

DISTILLED

SAN DIEGO SPIRIT & COCKTAIL
COMPETITION



2020 ENTRY TIMELINE

Early Bird Entry Deadline: Friday, January 10

Entry Deadline: Friday, February 7

In Person Spirit Delivery: February 3 – 7 & 10 – 14, 9am – 5pm

Deadline to Ship Spirits: Friday, February 14

Judging: February 29 – March 1

Results: Released by March 13

ENTRY FEE

\$125 per Spirit until January 10

\$150 per Spirit from January 11 – February 7

ENTRY CHECKLIST

- Read entry materials, decide what to enter
- Enter online and pay entry fees by deadline at distilledsandiego.com
- Save email confirmation, entry delivery instructions and map will be emailed following entry deadline
- Deliver or ship entries for judging
- Save the date: **Distilled Spirit & Cocktail Festival, Saturday, June 27** (Only top-performing distilleries will be invited to participate in the festival at the San Diego County Fair)

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Here's How It Works

All Spirits must conform to federal TTB and state ABC regulations and standards of identity and be currently produced in commercial quantities. No specially prepared samples will be accepted. Entries must be in their final container and sealed. All entries must be submitted with a current **APPROVED** COLA (Certificate of Label Approval). Categories that are not recognized by the TTB or not in approved TTB size formats will be automatically removed from the competition.

Eligibility

Open to commercially licensed Spirits producers with valid DSP (Distilled Spirits Plant) permit and/or distributors. All Spirits must be entered with permission of the brand owners, and be available for commercial sale.

Limits

There is no limit to the number of entries per producer. No Spirit may be entered in more than one (1) class.

Tips When Registering

Register each spirit under the correct distillery name. Check your distillery's name spelling/completeness. Review your entry cart before you complete the registration transaction to assure that you have entered the correct division and class for each distillery/Spirit.

Competition Rules

1. All judging will be blind and held in a closed session. Judging will be based on the style of Spirit per category. **Classes may be consolidated, added or divided if entries warrant.**
2. Spirits will be judged in the class in which they were entered, unless the Director determines it to be more appropriate in another class and may transfer if necessary.
3. The decisions of the judges are final.
4. Entry processing fees are non-refundable.

Spirit Delivery/Shipping

All Spirit entries consist of two (2) bottles 750ml or larger per entry and a copy of your online entry receipt. Spirit delivery instructions and map will be emailed following the deadline. In-person deliveries are only accepted weekdays (no weekends or holidays).

Spirits may also be shipped to the following address (**must** include copies of necessary COLAs from TTB in shipping):

San Diego County Fair/Exhibits Department
Distilled Spirits & Cocktail Competition
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.
Del Mar, CA 92014

Awards

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded as merited. Additional awards include Best of Class, Best of Division and an overall Best of Show. All entries will be judged on merit offering opportunities for multiple gold, silver and bronze awards in each class.

Gold Medals are reserved for the finest Spirits as agreed on unanimously by the assigned judging panel.

Silver Medals are reserved for Spirits that show exceptional complexity, flavor, refinement and finesse as agreed upon by the assigned judging panel.

Bronze Medals are awarded to Spirits displaying character beyond the norm as agreed upon by the assigned judging panel.

Special Awards in addition to medals, Special awards will be given for Best of Class, Best of Division and Best of Show. Other awards may be given at the director's discretion.

Judges

Visit <http://distilledsandiego.com/meet-the-judges/> to see this year's judges.

