



2021 CRAFT SPIRITS JUDGING

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

American Craft Spirits Association

2021 Craft Spirits Competition

April 15th thru April 23rd, 2021

Registration Deadline: Midnight – Friday March 12th, 2021

Receiving Deadline: Wednesday, March 17th, 2021

Welcome

We are pleased you are considering submitting your spirits in this world-class competition. You know you make a quality product. Let others know the same.

Your Spirits will be tasted and evaluated by a panel of top professionals

The categories of Whiskey (including Bourbon), Brandy, Rum, Gin, Vodka, Specialty Liquors and RTD's will be judged.

- Judging Chair: Maggie Campbell (Privateer Rum, MA)
- Judges: Judging panels will be composed of highly-regarded professionals from multiple disciplines within the spirits industry. No judge with a vested interest in any specific category of spirit is allowed to judge in that category.

Medalists

Category medalists will be announced at the Awards Banquet during ACSA Distillers Convention & Vendor Trade Show at the Kentucky Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky. (Convention dates are July 25th, 26th & 27th, 2021. Go to: www.americancraftspirits.org/convention for more information.) As we do not announce medalists in advance of that banquet, we strongly encourage your attendance.

NOTES:

- While membership in ACSA *is not* a prerequisite for entering the competition, to enter your spirits you must be *eligible* for voting membership as defined by ACSA.¹
- **ALL** products must have a valid COLA from TTB. We reserve the right to request a copy of your COLA should there be a question as to an individual submission. Each spirit must have received formal approval for the “fanciful name” with a corresponding COLA by the date of judging or that spirit will be ineligible for evaluation.
- You must identify whether your spirit is *Third Party* (made using a base spirit distilled off-site) or *Made from Scratch* (distilled on premise). You may classify a spirit as *other* or with some specific identifier. If your product is a blend of *Third-Party* distillate and *Made from Scratch* distillate, please classify this as *other* and note the blend. The Judging Board reserves the right to re-classify a submitted spirit based on its professional judgment.

¹ To be eligible for ACSA membership as a voting member (as opposed to an affiliate member) you MUST be a craft distiller holding a valid DSP, produce fewer than 750,000 proof gallons removed from bond, subscribe to ACSA’s Code of Ethics, and have no more than 50% of the DSP owned (directly or indirectly) by a producer of distilled spirits whose combined annual production of distilled spirits from all sources exceeds 750,000 proof gallons removed from bond.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

ENTRY FEE:

Members:

Early Bird Submitted by 1/1/2021 - \$200 per spirit per category

General Fee Beginning 1/2/2021 thru 2/28/2021 - \$250 per spirit per category

Late Riser Beginning 3/1/2021 thru 3/12/2021 - \$275 per spirits per category

Non-Members:

Early Bird Submitted by 1/1/2021 - \$300 per spirit per category

General Fee Beginning 1/2/2021 thru 2/28/2021 - \$350 per spirit per category

Late Riser Beginning 3/1/2021 thru 3/12/2021 - \$375 per spirits per category

Payment can be made by credit or debit card at time of registration of spirits.

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Please send two 750 ml bottles (or the equivalent) of each spirit entered.

SPIRIT SHIPMENTS MUST BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

**CARDINAL SPIRITS
% JEFF WUSLICH
922 S MORTON ST
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47403**

SHIPMENTS MUST BE MARKED: "SAMPLES FOR LAB USE ONLY"

Please use a rubber band to attach a copy of the SPIRIT ENTRY PACKING SLIP to each of the bottles entered. This will ensure that we inventory your entry accurately. Please **DO NOT** use Styrofoam peanuts for packing your spirits. Use Fed Ex or UPS for shipping. **DO NOT USE the U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.**

DISCLAIMER

All products submitted will be considered property of the American Craft Spirits Association. The Judging Board retains the right not to award a medal, if, in its professional consensus, no medal is deserved in a specific category. Neither ACSA nor Cardinal Spirits will accept responsibility for entries damaged or lost in shipment.

QUESTIONS?

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