

## Competition rules 2010

### II. International Competition of Drinks and Liqueurs Made Exclusively of Pálinka and Fruit Distillate, Gyula

organised within the framework of the XI. International Home Distilled Pálinka Festival, Exhibition and Fair

on 16-17-18 of April 2010.

**Organizer of the competition:** Lovász Rendezvényszervező Kft.

**Main patron of the competition:** Dr. György Habsburg

**Professional sponsors** National Federation of Fruit Pálinka Distillers, Association of Hungarian Distillers, Order of Pálinka, Society of the Pannon Distillers, The Guild of Brandy, Brandy Faculty of the Distilling Industry Union and Product Council

**Sponsors:** Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Finance, Hungarian Customs and Finance Guard, Federation of Hungarian Food Industries

The circle of the professional sponsors can be enlarged joining in voluntarily.

**Purpose of the competition:**

- The control of the quality and professional judgement of the products on the market which are produced on the basis of pálinka and fruit distillate.

**Competitors are expected from:**

- Hungary
- Romania (Transylvania)
- Ukraine (Sub-Carpathia)
- Slovak Republic
- Austria
- Slovenia
- Croatia
- Serbia
- Italy
- Switzerland
- Germany

Distillates from all over the world can compete.

## **Committees and groups that ensure the professional level and purity of the competition**

- Organizing committee - 7 members (depending on the number of the professional sponsors)
- Preparatory group of the competition- 3 members
- Competition Director - 1 member
- Deputy manager(s) of the competition- maximum 2 members
- Top Jury- 3-5 members
- Professional jury – committees of two or three- depending on the number of the samples
- Data Processing Committee- 2 members
- Data Processing Checking Committee- 2 members

The competition will take place according to the Competition Rules which will be checked by the deputy manager(s).

**The Invitation:** The organizer of the competition must publish the invitation and the rules on the website [www.palinkafesztival.hu](http://www.palinkafesztival.hu) between 10th and 20th of December 2009 and send it to the potential competitors and advertise it in the press.

### **In the Invitation there must be put down:**

- The organizer of the competition.
- The purpose of the competition.
- The conditions of the participation in the competition.
- The features of the competing products according to the limits with regard to the distillations, the methods of examination (content of alcohol, dry material, copper, cyanide, methyl alcohol, added sugar) put down in the EEC decree 110/2008 and in the I. respectively II section of it.
- The categories of the competition and the classification of the pálinkás, products with protected name.
- The method, place, conditions and deadline of the registration, the quantity of the samples.
- The amount of the entry fee and the method of the payment, the examination of the doubtful samples ( if the sample proves to be appropriate, the organizer will pay for the examination).
- The time and place of the competition.
- The method of the judgement of the professional jury and of the festival jury.
- The forms of the remuneration.

### **Organizing Committee**

**President:** Lovász Sándor – Lovász Rendezvényszervező Kft.

**Members:** The main patron and one delegate of each professional organization.

### **The President's tasks**

He publishes the competition, prepares the conditions for the professional jury and the social jury and the data processing.

He suggests the person of the Director of the Competition, the president of the top jury of three or five and the members of the professional jury. The Organizing Committee will make the final decision.

He arranges for the scene of the competition (the organization of the tasting for the professional jury and for the public), he chooses and reserves the place and ensures the financial background.

He secures the medals, certificates and takes charge of the filling in the certificates.

He ensures the sponsors who will give the special prizes.

The President will confirm the final results with the Director of the Competition and the professional patron.

### **The members' tasks:**

They have to help the president's work checking and supporting him professionally.

They have to discuss the president's suggestions, to help and check the execution of the decisions

In the Organizing Committee the decision in controversial matters will be made by the majority of votes, in the case of equal number of votes the vote of the president will decide.

### **Preparatory group of the competition**

**Leader: Lovász Sándor, president of the Committee of the organizers**

**Members: 2 people requested by Lovász Rendezényszervező Kft.**

They record the samples and provide them with secret identity. They gather the certificates and entry fees, they check if those meet the requirements of the competition and if it is necessary they contact the competitor (to correct the deficient data).

The president of the Organizing Committee chooses the scene of the examination of the qualitative and quantitative analysis of the analytical parameters according to the regulations in the Hungarian Food Book

The primary examination can be led by someone or by a laboratory that has an appropriate university degree. If in the course of the chemical examination suspicion arises that the pálinka does not correspond to the regulations- for example it contains flavours- the samples must be taken to an accredited laboratory for control. If that examination will be positiv as well, then a third accredited laboratory will examine the sample, too. If the result of this third examination will be positiv as well, then the compiting company or individual must pay for the expenses of the examinations (in 8 days, against a receipt).

