



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

COMPETITION GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

DOMESTIC ENTRIES

Los Angeles International Spirits Competition
Judging March 25, 26, & 27, 2026
Mr. Chris Braun, Spirits Chairman

The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition and its panel of esteem judges invite you to participate in the 20th anniversary competition.

1. **ENTRY FEE** ⁽¹⁾ – Early Bird - \$280 per entry received before January 5, 2026, \$305 per entry beginning January 6, 2026. *(See RTD and Liqueur competition documents for pricing).* 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 discounted fees must be paid by January 5, 2026, to qualify.

*All other entry fees must be received by the entry deadline February 27, 2026, to be entered to the 2026 competition.

Wire Transfer Information

Bank:	Fifth Third Bank, N.A.
Bank Representative:	Blanca Salcedo + 1 (630) 801-2846
Bank Address:	38 Fountain Sq Plaza, Cincinnati, OH. 45202
Beneficiary Account No:	7029167520
Account Name:	Los Angeles County Fair Association Fairplex General Account 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768 USA
Reference:	“Spirits Competition”
ACH/Wire Routing No:	042000314
Swift Code:	FTBCUS3C

2. **SHIPPING** – International spirits will be accepted through March 6, 2026. Shipments are received on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. **All spirits entered MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID. The competition is not responsible for any customs or shipping charges.**

Mark Cases: Please identify the name of distillery outside of each case. Mark the number of cases (i.e. 1/2, 2/2, etc.). Ship or mail to: Los Angeles International Spirits Competition, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768. Please put the entry form and fees with spirits in box marked No. 1, OR you may mail separately. For more information, please contact our International Competitions Dept., (909) 865-4538, or email competitions@fairplex.com.

All SPIRITS BOTTLES: Must have a label affixed to the back of the bottle that contains the US Government Warning and carry a statement these bottles are “TRADE SAMPLES – Not for Resale

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⁽²⁾ Entries after submitted, become property of the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition

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

3. **ENTRIES** ⁽²⁾ – An entry shall consist of at least three (3) bottles. PLEASE LIST CLASS/CATEGORY NUMBERS ON ENTRY FORM. Entries are assigned random judging codes and then placed on storage racks in our cellar separated into categories. All deliveries should be received by the shipping deadline (March 6), allowing ample time for products to recover from transportation bottle shock before being judged. Before judging, servers place codes on the tasting glasses, and the spirits are carefully poured into the proper glasses. The coded tasting glasses are then placed in front of each judge. Each judge tastes the spirit product and makes selections independently.
4. **Judging:** The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition uses a 100-point scoring system based on Appearance, Aroma, Taste, and Finish.

The decision of the judges is final, and no changes will be made to awards after the judging is complete.
5. **Awards and Medals:** We award Gold, Silver, Bronze Best of Class, Best of Division and Best of Show. An award or medal is given to a distiller for a particular spirit product, a specific type or blend, produced. Best of Class awards will be awarded by division, category. Best of Class spirit products will compete for Best of Division. Best of Division spirit products will compete for the “Best of Show Award”. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition will offer, for purchase, Best of Show, Best of Division, Best of Class, Gold, Silver, and Bronze award seals to the producers that won these awards.
6. April 6, 2026, the competition results will be posted on the website www.LASpiritsComp.com.
7. May 7 - 31, 2026 is the Los Angeles County Fair. All International Competition award-winning products will be displayed in the Tasting Room. There will also be gold medal wine and olive oil tastings, and education seminars featuring entrants from Olive Oil, Wine, Spirits and Dairy competitions in the Tasting Room education classroom.

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