



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION

INTERNATIONAL RULES AND SHIPPING GUIDELINES

**2025 Los Angeles International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition
Judging February 4, 5, 6**

Early Bird Deadline December 3 - Entry Deadline January 17 – Shipping Deadline January 22

1. To enter, please visit the competition website www.laliveoilcomp.com and click the *Enter Olive Oil Competition Here* link ⁽¹⁾.
2. **ENTRY FEE** ⁽²⁾ – Early Bird - \$175 per entry received before December 3, 2024, \$200 per entry beginning December 4, 2024. Payment may be made by credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, by U.S. check payable to: “Los Angeles County Fair Association”, or by wire transfer. Please email a copy of the wire transfer to the Competitions office at competitions@fairplex.com. Entry fee must accompany entry form to be eligible for competition

***Early bird entry fees must be paid by December 3, 2024, to qualify.**

***All other entry fees must be received by the entry deadline January 17, 2025, to be entered to the 2025 competition.**

Wire Transfer Information:

Bank: Fifth Third Bank, N.A.

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: Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition

3. **SHIPPING** – International oils will be accepted through **January 22, 2025**, for both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Shipments are received on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All oils entered **MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID.**

All samples should come packed with the entry form inside and the name of the producer marked clearly on the outside.

The competition office will confirm receipt of the oils received via email. The Los Angeles International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition is not responsible for any shipping or customs charges. International shipments of oil 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.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS

- **REGISTERED FDA NUMBER:** You must obtain registration with the FDA. If you have an FDA registration number, you will need this for your entry. If you need a new FDA Permit, you can go online to register, however you will need a US Agent. An Authorized US Agent is required for all new and renewed FDA Permits. Accolade Brands can assist you with this service for 265 Euros (95 Euros is for the Producer Registration and 170 Euros is for the 2-year US Agent fee) for the 2025/2026 calendar year registration which goes through December 31, 2026. It is best to fill out the form at the end of the guidelines and email to Mark Newman, mark@accoladebrands.com. You can file for your permit; however, a US FDA Agent will have to verify the application and there will still be a fee. <https://www.fda.gov/food/online-registration-food-facilities/food-facility-registration-user-guide-step-step-instructions-registration>

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- **FDA Prior Notice:** Mark Newman with Accolade Brands, mark@accoladebrands.com, can assist with this service. 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>. If you are unsure about filing the FDA Prior Notice you can contact Mark Newman at Accolade Brands to perform this service for those producers that do not have an importer or FDA US Agent (fees below).
- If you do not have an importer, the Los Angeles International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition works with Accolade Brands to clear shipments. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE ACCOLADE BRANDS TO CLEAR A SHIPMENT, PLEASE CONTACT:

**MARK NEWMAN, ACCOLADE BRANDS,
(818) 390-3888 FEDERAL
TTB IMPORT LICENSE # CA-I-15220
EMAIL MARK@ACCOLADEBRANDS.COM (BEFORE SHIPPING)**

Payment must be prepaid by credit card through PayPal to Accolade Brands. Your shipping documents should indicate that you will pay for all Customs Charges. If you do not properly designate that you will pay the customs fee, your customs fees must be paid by credit card or wire transfer within 72 hours from billing.

CONSIGNEE: ACCOLADE BRANDS INC.
IN CARE OF: LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION
1101 W. MCKINLEY AVENUE
POMONA, CA 91768 USA
Phone 818-390-3888

Accolade FEES: FDA Prior Notice – 25 Euros per Company
FDA Food Facility Registration – 95 Euros per Company (this is only needed if you have not previously registered with the FDA)
FDA Agent Filing – 85 Euros per year per company for a total of 170 Euros. FDA requires that you have a USA Agent. The permit is issued for two (2) calendar years through December 31, 2026. This is required by FDA for your shipment to legally arrive in the U.S.. Permits issued for 2025 & 2026, will automatically be renewed in December 2026 for the period of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028. The renewal will be 85 Euros per year for a total of 170 Euros. The FDA also requires a UFA (Unique Facility Identifier) DUNS number. The fee for the UFI number is 25 Euros.
Customs Charges, Taxes & Duty are to be paid by each producer.
Contact: Mark Newman at mark@accoladebrands.com, Fax: 818.683.0413 Phone: 818.390.3888

- Please complete a Proforma Invoice. **YOU MUST DESIGNATE THAT YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL U.S. CUSTOMS CHARGES ON YOUR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING DOCUMENTS OR AIRWAY BILL.** Accolade Brands is not responsible for U.S. Customs & Brokerage Charges and 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, FedEx, or DHL. Please charge your FedEx, UPS or DHL 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 FedEx.

- **All bottles must carry a statement indicating they are “Trade Samples – Not for Resale”.**

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ACCOLADE BRANDS, INC.

WORLD CLASS WINES & SPIRITS



FDA Questionnaire

1. Are you a new owner of this business? ____ Yes ____ No
2. (If you are a new owner) Name of the previous owner: _____
3. Name of Business: _____
4. Business Type (Corporation, LLC, SA, etc.): _____
5. Year Business Started: _____
6. Number of Employees: _____
7. Address of Facility: _____
8. City: _____
9. State or Province: _____
10. Zip or Postal Code: _____
11. Country: _____
12. Phone: _____
13. FAX: _____
14. E-mail: _____
15. Company Website: _____
16. Person in Charge: _____
17. Title of Person: _____
18. Emergency Contact: _____
19. Title of Person: _____
20. Mailing address if different than the facility address:

21. Description of Business:

22. Brand Names:

23. Storage Temperature: _____ Ambient Temperature _____ Refrigerated

For all wine samples, the sticker below must be affixed to every bottle. For Spirits you can eliminate the "Contains Sulfites" statement, it is **not required** for food products including olive oil: