



COPA INTERNACIONAL DE FERMENTADOS

Official rules *of participation*

International competition for fermented beverages

Introduction

A common framework for every edition

These Rules set out the permanent conditions for participation, evaluation and recognition of the **Copa Internacional de Fermentados (CIF)**.

They are complemented by the [Official Categorization and Style Guidelines](#), the [Evaluation Sheets](#) for each industry, the [Sample Shipping Instructions](#) and the specific edition, published on CIF's official channels.

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The competition

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Article

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About the Copa Internacional de Fermentados

The Copa Internacional de Fermentados (CIF) is an international international technical and sensory competition dedicated to recognizing excellence in fermented beverages.

It brings together producers and brands from different industries and markets (beer, wine, cider, wine, cider, mead, kombucha, chichas and other traditional, ancestral and emerging fermented beverages, with or without alcohol) under a specialized and independent methodology, methodology, in which each beverage is evaluated from the knowledge and parameters of its own parameters of its own industry, respecting its tradition, process, style and expression.

Its purpose is to recognize outstanding products, provide technical and sensory feedback to each feedback to each participant and contribute to the development, professionalization and and internationalization of the fermentation industries.

The competition is organized by the entity responsible for CIF, Patagonian Yeast, and may count on may count on the collaboration of partners, institutions and organizations linked to the fermentation ecosystem.

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Participants

The competition is open to producers, makers, companies and brands of fermented beverages from beverages from any country, provided that their products comply with these Rules and with the with the applicable legislation in their country of origin.

The following may participate

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| ☐ Commercial producers | ☐ Independent and craft producers |
| ☐ Own brands | ☐ Brands produced by third parties |
| ☐ Contract production and collaborative productions | ☐ Emerging and innovative projects |

Products must be legally produced and on the market at the time of entry, in accordance with the applicable regulations. Categories that accept products under development or experimental products will expressly state so in the participation conditions of the corresponding edition.

Participation does not imply that CIF certifies the legal, health or regulatory compliance of the product in any market.

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Sustainability commitment

CIF manages its activities seeking to reduce the impact associated with sample logistics, evaluation and communication of the competition.

To this end, the organization

- Prioritizes digital formats for entries, documentation and feedback
- Limits samples to what is strictly necessary for evaluation
- Favors the consolidation of shipments at official reception centers
- Responsibly manages the packaging and waste from evaluation

It also invites participants to use recyclable or reusable packaging and to avoid single-use materials.

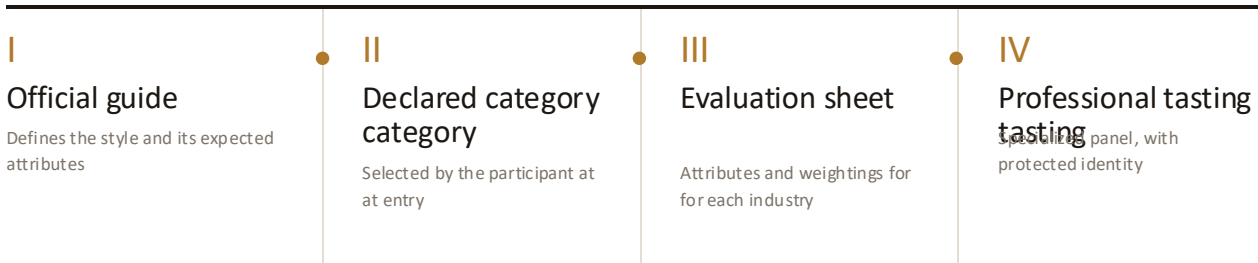
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Evaluation

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Evaluation principle



One competition, different industries: each beverage is evaluated according to the parameters of its parameters of its own industry

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Categories, guidelines and evaluation sheets

CIF brings different industries together in a single competition, but competition, but does not apply one single sensory or technical **technical standard to all of them.**

Each beverage is evaluated in accordance with the technical regulations applicable to its industry, its industry, the Official Categorization and Style Guidelines, the corresponding Evaluation Sheet and the technical and sensory criteria defined for its category or style, published on the competition's official channels.

