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Conducted by The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV), the ADSA provide Australian distillers with an essential benchmarking opportunity. Developed in close consultation with industry experts, including Executive Committee members of the Australian Distillers Association, the awards are judged by Australia's leading experts in spirits and liqueurs.



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2021 CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

Entries Open	Tuesday 13 July
Entries Close	Friday 13 August
Submit Exhibits to ADSA (Melbourne)	Monday 23 - Friday 27 August
Judging	Monday 30 August - Wednesday 1 September
Awards Presentation	Thursday 30 September

INTRODUCTION

Conducted by The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) and commencing in 2015, the Australian Distilled Spirits Awards (ADSA) is Australia's first and largest national spirits competition highlighting the innovation and excellence of Australian-manufactured spirits, liqueurs, aromatics and vermouths. Developed in close consultation with industry experts, including Executive Committee members of the Australian Distillers Association, the awards, judged by Australia's leading specialists in spirits and liqueurs, provide distillers with an essential benchmarking opportunity.

The 2020 ADSA attracted 619 Entries from 162 Exhibitors.

WHY YOU SHOULD ENTER

There are many reasons to enter your products into the Australian Distilled Spirits Awards (ADSA), including:

- The ADSA is Australia's leading national spirits awards, offering exhibitors the opportunity to benchmark their products against industry standards.
- Exhibit scores are represented on distribution graphs, where there is sufficient data to do so, enabling exhibitors to see how their products rank against those of their peers.
- Award-winning distillers will be provided with the ADSA Marketing & PR Kit to assist with promoting their win and marketing their spirits, liqueurs, aromatics and vermouths with a seal of quality.
- Exhibitors can promote and position their products through RASV associated events.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN ENTERING

- The ADSA is a credible and impartial competition that is endorsed by the Australian Distillers Association.
- The judging panel boasts some of the nation's most highly respected spirits and liqueurs industry professionals, from educators, writers and consultants through to retailers, distributors and distillers.
- Entries are blind tasted and judged on their own merits against a set of criteria (see 'Scoring and Medals' for details).
- Entries are allocated a tasting order number, separate from the Catalogue (Exhibit) Number, to ensure the anonymity of the exhibit and to protect the integrity of the judging process.

NEW IN 2021

VERMOUTH CATEGORY

Acknowledging the re-emergence of vermouth as a once again fashionable aperitif and intended to encapsulate what is unique about Australian vermouth, the 2021 ADSA will recognise excellence in domestic production with the awarding of the **Champion Vermouth Trophy**, the only award of its type in Australia.

Entries will be grouped for assessment according to indicated style (extra dry, dry, semi-dry and sweet) and predominant flavourings (wine base, botanicals), with an understanding that Australian vermouths are typically New World in style.

GIN CATEGORY

Making up more than half the number of entries, the Gin category of the ADSA has once again been reworked to better reflect industry trends and acknowledge the growth in the category, and in 2021 will award not one but four trophies across the category -

- **Champion London Dry Gin**
- **Champion New World / Contemporary Gin**
- **Champion Navy Gin**
- **Champion Other Gin (Not LD, NW or Navy)**

In addition, the 2021 ADSA will see the inclusion of a Wine Gin class (GIN007) with entries being eligible for the new **Champion Other Gin (Not LD, NW or Navy) Trophy**.

CANE SPIRITS CATEGORY

Expanding on the introduction last year of two new Cane Spirit classes in the Alternative Spirits category, these will form their own category in 2021 and will see the awarding of a new **Champion Cane Spirit Trophy**. The category will have two classes -

- i. CNE001 - Cane Spirit
- ii. CNE002 - Spiced Cane Spirit

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

- Exhibitors must be registered with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a licensed distiller or manufacturer and must provide a copy of their ATO Excise Manufacturer Licence (EML) during the entry process.
- If the exhibitor is not the manufacturer (distiller) of the product entered, the exhibitor warrants that they have the relevant permits and/or licences to enter the product.
- Entries must be manufactured (distilled) and packaged in Australia.
- Entries must comply with *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code - Standard 2.7.5 - Spirits*, and must not contain any illegal additives.
- Entries must comply with the Australian regulatory requirements that apply in relation to product, labelling and excise (including the *Excise Act 1901*).
- Entries must be of sound, marketable quality from a commercial production or batch, finished and sealed in their final container with Batch / Barrel / Cask / Bottle Numbers.
- Entries must be commercially available in the precise composition and in the same packaging, including the labels, in which it is submitted for judging. Tank samples and especially bottled batches will not be accepted as entries into the competition.
- An exhibit can be entered only once into the ADSA, however an exhibitor can enter multiple exhibits into a class so long as they can demonstrate a technical difference between the exhibits.
- Entrants are responsible for ensuring the prompt and safe delivery of their entries.

Exhibits entered not meeting these criteria will not be judged.