As a consequence the competitor will be disqualified with all his products. The organiser has the right to make public the fact of the disqualification and its reasons.

They ensure total secrecy of the samples and storage in a totally closed place where nobody else can enter except for the representative of the President (according to the regulations).

On the basis of the results, if it is necessary they discuss the cause of the problem and of the disqualification with the competitor. / They request the competitor to cancel his or her registration or if he or she insists on the registration, they organize another examination in another accredited laboratory at his/her expense and at his/her expense within the closing date of the application they ask for another sample and make it examine./

**They inform the Director of the competition about the results of the competing samples.**  
In special cases the members of the Organizing Committee must be informed as well.

After the checking examinations they have to give detailed information (examination results, competitors, number of the companies in each category) to the Organizing Committee and to the Director of the Competition.

As agreed with the Director of the competition they put the adequate samples and their results at his disposal at the scene of the competition.

The Director of the competition ensures all the necessary data for the successful work of the jury without revealing any secret information.

The President of the Organizing committee is the only person having right to give any official information to the competitors – exclusively after official announcement of the results.

To the end of the competition everybody who gets in connection with any data must use them exclusively to do his/her work, any data or information revealed to a non-member can result in prosecution.

### **The Director's Tasks are:**

- to control the competition professionally
- to assure fair play, to manage the competition according to the competition rules
- to propose an average sample on the basis of the pretasting which will be judged by the members of the professional jury.
- to state the order of the judgement of the samples, to give out the samples to the jury.
- to decide controversial matters during the judgement
- to control the correct process of the judgement in order to prevent the judges from discussing their opinion influencing each other.
- in the case of major difference of opinion or doubtful samples to send the sample to the top jury
- to control the correct processing and judgement of the results
- to confirm the final results, to define the categories in which there can be a winner- he decides with the President and the patron.
- to provide consultation to the participants about the course of the competition
- to assure the secrecy of the products until the announcement of the results.
- if in a jury there is a major difference in opinion among the members, the director will send the sample to the top jury, respectively he will examine the causes of the dissension, if it is necessary he will reorganize the composition of the jury- or he might order a pause. In case of a major difference, for example in case of a two-category difference (gold – bronze, points without medal-silver), he can order the same jury or another jury to repeat the assessment of the sample.

Members of the jury can only be those persons who are able to decide impartially and fairly, who participated in trainings held previously and were qualified suitable for jury and take part in the preparations before the competition and judge successfully. They will be invited to be a member of the jury in order of the points they were given during the preparations. Each judge can be invited to be a member. The expenses of the training will be paid by the organizer.

**The members of the top jury and of the professional jury will be paid a fee.**

### **Tasks of the top jury**

-to re-examine the doubtful samples sent by the Director – perhaps to suggest re-examination of a sample by the jury.

### **Tasks of the professional jury**

Neutral juries of 2 or 3 members value the samples of pálinka as by the act LXXII/2008 and products which are considered pálinka or distillate as by the EEC decree 110 /2008 chemically tested and accordig to the regulations.

Each jury will judge the samples which were given them by the Director.

During the valuation they will form an opinion of their own, then they will have to arrive to an agreement. If they cannot arrive to an agreement, the right of the decision will fall within the competence of the Director (re-examination, top jury).

### **The process of the sensory judgement will be controlled exclusively by the Director of the competition**

#### **The process of the sensory judgement**

Accordig to the competition rules the different products (commercial and distillates of private individuals) will be assessed together, in strict order of category.

#### **Cathegories:**

- Alcoholic drinks with honey
- Herb based alcoholic drinks
- Fruit liqueurs
- Emulsion liqueurs
- Others

Determined by the Director of the competition and his two deputies on the basis of the samples.

#### **Mark sheet**

The competitors can obtain 20 points:

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| • Technological correctness             | 5 points |
| • Colour                                | 5 points |
| • Fragrance according to the fruit type | 5 points |
| • Cleanness of the taste                | 5 points |

Each member of the jury fills in one copy of the mark sheet, after that the commitee fills in another mark sheet/sample on which the results will appear summarized according to mutual consent. The mark sheets will be checked and forwarded to the Data processing commitee by the Director of the competition, where the data will be sent to the archive after having been

processed. In case of difference of opinion, controversial matter the Director of the competition will order reassessment (or he will send it to the top jury).

- gold: between 18, 0 – 20, 0 points:
- silver: between 16, 0 – 17, 0 points
- bronze: between 14, 0 – 15, 0 points

The Director of the competition has the right to suggest the winner of the „Champion” award, which the top jury and the professional jury decide together.

### **Other conditions**

The person who takes part in the transportation, storage, preparation or serving of the samples cannot be member of the professional- or top jury.