The guidelines define categories and subcategories, the expected characteristics of each style and each style and their relevant technical and sensory attributes. CIF may draw on international international technical references where an applicable category exists, and on technical guidelines technical guidelines developed for the competition for categories, styles or expressions not covered expressions not covered by them, including non-alcoholic and functional beverages.

The categories in force are published for each edition. The organization may add, modify, group or divide categories and subcategories according to the evolution of each industry or the number of entries, for evaluation and award purposes. Grouping categories does not imply the exclusion of any sample.

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Category selection

The participant is responsible for correctly selecting the category and subcategory of their product and for providing complete and accurate information consistent with its characteristics, in accordance with the [Official Categorization and Style Guidelines](#).

For each edition, CIF will establish a period for reviewing and modifying entries, during which the participant may correct or edit the category, subcategory and other declared information.

Once this period has ended, the entry will be final, and the judges will evaluate the sample according to the category, subcategory and descriptions declared by the participant.

Any error, omission or incorrect classification in the information provided will be the sole responsibility of the participant.

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Evaluation system and professional tasting

All beverages are evaluated through professional tastings with protected identity and under controlled conditions. Each sample is identified by an internal code, and no information about the producer, brand or commercial data is available to the judges during the tasting.

The Evaluation Sheet of each industry establishes the attributes, criteria and weightings applicable to each category and style.

Where applicable, the following may be considered

01 Appearance

03 Flavor

05 Balance and harmony

07 Fermentation quality and control

09 Absence of faults

02 Aroma

04 Mouthfeel

06 Intensity and expression

08 Technical execution

10 Conformity with the declared category and style

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Jury

The jury is made up of national and international professionals from the different fermented beverage industries, selected and assigned by the organization according to their experience and specialization.

Each sample will be evaluated by a panel of judges with technical competence in the corresponding category, in accordance with the evaluation system established by CIF.

Judges must declare any conflict of interest and will not evaluate products with which they have a relationship that could compromise their independence, nor categories in which they have their own samples entered.

CIF may modify panels or reassign judges when necessary to preserve the independence, confidentiality and integrity of the process.

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Evaluation process and medals

The evaluation process is structured in three stages.



1 First stage Sensory evaluation

The judges carry out a technical and descriptive sensory evaluation, assessing each sample according to the criteria and characteristics defined for its category. Samples that reach the established cut-off score advance to the second stage.

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2 Second stage Comparative evaluation

A comparative and discriminative evaluation is carried out to select the samples that will advance to the final stage.

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3 Third stage Final medal evaluation

The samples that meet the established standards to obtain Gold, Silver or Copper are determined. Where applicable, samples awarded Gold may take part in additional rounds to determine special awards, category recognitions or other distinctions of the edition.

At each stage, a new container identical to the one evaluated in the previous stage is used, ensuring that each evaluation is carried out on a freshly opened sample.

Obtaining a given score does not automatically imply the award of a medal, and a category may be category may be declared void when no sample reaches the required standard. Scores and results and results refer exclusively to the evaluated sample and do not constitute an overall assessment of assessment of the brand, the producer or other products of the participant.

The technical decisions made by the jury within the framework of the evaluation process will be final, in accordance with the criteria and procedures established by CIF

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Feedback

Each participant receives the technical and sensory evaluation of their sample, with an independent and specialized assessment of the product, its description, main strengths and specific strengths and specific opportunities for improvement according to the criteria of its category.

category.
This information is a tool to guide the development, adjustment and refinement of the product. Evaluation reports are delivered digitally and exclusively to the participant, within the timeframes indicated for each edition.

The report corresponds exclusively to a technical and sensory evaluation and does not constitute a health, regulatory or commercial certification.

