



# RULES & REGULATIONS

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## 1. A. REGISTRATION FORM

Competitors must complete the Cup Tasters Registration form online at [www.baristascoffeeschool.com.np](http://www.baristascoffeeschool.com.np) before 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2022. This form includes a space to upload a photo which will be used during the event.

Maximum of five Competitors can represent from an Organization.

### B. Late Registration

After the registration date the form won't be submitted and name won't be registered for the competition.

### C. Competitor Questions

All competitors are personally responsible for reading and understanding Rules and Regulations of Cup Taster Throwdown 2022, without exception. All the information about the event are mentioned on our website. Competitors are encouraged to ask questions prior to arriving at the competition venue. If any competitor is unclear as to the intent of any of the rules and regulations it is their responsibility to clarify that position with the organizer committee or can reach us at contact details number mention on the website.

## 2. The Competition

- A. The competition is organised as 4 triangular tests. In each triangular test, three cups of coffee are set up, two of which are identical, and one is unique. The aim of the competition is for the participant to use their gustatory and olfactory sense

to identify the odd cup out of the three. Note that the competitors are tested on their ability to distinguish different coffees, not to identify their quality, process, origin, etc.

- B. During the competition, 4 triangular tests are placed before each competitor. The coffees selected for all 4 tests will be the same for all competitors.
- C. Coffees should be medium roasted to the same degree and ground identically.
- D. The volume of coffee in each cup must be between 75-150ml . 4 sets of triangulations will be placed in front of each competitor at the same time. The sets must be identical but should not be placed in the same order for each competitor.
- E. The timekeeper will signal when competitors may begin triangulating. All competitors within each set will begin at the same time. The round is over when all competitors have stepped back from the table and signalled that they are finished by raising their hand and call "time" or after a maximum of 5 minutes, whichever occurs first.
- F. Each competitor should stand clear of the table prior to the start of competing.
- G. Competitors must identify the odd cup by pushing it over the line into a separate box from the other cups in the triangulation so that it is completely clear of its previous position.
- H. The winner is the competitor who correctly identifies the highest number of odd cups. In the event of a tie (i.e., 2 or more competitors share the highest number of correctly identified triangulations), the competitor who completed the triangulations in the shortest amount of time will be declared the winner.
- I. At no time is a competitor permitted to access the back of stage or coffee preparation space. Any competitor found breaching this rule can be disqualified at the discretion of the event organisers.
- J. Competitors are allowed to bring their own spoon for tasting the coffees Else organizer will provide it .
- K. Competitors are allowed to bring their own water container and/or spit cup.
- L. Only the competitor's water container may rest on the competition table.
- M. Competitors spit cup must be held by competitors. There will be a bucket beneath the table should the competitor need to dump the contents of their spit cup.

### **3. COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

- A. The competition space will consist of a stage with 4 competition tables numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- B. The competition will consist of 3 competition rounds: Round one, semi-finals (8 competitors), and finals (2 competitors), with the top scoring competitors continuing to the following round. A quarter finals round may be included between round one and the semi-finals round at the discretion of the event organisers.
- C. The Organizer reserves the right to schedule more than 1 competition round in a single day.
- D. The competitor's scores from each round will not carry over to the next round.
- E. Each competitor will be given 5 minutes to assess the 4 triangulations.
- F. When cups are selected, they should be pushed across the table. If competitors lift a cup off the table, it is determined to be their final selection and must be moved across the line into the separate box. Once the cup has been pushed over the line, the cup must not be moved again.
- G. After the final round there will be a brief awards ceremony where finalists will receive their awards.

## **4. Competitor Instructions Prior to Competition Time**

### **4.1. Competitors Orientation Meeting**

Prior to the start of the Cup Tasters Throwdown a competitor's orientation meeting will take place. This meeting is mandatory for all competitors. During this meeting, one of the team member from Event Team will make announcements, explain the competition flow, and discuss the competition schedule. This will be an opportunity for competitors to ask questions to the Cup Tasters event team member.

### **4.2. Be on Time**

Competitors should be on the stage area a minimum of 30 minutes before their competition round. Any competitor who is not onsite at the start of their competition round may be disqualified.

## **5. Competition Time**

### **5.1. Introduction by the Master of Ceremonies**

Before the 5-minute competition time has started and the cups are ready, the Master of Ceremonies will introduce the competitor.

## **5.2. Prior to Competition Time**

All competitors must stand a minimum of 1meter behind the competition table and not approach the table until their time has started.

## **5.3. Begin Competition Time**

The master of ceremonies will ask the competitors if the competitors are ready to begin. The designated competition timekeeper will begin a stopwatch the moment the master of ceremonies calls to start. Tracking time elapsed during the 5-minute competition time is the responsibility of the competitor, though they may ask for a time check at any point. The competition timekeeper will give the competitor a 3-minute, 2-minute, 1-minute, and 30-second warnings during the 5 minutes of competition time. The timekeeper is required to give these warnings as they occur.

## **5.5. End Competition Time**

Competition time will be stopped when the competitor raises their hand and calls “time”. The competitor must make a clear and audible signal to the official timekeeper. The maximum timeframe for the competition is 5 minutes.

# **6.Scorekeeping**

## **6.1. Official Scorekeeping**

The official scorekeepers are responsible for keeping all scores.

## **6.2. Tied Scores**

If the tied competitors have the same number of correct triangulations, the competitor who completed their triangulations in the shortest time will be declared the winner. In the case where 2 or more competitors have achieved a tied score in the same amount of time, they will be ranked in the same position

# **Appeals at the Cup Tasters Throwdown**

## **7.1.Competitor Related Issues**

If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding the Cup Tasters Throwdown during the competition, the competitor should contact the Cup Tasters Throwdown event organizer. The event organizer will then determine whether the issue can be resolved on-site , or whether the issue will require a written appeal for the Cup Tasters Throwdown.

If the Cup Tasters event organizer decides that the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site at the Cup Taster Throwdown, the event organizer will contact the involved party or parties to ensure fair representation. The competitor's issue and/or protest will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the event organizer and the designated on site representative of the competition will lead

The event organizer will inform the competitor of the decision.

## **7.2.Appeals**

If a person does not agree with a decision, they may appeal the decision in writing to the event organizer Competition Operations Committee. All decisions made by the committee are final.

The appeal letter must include the following:

- Name
- Date
- A clear and concise statement of the complaint
- Date and time references (if applicable)
- Comments and suggested solution
- Party/Parties involved
- Contact information

Any written protests/appeals excluding this information will not be considered. All persons must submit their written complaint or appeal to the Event organizer via email to [baristascoffeeschool@gmail.com](mailto:baristascoffeeschool@gmail.com) twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.

## **7.3.Appeals Reviewed by the Competition Strategic Committee**

The Cup Tasters Throwdown Strategic Committee will review written complaints or appeals and endeavor to respond as soon as possible. Please note that the final resolution will be delivered as soon as possible after the receipt.

The Competition Strategic Committee will contact the person in writing via email with final rulings.