SPIRIT STYLES – DIVISIONS/CLASSES

100% Blue Agave - Division 1600

Tequila, Mexico

- 001 Silver/Plata
- 002 Reposado
- 003 Añejo
- 004 Extra Añejo

Vodka - Division 1601

- 001 Potato (Unflavored)
- 002 Wheat (Unflavored)
- 003 Rye (Unflavored)
- 004 Grape (Unflavored)
- 005 Corn (Unflavored)
- 006 Blend (Unflavored)
- 007 Other Fruit (Unflavored)
- 008 Other Vodka (Unflavored)
- 009 Vodka (Flavored)

Absinthe - Division 1602

- 001 Blanche
- 002 Verte
- 003 Other

Gin - Division 1603

- 001 Gin (Traditional)
- 002 Gin (Regional Terroir)
- 003 Gin (Barrel Rested)

Rum (Cane Spirits) - Division 1604

- 001 White (Unflavored)
- 002 Gold/Amber (Unflavored)
- 003 Dark (Unflavored)
- 004 Spiced Rum
- 005 Aged Rum

Agave Spirits - Division 1605

- 001 Mezcal
- 002 Other Mexican Agave Spirits
- 003 Agave Spirits from Outside Mexico
- 004 Flavored Agave Spirits

Whiskey/Whisky - Division 1606

- 001 Bourbon
- 002 Straight Bourbon 2-5 years
- 003 Straight Bourbon 6 years and older
- 004 Bourbon Finished in Second Barrel
- 005 American Corn Whiskey
- 006 Un-aged American Whiskey (Moonshine)
- 007 American Whiskey
 - 7a. Single Malt (Peated)
 - 7b. Single Malt (Non-Peated)
 - 7c. Rye
 - 7d. Wheat
 - 7e. Multi Grain
 - 7f. Other
- 008 Scottish Whiskey
 - 8a. Single Malt (Peated)
 - 8b. Single Malt (Non-Peated)
 - 8c. Blended
- 009 Irish Whiskey
 - 9a. Single Malt
 - 9b. Blended
- 010 Japanese Whiskey
- 011 European Whiskey
- 012 Flavored Whiskey/Whisky, Bourbon

Brandy - Division 1607

- 001 Fruit/Eau de Vie
- 002 Pisco
- 003 Applejack/Apple Brandy
- 004 Kirschwasser
- 005 Slivovitz
- 006 Dried Fruit
- 007 Grappa
- 008 Brandy (Flavored)
- 009 Calvados
- 010 Cognac VS/Three Star or comparable
- 011 Cognac VSOP or comparable
- 012 Cognac XO or comparable
- 013 Vintage Cognac
- 014 Cognac (Flavored)
- 015 Armagnac VS or comparable
- 016 Armagnac VSOP or comparable
- 017 Armagnac XO or comparable
- 018 Vintage Armagnac
- 019 Schnapps (European Style Other Fruit)

Liqueurs - Division 1608

- 001 Amaro/Bitter
- 002 Cream/Dairy
- 003 Fruit
- 004 Herb
- 005 Spice
- 006 Nut
- 007 Digestif
- 008 Coffee
- 009 Chocolate
- 010 Anise/Licorice
- 011 Schnapps (Flavored American Style)
- 012 Pastis
- 013 Limoncello
- 014 Other

Bitters - Division 1609

- 001 Traditional Bitters
- 002 Fruit Bitters
- 003 Coffee Bitters
- 004 Chocolate Bitters
- 005 Other

Genever - Division 1610

- 001 Old
- 002 Young

Shochu - Division 1611

- 001 Traditional
- 002 Other Shochu

Other Spirits - Division 1612

- 001 Single Distillation
- 002 Multiple Distillation

Mixers (Non-Alcoholic)

- Division 1613

- 001 Bloody Mary
- 002 Mai Tai
- 003 Hurricane
- 004 Margarita
- 005 Pina Colada
- 006 Daiquiri
- 007 Mojito
- 008 Other

Pre-Mixed Cocktails (Alcoholic) -

Division 1614

- 001 Cocktails with Tequila
- 002 Cocktails with Vodka
- 003 Cocktails with Gin
- 004 Cocktails with Rum
- 005 Cocktails with Agave Spirits
- 006 Cocktails with Whiskey/Whisky
- 007 Cocktails with Brandy
- 008 Other