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Recognition

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Awards and recognition

CIF may award Gold, Silver and Copper medals, as well as other recognitions defined according to the structure of the competition.

 Gold  Silver  Copper

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Depending on the structure defined for each edition, recognitions may include

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|  Best of Show |  Best product by category |
|  Best producer of the competition |  Best producer by industry |
|  Special recognitions | |

The award structure of each edition is published on the official channels, and all recognitions are granted exclusively on the basis of the results obtained by the products entered and evaluated.

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Ownership and non-transferability

Recognitions belong exclusively to the entered product and/or and/or producer and may not be transferred or applied to other products, brands or producers.

Recognitions granted to a product correspond exclusively to the product, brand, recipe or formula, style and category entered, evaluated and awarded. Those granted to the producer correspond to the company or producer entered in the competition.

The fact that two products share a producer, recipe, process or facilities does not extend the recognition of one to the other.

Contract production

The recognition corresponds to the brand and product entered, regardless of who produces them. The producer may communicate its participation as such, but may not transfer the award to other brands it manufactures. A brand that uses a recipe awarded under another brand must participate independently to be eligible for its own recognition.

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Use of the official medal graphic

Three years

Use of the official medal graphic, from the announcement announcement of results

No time limit

Historical text communication, with the year obtained obtained

During the three (3) years following the official announcement of results, the awarded product may use the corresponding official CIF medal graphic on labels, packaging, websites, social media, catalogs, trade fairs, commercial material and presentations, without being required to include the year of the edition in each use.

The medal is used without altering its design and always associated with the awarded product, accompanied by its trade name and the category in which it obtained the recognition.

The medal may not be used in a way that could be interpreted as a general recognition of the company, the brand or other non-awarded products.

Its use is governed by CIF's brand use manual. The organization may request the modification or modification or withdrawal of any use that does not comply with these conditions.

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Historical communication of the recognition

Once this period has ended, the recognition remains part of the product's history and may be communicated in text form and without time limit, in order to preserve its validity, traceability and transparency.

All communication must expressly identify

○ Copa Internacional de Fermentados

○ The year the recognition was obtained

○ The category

○ The recognition obtained

○ The corresponding product

Use of the medal graphic or other official CIF elements after this period is subject to the brand use the brand use conditions in force.

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Participation

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Entry

Entries are made exclusively through CIF's official channels.

Each entry must include, as applicable

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| ☐ Trade name of the product | ☐ Brand |
| ☐ Producer or maker | ☐ Category and subcategory |
| ☐ Technical information required by the category | ☐ Relevant ingredients or raw materials |
| ☐ Characteristics requested in the guide | ☐ Contact of the person responsible for the entry |

The information declared for evaluation must not allow the producer or the brand to be identified. The organization may request additional data or documentation for the correct categorization, evaluation or traceability of the sample.

Fees, entry periods, reception dates and other operational aspects are published for each edition.

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Payment and validity of entry

An entry is valid only when it has been paid and validated within the established deadlines. An entry created or registered in the system without validated payment within those deadlines does not constitute a valid entry for participation purposes.

To participate, all entries must be fully paid and validated before the start of the evaluation and tasting of the samples.

Promotional fees

CIF may establish periods with promotional fees, discounts or special prices. The special price is obtained only when payment is actually made and received within the announced period; creating an entry during that period does not reserve the price.

If payment is made later, the fee in force at the time of payment will apply, unless the conditions of the promotion expressly state otherwise. Discounts are not applied retroactively.

Modifications and refunds

The participant must make any modification, cancellation, change of category or replacement of their samples within the established deadlines. Cancellation and refund conditions are communicated for each edition; samples not received or not evaluable for reasons attributable to the participant will not give rise to a refund.

