



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

2024 INTERNATIONAL RULES AND SHIPPING GUIDELINES

2024 Los Angeles International Spirits Competition
Judging March 20 & 21, 2024

Early Bird Deadline January 1 - Entry Deadline February 23 – Shipping Deadline March 1

1. Determine the spirits you wish to enter and go to www.LASpiritsComp.com and click on the Enter Spirits Competition link.
2. **ENTRY FEE** – Early Bird - \$300 per entry received by December 31, 2023, \$305 per entry received beginning January 1, 2024. Payment may be made by wire transfer (please send receipt of wire transfer with entry information), credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, or U.S. check payable to Los Angeles County Fair Association.

Wire Transfer Information:

Bank: Fifth Third Bank
Bank Address: 38 Fountain Sq Plaza, Cincinnati, OH. 45202
Account Name: Los Angeles County Fair Association Fairplex General Account
1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768 USA
Beneficiary Account Number: **7029167520**
ACH/Wire Routing Number: **042000314**
Swift: **FTBCUS3C**
Bank Representative Contact: **Blanca Salcedo + 1 (630) 801-2846**
Reference: Spirits Competition

3. SHIPPING:

International spirits will be received now until **March 1, 2024**, for the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition. Shipments will be received weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All spirits entered **MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID**. **All samples should be packed with the entry form on the inside and the name of the producer/distiller marked clearly on the outside**. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition will acknowledge receipt of spirits. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition is not responsible for any shipping or customs charges. International shipments of spirits must be cleared by a licensed broker with applicable importing licenses. If you have an importer, it is best to use your own importer. **If you do not have an importer, you can contact Mark Newman with Accolade Brands, mark@accoladebrands.com to provide this service for a fee.**

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS REQUIRE:

- **REGISTERED FDA NUMBER:** You must obtain registration with the FDA. If you have an FDA registration number, you might need to renew your account information with the FDA. Renewals must be completed by December 31, 2023. Otherwise, a new registration will be required; <https://www.fda.gov/food/online-registration-food-facilities/food-facility-registration-user-guide-step-step-instructions>. An Authorized US Agent is required for all new and renewed FDA Permits.



FDA Prior Notice: You must file a Prior Notice with FDA online before shipping. <https://www.fda.gov/food/importing-food-products-united-states/prior-notice-imported-foods>.

TTB SAMPLE WAIVER (COLA WAIVER): All sample shipments to the US must be accompanied with a TTB Sample Waiver issued to a Federal and State Licensed Importer. The typical waiting time is five to seven business days if all the paperwork is in order.

- Please complete a Proforma Invoice that includes the quantity, name of the spirit, the type (i.e., rum, whiskey, vodka, tequila, or the exact name of the spirit) and the alcohol content. **YOU MUST DESIGNATE THAT YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL U.S. CUSTOMS CHARGES ON YOUR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING DOCUMENTS OR AIRWAY BILL.** If this is not done properly, your shipment could be delayed until we receive payment for these charges. If the shipment is large enough for commercial airfreight, we must collect estimated tax, duty, and customs charges in advance. The commercial value for samples is typically one Euro per bottle and this should be stated on a pro-forma invoice.
- **Option 1:** Use UPS or FED EX. Please charge to your Fed Ex or UPS Account and must include payment of all Customs Charges. The shipment must be DDP, Tax and Duty to be paid the producer. We require a credit card number just in case you have not completed the shipping forms correctly and you will only be billed for any excess charges or taxes that are billed to our account for your shipment.
- **Option 2:** Airline airfreight or DHL. This is usually a more expensive option than UPS or Fed EX.
- **ALL SPIRITS BOTTLES: Must have a label affixed to the back of the bottle that contains the US Government Warning,**

The phrase “Contains Sulfites” and the phrase “Trade Samples – Not for Resale”. The words “Government Warning” must appear in capital letters and bold type. The remainder of the statement may NOT appear in bold type. The statement MUST appear as a continuous paragraph. The statement reads as follows and should be 2mm to 3mm in size.

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.
Trade Samples – Not for Resale – Contains Sulfites

4. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition is March 20 & 21, 2024.
5. April 1, 2024, the competition results will be posted on the website www.LASpiritsComp.com. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition offers award seals for purchase.
6. May 3 - 27, 2024 is the Los Angeles County Fair. Display of all award-winning spirits, and Spirits Education Seminars in the Los Angeles International Wine, Spirits & Beer Marketplace.
7. All spirits entered in the competition will become the property of the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition.