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4th Annual World Barista Championship, Boston, USA 2003

Rules & Regulations

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Participants

The Championship is open to everyone who wants to compete regardless of nationality or association membership. The participants in the final are qualified through an enthrall into the championship by their national specialty coffee association, national chapter or the Specialty Coffee Assn. of Europe / America or similar. A contestant shall have to be a passport holder of the country he / she represents. In case of multiple passports, the contestant shall have to choose one country and then qualify through same. The final will be open for one competitor from each country representing themselves and their nation only. Participation in the final is free of cost but the participants will carry their own expenses for traveling, visas, accommodations and other related expenses.

Baristi must complete an entry form available from www.worldbaristachampionship.com, www.scaa.org, or www.scae.com, and return, along with a photocopy of valid passport to Michelle Campbell at SCAA, fax 001.562.624.4101, by April 1st, 2003. Once received, completed applications are submitted to the WBC verification committee. Verification of all entrants will be made prior to registration acceptance. Confirmation will be through mail, fax or email. At which time, a detailed WBC time schedule for barista participation will be presented.

The Competition

Each participant shall during a period of not more than 15 minutes serve the 4 judges 4 espressos, 4 cappuccino and 4 identical espresso based (alcohol free) signature beverage of their own choice. The order in which the beverages are served is free, but the 4 beverages in the same category must be served at the same time.

Time is taken from the moment the participant gives the start signal. Time will be stopped when the last beverage is served to the judges and the Barista gives the end signal. Maximum timeframe for the presentation is 15 minutes.

If the last beverage is served the judges before the 15 minutes are up, time will be stopped on the signal from the Barista that his/hers presentation are over. The Barista must give the signal for ended presentation. If the competitor is not completely finished with the presentation during the 15 minutes timeframe, they are allowed to proceed, but marks will be deducted on the total score, according to prolonged time used. Within the timeframe the competitors can produce as many beverages as they like serving the judges only the drinks they wish to be evaluated. Only the served beverages are judged.

Points to be deducted from the total score when timeframe is exceeded.

Each judge will deduct points according to the following;
 1-30 seconds overdue 3 points
 31-60 seconds overdue 6 points
 61-90 seconds overdue 9 points
 91-120 seconds overdue 12 points
 Over two minutes time frame, the barista is disqualified.

Competition procedure

The competition area will have three (3) La Marzocco Machines and grinders. The machine will be given a station number from 1-3. All competitors are assigned a competition time and a station. Each competition time is 45 minutes in length - a 15 minutes preparation time; 15 minutes competition time and 15 minutes clean up time.

The first competitor will start on the first machine and be given a 15 minute preparation time. The Barista cannot exceed the 15 minutes of preparation time. If the judges are not ready to begin judging the performance period, the barista will be asked to step back from their machine after completion of 15 minutes preparation time and kindly wait until judges are ready. When barista and judges ready, the MC will announce start, the designated time keeper will begin the stopwatch and the 15 minute performance period begins. When the first Barista starts their performance, the second competitor starts their preparation time on the second machine.

When the first Barista gives the signal that his/hers presentation are over, the clock will stop and the timekeeper will inform judges if the 15 minutes performance time has exceeded. The second Barista will have to be ready to start their 15 minutes of performance. The third competitor will then start their preparation time, when the second Barista begins their competition presentation. The first Barista will start on the 15 minute clean up time. (See flow).

Evaluation will just be given for the competition performance, and not during preparation and clean up time.

Competition flow

Machine no 1 Machine no 2 Machine no 3
 Start Start Start
 1st Barista 15 min preparation
 15 min competition 2nd Barista 15 min preparation

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15 min clean up

Raw materials, accessories and machinery

The individual competitor may use any raw material or accessories that are normal found in a coffee bar. Some basic materials will be at the stage and provided by the organizers and their sponsors. The competitor must use the espresso machine supplied by the manufacturer at the scene. Apart from this the competitor may use the accessories or ingredients of their choice such as coffee, syrup, cups, glasses, sugar, spices, milk products, herbs, grinders etc.

IMPORTANT!!

Coaching from the sideline is not allowed during the competition. If the Barista has forgotten some of his/hers equipment, accessories etc. they have to get it themselves, and not to be delivered by supporters, audience or team members. This is reason for disqualification.

Please also note. The World Barista Committee recommends each Barista bring all accessories needed for their presentation, such as cups, glasses, spoons, herbs, espresso, tray, etc. Only basic raw materials and accessories will be provided at the competition area.

Criteria

The competitors will be judged be the following criteria:

> TASTE EVALUATION

Marks will be given for the task of the individual beverage based on raw materials used and style of beverage. Emphasis will be given on the harmony between sweetness, bitterness, acidity and aromatic impression. The individual competitors are advised to present verbally to the judges the material used and the philosophy behind their beverage.

> BEVERAGE PRESENTATION

Marks will be given based on the visual presentation of the beverages including cups, glasses, accessories and above all the beverage as such.

> BARISTA TECHNIQUE

Marks will be given based upon the competitors Barista technique and at the machine. This implies use of the machine and the grinder etc, such as neatness, bearing, control of panels and sticking to the 15 minutes timeframe.

> PERSONAL PRESENTATION

Marks will be given based upon the Barista personal appearance in relation to audience, MC, customer, judges etc. During the 15 minutes period the competitor will be interviewed by the MC. either in English directly or intercepted through their native language. Barista are miked throughout their competition time, however only broadcast during the actual performance period. If a translator is needed the barista must inform event organizers prior to performance period.

Barista may bring their own music on CD to be played during their performance period

Thank you for your interest and participation in the WBC.

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