Article

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Shipping, reception and custody of samples

Samples are shipped in accordance with the Official Sample Shipping Instructions of each which establish the number of units, format, identification, packaging, reception centers and other logistical conditions. The units of each entry must be identical to one another, so that a new container can be opened at each evaluation stage.

The participant is responsible for

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Correctly preparing the samples	Sending the required number of units	Identifying each unit as instructed
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Ensuring adequate packaging	Managing transport to reception	Covering the costs associated with shipping

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CIF takes reasonable measures for the correct reception, identification, storage and handling of handling of samples, preserving them according to the needs of each category.

The physical reception of a sample does not imply certification of its condition, integrity, stability integrity, stability or suitability for evaluation. CIF is not liable for losses, damage or alterations alterations occurring before official reception.

Samples that do not meet the requirements, arrive damaged, are illegible, cannot be identified or identified or linked to their entry, or present conditions that prevent an adequate evaluation may evaluation may be excluded. When circumstances allow, the organization may contact the the participant to request a reshipment or replacement.

Containers, packaging and remaining samples will not be returned and may be kept, used, transferred or discarded by CIF in accordance with its internal procedures.

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General provisions

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Intellectual property

The methodologies, evaluation sheets, guidelines, documentation and technical materials developed for CIF belong to Patagonian Yeast and are protected by the applicable legislation. Participation does not grant any right over such materials or over the organization's trademarks, names, logos or identity elements.

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Information, confidentiality and promotional material

The participant authorizes CIF to use the trade name, brand, category, result, recognitions and other public information associated with their participation for promotional, editorial, institutional and archival purposes, as well as photographs, videos and other records generated during the activities of the competition.

Non-public technical or commercial information provided by participants will be used only when necessary for the entry, categorization, evaluation, traceability, management or communication of the competition, in accordance with its purpose and with the applicable regulations, and will not be disclosed for other purposes. Personal data will be processed exclusively for the management of the competition.

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Updating of categories and conditions

CIF may update its categories, guidelines, evaluation sheets, technical procedures and operating conditions according to the evolution of the participating industries and the needs of the competition. Changes applicable to an edition will be communicated in due time through the official channels and will not retroactively affect results already determined.

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Acceptance of and compliance with the Rules

Entering a sample implies full acceptance of these Rules and of the guidelines, evaluation sheets, instructions, regulations and procedures established by the organization for each edition, including the technical decisions made within the framework of the competition.

In order to protect the integrity of the competition, CIF may exclude an entry that does not comply with these Rules, the specific conditions of the edition or the technical, administrative, shipping or reception requirements necessary to ensure a valid evaluation.

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Final provisions

Situations not provided for in these Rules will be resolved by the Management of the Copa Internacional de Fermentados, in consultation with the Technical Committee where appropriate, seeking to preserve the integrity, transparency, independence and proper conduct of the competition.

In the event of circumstances beyond its reasonable control, such as force majeure or acts of God, legal or regulatory restrictions, health situations, logistical or transport difficulties or natural phenomena, CIF may modify, suspend or reschedule activities, and will communicate the changes through its official channels.

The applicable law and the competent jurisdiction for each edition will be those indicated in its indicated in its specific conditions. Any dispute arising from participation shall first be sought to be sought to be resolved amicably.

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Technical evaluation, international panel *and recognition of fermentation* *fermentation*

A technical, independent and specialized framework so that each beverage is evaluated according to the characteristics of its category and recognized for the results obtained.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION

Before entering a sample, each participant must consult the current documentation published on CIF's official channels.

I

Official Rules

General and permanent framework for participation, participation, evaluation and and recognition.

II

Categorization and Style Guidelines

Categories, subcategories subcategories and technical technical characteristics of of each beverage.

III

Evaluation Sheets

Attributes, criteria and evaluation methodology for for each industry.

IV

Sample Shipping Instructions

Preparation, identification, identification, packaging, shipping and reception of of samples.

V

Conditions of each edition

Calendar, entries, fees, awards and other operational information.

