Entry fee must accompany entry form. PLEASE LIST BOTH DIVISION AND CATEGORY NUMBERS ON ENTRY FORM. An entry shall consist of **three bottles**, not less than 750 mls. Please make your check payable to: Fairplex
3. **SHIPPING:** Spirits will be received from January 5, 2019 until April 30, 2019. Shipments will be received weekdays 8 am – 5 pm. All spirits entered **MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID.**

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Attn: Spirits Department
1101 W. McKinley Ave.
Pomona, CA 91768

**** The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition is not responsible for any customs charges ****

4. In view of the new homeland security regulations and the prevailing laws regulating the shipment of alcoholic beverages, international shipments of alcohol must be cleared by a licensed broker with applicable importing licenses.
International shipments require:
 - a. Registered FDA number
 - b. USA Customs Clearance Form
 - c. Each bottle must be labeled: "For Trade Purposes Only. Not For Sale or Resale." **(Please do not put any stickers over the front of the bottle, so as to not interfere in judging the bottle for Package Design)**
5. Even if it is marketed under different labels, NO SPIRIT MAY BE ENTERED MORE THAN ONCE.
6. No spirits may be judged by a member of the judging panel whose ownership of the distillery in question exceeds 5%, and who is primarily and directly responsible for its production (i.e. the producer in charge of the particular spirit judged).
7. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition awards will be made on a merit basis. The judges are empowered to grant duplicate awards when, in their opinion, the quality of the spirits so merit; conversely the judges are instructed to grant no awards when the spirits are unworthy of an award.
8. **June 2019, competition results will be posted on the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition website.** The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition will offer, for purchase, Best of Show, Best of Division, Best of Category, Gold, Silver, and Bronze and Packaging Design award seals to the distillers that have been awarded a medal.
9. We will establish additional classes or consolidate classes as warranted.
10. Judging by age, type, style, classes, production techniques and/or the subdivision of classes will be within the discretion of the Spirits Competition Chairperson. Judges may opt to reclassify spirits if necessary.
11. Spirits entered in the competition will become the property of the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition
12. Any item shipped by mistake will not be returned and becomes the property of the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition.