

DISTILLED

SAN DIEGO SPIRIT & COCKTAIL
COMPETITION



2021 ENTRY TIMELINE

Entry Deadline: Friday, May 14th

In Person Spirit Delivery: May 14th -21st, (email to make appointment)

Deadline to Ship Spirits: Friday, May 14th

ENTRY FEE

\$150 per Spirit

ENTRY CHECKLIST

- Read entry materials, decide what to enter
- Enter online and pay entry fees by deadline at **distilledsandiego.com**
- Save email confirmation, ship entries for judging to:

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

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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. 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) with an appointment.

Spirits need to be shipped to the following address:

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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.

SPIRIT STYLES – DIVISIONS/CLASSES

100% Blue Agave - Tequila,

Mexico

- 01 Silver/Plata
- 02 Reposado
- 03 Añejo
- 04 Extra Añejo

Vodka

- 01 Potato (Unflavored)
- 02 Wheat (Unflavored)
- 03 Rye (Unflavored)
- 04 Grape (Unflavored)
- 05 Corn (Unflavored)
- 06 Blend (Unflavored)
- 07 Other Fruit (Unflavored)
- 008 Other Vodka (Unflavored)
- 009 Vodka (Flavored)

Absinthe

- 01 Blanche
- 02 Verte
- 03 Other

Gin

- 01 Gin (Traditional)
- 02 Gin (Regional Terroir)
- 03 Gin (Barrel Rested)

Rum (Cane Spirits)

- 01 White (Unflavored)
- 02 Gold/Amber (Unflavored)
- 03 Dark (Unflavored)
- 04 Spiced Rum
- 05 Aged Rum

Agave Spirits

- 01 Mezcal
- 02 Other Mexican Agave Spirits
- 03 Agave Spirits from Outside Mexico
- 04 Flavored Agave Spirits

Whiskey/Whisky

- 01 Bourbon
- 02 Straight Bourbon 2-5 years
- 03 Straight Bourbon 6 years and older
- 04 Bourbon Finished in Second Barrel
- 05 American Corn Whiskey
- 06 Un-aged American Whiskey (Moonshine)
- 07 American Whiskey
 - 7a. Single Malt (Peated)
 - 7b. Single Malt (Non-Peated)
 - 7c. Rye
 - 7d. Wheat
 - 7e. Multi Grain
 - 7f. Other
- 08 Scottish Whiskey
 - 8a. Single Malt (Peated)
 - 8b. Single Malt (Non-Peated)
 - 8c. Blended
- 09 Irish Whiskey
 - 9a. Single Malt
 - 9b. Blended
- 10 Japanese Whiskey
- 11 European Whiskey
- 12 Flavored Whiskey/Whisky, Bourbon

Brandy

- 001 Fruit/Eau de Vie
- 002 Pisco
- 03 Applejack/Apple Brandy
- 04 Kirschwasser
- 05 Slivovitz
- 06 Dried Fruit
- 07 Grappa
- 08 Brandy (Flavored)
- 09 Calvados
- 10 Cognac VS/Three Star or comparable
- 11 Cognac VSOP or comparable
- 012 Cognac XO or comparable
- 013 Vintage Cognac
- 14 Cognac (Flavored)
- 15 Armagnac VS or comparable
- 016 Armagnac VSOP or comparable
- 017 Armagnac XO or comparable
- 018 Vintage Armagnac
- 019 Schnapps (European Style Other Fruit)

Liqueurs

- 01 Amaro/Bitter
- 02 Cream/Dairy
- 03 Fruit
- 04 Herb
- 05 Spice
- 06 Nut
- 07 Digestif
- 08 Coffee
- 09 Chocolate
- 10 Anise/Licorice
- 11 Schnapps (Flavored American Style)
- 12 Pastis
- 13 Limoncello
- 14 Other

Bitters

- 01 Traditional Bitters
- 02 Fruit Bitters
- 03 Coffee Bitters
- 04 Chocolate Bitters
- 05 Other

Genever

- 01 Old
- 02 Young

Shochu -

- 01 Traditional
- 02 Other Shochu

Other Spirits

- 01 Single Distillation
- 02 Multiple Distillation

Mixers (Non-Alcoholic)

- 001 Bloody Mary
- 002 Mai Tai
- 03 Hurricane
- 04 Margarita
- 05 Pina Colada
- 06 Daiquiri
- 07 Mojito
- 08 Other

Pre-Mixed Cocktails (Alcoholic)

- 001 Cocktails with Tequila
- 002 Cocktails with Vodka
- 003 Cocktails with Gin
- 004 Cocktails with Rum
- 05 Cocktails with Agave Spirits
- 06 Cocktails with Whiskey/Whisky
- 07 Cocktails with Brandy
- 08 Other