HOW TO ENTER

There are three simple steps to enter the Australian Distilled Spirits Awards:

1. Read through the competition Entry Booklet (this document) and the categories available for entering product into;
2. Complete the online entry process at www.rasv.com.au/spirits, arrange payment for your entries; and
3. Upon receiving confirmation of acceptance of your entries and product delivery instructions, submit your exhibits to the ADSA for judging.

MESSAGE FROM THE ADA

Australian Distillers Association President Stuart Gregor:

The membership and committee members of the Australian Distillers Association fully endorse the RASV Australian Distilled Spirits Awards and encourages all members to enter the show. The show is an important step in continuing the push for broader recognition of the great quality of Australian spirits among fellow distillers, retailers, bartenders and consumers. The RASV has a terrific record of accomplishment at running excellent award programs, including the Australian International Beer Awards and the Royal Melbourne Wine Awards, and the Distilled Spirits Awards is no exception. Regardless of who wins the trophies it will be a terrific showcase for our burgeoning industry.



WHAT OUR TROPHY WINNERS SAY

It is a proud moment for me, and a wonderful thing to see how we (the industry) are growing and the respect that our industry is gaining overseas. Bars that we once dreamed of being in now want desperately to have more Australian spirits, and Melbourne really is the mecca for that. Winning this award is a huge honour and surprise.

Bill Lark, Lark Distillery, TAS

Winner - Champion Australian Distiller Trophy, 2015

Absolutely delighted to win this award. I knew we made great vodka and seeing our name come up as both nominations for Champion Vodka was amazing. At the time, we only produced these two products. To win the trophy and two gold medals was an extremely proud moment for us and everyone involved getting us there.

The award has opened doors, which I could not be more excited about; it has helped in growing my business and White Light Vodka's profile within the spirits industry and bar community of Australia. Being a fully independent producer is difficult, with many hurdles you need to conquer, especially in vodka. This award has seen more people and businesses thinking of White Light Vodka before other imported brands.

With the increase in business, we have been able to experiment with different varieties of distilled spirits, with a few new lines coming onto the market and other exciting products in the pipeline.

Brendon Mitchell, White Light Vodka, VIC

Winner - Champion Vodka Trophy, 2018

As a micro-distiller it was important for me to have a benchmark for the quality of my spirits. The past winners are all names I respect greatly, and it is an honour to be listed amongst them. As a new distillery, Suter & Sons entered to meet likeminded craftspeople and form some relationships within the industry. Winning the trophy certainly made that a lot easier. I really valued the feedback from the judges which has helped me to continuously improve the quality and enjoyability of my products. Ultimately, the ADSA are helping to make my passion a viable business and I cannot thank those involved, especially the other distilleries, enough for the support.

Matthew Suter, Suter & Sons, VIC

Winner - Champion Australian Micro Batch Spirit Trophy, 2018

EVENTS

TROPHY PRESENTATION - Thursday 30 September

Hosted by RASV during the 2021 Royal Melbourne Show in the MasterChef Pavilion at Melbourne Showgrounds, the 2021 ADSA Trophy Presentation is open to exhibitors, trade and consumers.

The cocktail event will include an official presentation announcing the trophy winners and will feature gold medal- and trophy-winning spirits, liqueurs and bitters from the 2021 ADSA.

Exhibitors whose exhibits have won a gold medal at the 2021 ADSA will be required to supply, at their own expense, a minimum of three (3) x 700mL bottles or equivalent of their gold medal-winning exhibit for featuring at the Trophy Presentation. RASV reserves the right to purchase additional stock as required for this event at wholesale price. Exhibitors will be notified under embargo by email to advise if the additional stock is required. Exhibitors should arrange immediate delivery to arrive by no later than Friday 17 September.

For more information on the presentation, please contact RASV Events either on (03) 9281 7444 or by email at events@rasv.com.au.

TROPHIES & ELIGIBILITY

Trophy	Eligible Classes
Champion Distiller	All - see eligibility below
Champion Whisky	WKY001 - WKY008
Champion London Dry Gin	GIN001
Champion New World / Contemporary Gin	GIN002
Champion Navy Gin	GIN004
Champion Other Gin (Not LD, NW or Navy)	GIN003, GIN006 - GIN008
Champion Vodka	VOD001 - VOD004
Champion Brandy	BRN001 - BRN004
Raymond 'Spike' Dessert III Trophy for Champion Rum	RUM001 - RUM004
Champion Cane Spirit	CNE001 - CNE002
Champion Liqueur	LIQ001 - LIQ006
Champion Alternative Spirit	ALT001 - ALT006
Champion Aromatic	ARO001 - ARO004
Champion Vermouth	VER001
Champion Small Batch Spirit	All except ARO004 - see eligibility below
Champion Micro Batch Spirit	All except ARO004 - see eligibility below

Note: An exhibit must be awarded a gold medal to be eligible for a Champion Trophy. If no gold medals are awarded in a trophy category, the Champion Trophy for that category will not be awarded.

