



# 2022 WBC Summary of Rule Changes

2021 Rule	2022 Rule	Reason for Change	Impact on Competition Bodies
1.5.1. COVID-19 Addendums			
<p>All Rules and Regulations are subject to change based on local, and venue, health and safety requirements or guidelines. World Coffee Events will share any Rules and Regulations changes via email ahead of the competition. These changes may include, but are not limited to changes to table sizes or layouts; material of provided vessels or cups; limits on coaches or helpers in the competitor preparation and practice rooms; mask or glove mandates; schedule changes for sanitization; etc.</p>	<p>All Rules and Regulations are subject to change based on local, and venue, health and safety requirements or guidelines. World Coffee Events will share any Rules and Regulations changes via email ahead of the competition. These changes may include, but are not limited to changes to table sizes or layouts; material of provided vessels or cups; limits on coaches or helpers in the competitor preparation and practice rooms; mask or glove mandates; schedule changes for sanitization; etc.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions will still be present for 2022.</b></p>	<p>Competition Bodies will abide by local health and safety regulations.</p>
4.2.1. Station Placement			

<p>A. Competitors will be able to choose from four (4) station layouts using WBC-supplied furniture. Tables must be a minimum of 2 meters apart and 2 judges will be at each table. Judges must remain seated or standing at the table, they cannot be moved around the space. The machine table will be set at a fixed height and location in all layouts. The additional provided tables can be adjusted to rest on different sides, giving two (2) height settings—high (~1m) or low (~0.75m)—as requested by the competitor. Competitors may also choose the judge chairs; judges may sit on low chairs or stand up. The competitor will be required to fill out a form ahead of the competition, indicating their chosen station layout, table height, and judge placement. Judges may be served at any table other than the machine table. Any asymmetrical layout can be mirrored in orientation, if requested. Competitors may use a different layout for each round of competition.</p>	<p>A. Competitors will be able to choose from 4 station layouts using WBC-supplied furniture. <b>2 judges will be at each table.</b> Judges must remain seated or standing at the table, they cannot be moved around the space. The machine table will be set at a fixed height and location in all layouts. <b>The additional provided tables will be adjusted to any of the 4 layout configurations detailed below, as requested by the competitor. Competitors will also choose if the judges will sit or stand.</b> The competitor will be required to fill out a form ahead of the competition, indicating their chosen station layout and judge placement. Judges may be served at any table other than the machine table. Any asymmetrical layout can be mirrored in orientation, if requested. Competitors may use a different layout for each round of competition.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b>  Table separation, 2 judges per table, no judge movement, no change in height of the tables, and limiting station layout options.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2023 season.</i></p>	<p>N/A Does not apply to Competition Bodies.</p>
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<p>B. WCE will supply a full list with measurements of the furniture available for competitor use as soon as possible. The furniture will include a 2L x 0.9W x 0.9H (m) espresso machine table, and 2 presentation tables approximately 2.4L x 0.75W x 1.0H (m) for preparation and/or service.</p>	<p>B. WCE will supply a full list with measurements of the furniture available for competitor use as soon as possible. The furniture will include a 2.5L x 0.9W x 0.9H (m) espresso machine table, and 2 presentation tables approximately 2.4L x 0.75W x 1.0H (m) for preparation and/or service.</p>	<p>The machine table has been enlarged to allow for more working space since judges need to be seated at both presentation tables.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2023 season.</i></p>	<p>N/A Does not apply to Competition Bodies.</p>
<p>5.4 Grinder</p>			
	<p>WBC Competitors must use the WBC Grinder Sponsor, Victoria Arduino, to prepare the espresso for each course in their competition routine. The WCE-certified grinder is the Mythos MY75. Provided grinders are only to be used on-site. The grinders have a fixed technical configuration including the hopper and cannot be opened or subjected to any functional modifications by the competitors. Competitors may adjust the grind particle size and dose from the external controls. The provided grinders will be calibrated to the same specifications for each competitor. The use of a competitor's own grinder is</p>	<p>The Grinder Sponsor and model for the WBC has been updated.</p> <p>WBC Grinder Protocols will follow in a separate document.</p>	<p>N/A Does not apply to Competition Bodies.</p>

	<p>allowed, as long as the grinder model is identical to the acceptable <b>Victoria Arduino</b> model. Not following these rules is grounds for disqualification. Competition Bodies are not required to use the same sponsored equipment as the WBC. If an equipment sponsor is acquired by a Competition Body, the Competition Body may independently specify their equipment requirements. Competitors may not use more than 2 grinders total for espresso preparation during their performance, otherwise the competitor will receive 0 points in Station Management.</p>		
<p>6.1. Competitor Orientation Meeting</p>			
<p>Prior to the start of the WBC Event, an online Competitors' Orientation Meeting will take place. This meeting is mandatory for all competitors. During this meeting, the WBC stage manager and presiding head judges will make announcements, explain the competition flow, review the competition schedule, share</p>	<p>Prior to the start of the WBC Event, <b>a Competitor Orientation Meeting will take place, either online or in person.</b> This meeting is mandatory for all competitors. During this meeting, the WBC stage manager and presiding head judges will make announcements, explain the competition flow, review the competition schedule, share</p>	<p>The possibility of organizing an in-person Orientation Meeting has been reintroduced.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may hold their Competitors' Orientation Meetings online or in-person.</p>

<p>images of the stage and backstage areas. This will be an opportunity for competitors to ask questions and/or voice concerns to the WBC Stage Manager and/or presiding head judges. After the online meeting, the competitor will be sent to fill out a form indicating their chosen station layout, judge placement, equipment placement, and their temperature request. This form must be returned via email to World Coffee Events. If a competitor has not made advance plans with the WCE event organizer and does not attend the online orientation meeting, they are subject to disqualification by the presiding head judges.</p>	<p>images of the stage and backstage areas. This will be an opportunity for competitors to ask questions and/or voice concerns to the WBC Stage Manager and/or presiding head judges. <b>After the meeting, the competitor will receive a form indicating their chosen station layout, judge placement, equipment placement, and their temperature request.</b> This form must be returned to WCE. If a competitor has not made advance plans with the WCE event organizer and does not attend the online orientation meeting, they are subject to disqualification by the presiding head judges.</p>		
<p>15.4 Appeals Reviewed by the Competition Strategic Committee</p>			
<p>The WCE Competition Strategic Committee will review written complaints or appeals within 30 days of receipt. The WCE Competition Strategic Committee will contact the person in writing via email with final rulings.</p>	<p>The WCE Competition Strategic Committee will review written complaints or appeals <b>and endeavor to respond as soon as possible. Please note that the final resolution will be delivered</b> within 30 days of receipt. The WCE Competition Strategic Committee will contact the</p>	<p>Updated for clarity.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	person in writing via email with final rulings.		
16.1 Highlighting Rule Variations for Competition Bodies			
N/A	Competitor Minimum: Competition Bodies Championships must have a minimum of 6 competitors. If the minimum of 6 competitors is not reached, Competition Bodies must contact their Regional Community Director at least 2 weeks before the scheduled competition.	Competitor minimum added to Competition Body Championships.	Competition Bodies will need to have a minimum of 6 competitors in their Championships.
N/A	Section 16.	Section 16. Brings information on Competition Body Events into 1 section for clarity.	No procedure changes have been made.