In order of a true to life assessment it must be paid attention to measurement each judge deviate from the average. In case of major deviation the Director will suggest the reorganization of the composition of the jury.

In event of a particularly glaring case the Director has the right to exempt the committee member from the further assessment.

The Director must decide the order of the samples which will be examined in advance.

It is always advisable to start with a product which has a more neutral fragrance, after that can come the products with stronger smell.

In the case of the same type of products the samples must follow each other according to the increase of the intensity of the taste and fragrance. In case of sequence assessment it is advisable to judge products with the same type in taste and fragrance.

In the case of the products with considerable difference of character and taste, it is practical to form groups out of the products with the same type. The series of three are the best, but a group can be made up of maximum 6 samples.

For the sake of the reliability of the assessment a committee can examine maximum 40 samples a day.

Between the different examinations the members of the jury must consume water, mineral water, rolls, cheese, apple, coffee, etc. to neutralize the previous taste and fragrance.

During the assessment the jury must have a rest from time to time. The Director must pay attention to the potential of the assessment or it must be a primary task of the committee in case.

The Director must check the conditions (such as the preparatory room, the method of the preparation, the room where the assessment takes place), if the tools are conform to the rules, if not, he can interrupt the assessment).

Then he states the purpose of the examination (qualitative, comparative examination), the products, the number, order and types of the samples.

In case of new products, respectively on the request of the majority the composition and the used basic and auxiliary materials must be stated as well. The information cannot reveal assessment notes, the name of the producer, it cannot influence the result of the assessment.

During the competition nobody can discuss anything regarding the products, nobody can comment on the products except for the meeting when the leader of the top jury will control the assessment.

### **Data Processing Committee**

Its members are appointed by the President of the Organising Committee, at least 2 members. The Data Processing Committee can give information exclusively to the President of the Organising Committee and to the Director of the competition, which must be treated in strict confidence.

#### **Tasks:**

- to assess and process the mark sheets filled by the jury
- to average the results of a group
- to make the assessment according to the categories and to rank the products according to the points obtained
- to notice if any of the jury numbers differs from the average considerably.

The organizer has to retain the mark sheets (even those of the Festival jury), the analytical examinations and the results for at least a year.

The records about the arrangement of the competition, with the total mark sheets, signed by the president of the top jury, the president of the Organising Committee and the leader of the Data processing Committee, must be retained for at least two years.

The competitors will get the results of their competing samples in writing (in letter, e-mail or fax) from the organizer in 30 days after the competition.

The Organizing Committee has the right to examine the origin of some of the awarded products selected by a draw. In case of a positive result the award will be recalled publicly.

### **Data processing checking committee**

Its members are appointed by the President of the Organising Committee, at least 2 members.

**Tasks:** Itemized revision of the record made by the Data Processing Committee.

### **The publicity of the competition**

The Organising Committee will make every effort that the competition would get as much publicity as possible. The professional and the social assessment must be organized in such a way that everybody will be able to follow it.

The announcement of the results will be on 17th of April 2010, Saturday afternoon.

For the united stand it is advisable to state the following facts:

Only the president of the Organizing Committee can make an official statement about the competition. The Director of the competition can make a statement about the professional questions of the competition.

The representatives of the sponsors can speak strictly about the participation of their own organization.

Other participants or concerned people can make a statement about the competition only in the name of the economical, state or social organization they represent, keeping the Competition rules, after the announcement of the results.

**Closing date of the application:** 12th of March 2010, Friday, 24<sup>00</sup>

**Receipt of the samples:** Lovász Rendezvényszervező Kft., 5700 Gyula, béke sgt. 37.

**Public professional sensory assessment:** 25-26-27 of March 2010, /Tuesday – Friday - Saturday/, in Gyula.

**Announcement of the results:** 17th of April 2010, on Saturday in the Castle.

**Sample:**

- "A" Commercial distillers 1 litre/ type (at least three original bottles are needed, because one is for analytics, one for the sensorial jury and one for control)
- "B": Private individuals who pay for distilling: 1 litre/ type (at least three bottles)

**Entry fee:**

**"A" Commercial distillers:**

- 1. entry fee of the pálinka: 20000Ft + VAT (80€)
- 2. entry fee of the pálinka: 15000 Ft + VAT (60€)
- 3. entry fee of the pálinka: 12000Ft + VAT (48€)
- 4. entry fee of the pálinka: 8000Ft + VAT (32€)
- from 5. entry fee of the pálinka: 5000Ft + VAT (20€)/ pálinka

Paymant against a receipt, not later than sending in the pálinka

**"B" Private individuals who pay for distilling:**

4000Ft for each pálinka or 15€ for foreigners.

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20th of December 2009, Gyula

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organizer