# LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

## DOMESTIC ENTRIES

Los Angeles International Spirits Competition
Judging March 31 - April 1, 2027
Mr. Mark Newman, Spirits Chairman

*The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition and its panel of esteemed judges invite you to participate in the 21st anniversary competition.*

1. **ENTRY FEE** [1] – Early Bird - $280 per entry received before January 29, 2027, $305 per entry beginning January 30, 2027. *(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 29, 2027, to qualify.
   *All other entry fees must be received by the entry deadline March 5, 2027, to be entered to the 2027 competition.

### Wire Transfer Information

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| 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: | 7029167553 |
| Account Name: | Los Angeles County Fair Association Fairplex General Account<br>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 12, 2027. 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.
   **Please identify the name of distillery outside of each case.** Mark the number of cases (i.e. 1/2, 2/2, etc.).
   Ship to:

   Los Angeles County Fair Association
   c/o: Los Angeles International Spirits Competition
   1101 W. McKinley Ave.
   Pomona, CA 91768

Please include the entry form and fees with spirits in box marked #1, OR you may mail them separately.

[1] *Entry fees are non-refundable*
[2] *Entries after submitted, become property of the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition*

**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**

*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**

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 & 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. **RESULTS**: April 12, 2027, the competition results will be posted on the website www.LASpiritsComp.com.

7. May 6 - 31, 2027 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.

For more information, please contact our International Competitions Dept., (909) 865-4538 or e-mail Competitions@fairplex.com

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