MAJOR TROPHIES

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN DISTILLER

The Champion Australian Distiller Trophy acknowledges outstanding achievement in distilling excellence. The trophy will be awarded to the distiller with the highest average score, calculated from the distiller's top three (3) scoring exhibits, at least one of which must be a gold medal-winning exhibit.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2021 ADSA Champion Australian Distiller Trophy, a distiller must:

- Be the manufacturer of the eligible exhibits;
- Have distilled the exhibits at their own distillery (spirits produced under contract by a third party will not be eligible for the award); and
- Have entered a minimum of three (3) entries.

NB: All exhibitors must be registered with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and hold an Excise Manufacturer Licence (EML).

Exhibitors who have had the awarded spirits made under contract by a contract-distiller are not eligible to win Champion Australian Distiller as the exhibitor who entered is not a distiller.

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN SMALL BATCH SPIRIT

Eligible Classes: All except ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters

The Champion Australian Small Batch Spirit Trophy acknowledges specialty small-scale production spirits and liqueurs, made in limited quantities from unique recipes that are distinct from a distiller's standard range. Small Batch spirits and liqueurs are defined as those that come from a single distillation, barrel or cask, the output or capacity of which is not greater than two-hundred and fifty litres (250L) and not less than one-hundred and one litres (101L).

Small Batch spirits and liqueurs will be judged in their own classes. The highest scoring gold medal-winning Small Batch spirits and liqueurs from each class will be reassessed using the Borda Count method to determine the trophy winner [see 'Judging Process' for more information].

Small Batch Spirits and Liqueurs are also eligible for their category trophies (e.g., Whisky, Gin, Vodka, etc.). Aromatic Bitters (Class ARO004) are not eligible for the Small Batch Spirit Trophy.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2021 ADSA Champion Australian Small Batch Spirit Trophy, a distiller must:

- Have manufactured the exhibit from a single distillation, barrel or cask, the output or capacity of which is not greater than 250L (litres) and not less than 101L (litres);
- Have manufactured and bottled the exhibit in the same premises;
- State the name, number or other unique identifying mark of the single distillation, barrel or cask on the commercial label of the finished bottled stock;
- Hold not less than 50L (litres) of finished bottled stock of the exhibit; and
- Have been awarded a gold medal for that exhibit.
[See 'Explanatory Notes for Classes' for definitions].

NB: The minimum required held quantity of finished bottled stock must have been commercially bottled by Friday 27 August, the final day to submit your exhibits to ADSA for judging.

Third party, contract-distillers will be recognised as the distiller of the award-winning Small Batch Spirit where exhibited by the retailer.

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN MICRO BATCH SPIRIT

Eligible Classes: All except ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters

The Champion Australian Micro Batch Spirit Trophy acknowledges specialty micro-scale production spirits and liqueurs, made in limited quantities from innovative or experimental recipes that are distinct from a distiller's standard range. Micro Batch spirits and liqueurs are defined as those that come from a single distillation, barrel or cask, the output or capacity of which is not greater than one-hundred litres (100L) and not less than fifty litres (50L).

Micro Batch Spirits and Liqueurs will be judged in their own classes. The highest scoring gold medal-winning Micro Batch Spirits and Liqueurs from each class will be reassessed using the Borda Count method to determine the trophy winner [see 'Judging Process' for more information].

Micro Batch Spirits and Liqueurs are **not eligible** for their category trophies (e.g., Whisky, Gin, Vodka, etc.), and Aromatic Bitters (Class ARO004) are not eligible for the Micro Batch Spirit Trophy.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2021 ADSA Champion Australian Micro Batch Spirit Trophy, a distiller must:

- Have manufactured the exhibit from a single distillation, barrel or cask, the output or capacity of which is not greater than 100L (litres) and not less than 50L (litres);
- Have manufactured and bottled the exhibit in the same premises;
- State the name, number or other unique identifying mark of the single distillation, barrel or cask on the commercial label of the finished bottled stock;
- Hold not less than 25L (litres) of finished bottled stock of the exhibit; and
- Have been awarded a gold medal for that exhibit.
[See 'Explanatory Notes for Classes' for definitions].

NB: The minimum required held quantity of finished bottled stock must have been commercially bottled by Friday 27 August, the final day to submit your exhibits to ADSA for judging.

Third party, contract-distillers will be recognised as the distiller of the award-winning Micro Batch Spirit where exhibited by the retailer.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

FOR JUDGING

Following are the **minimum quantities required** to be submitted for judging - remembering that an exhibit may only be entered if it is commercially available in the precise composition and in the same packaging, including the labels, in which it is sent for judging. Exhibits entered not meeting these criteria will not be judged.

Class	Quantity Required for Judging
All Classes except Class ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters	One (1) x 700mL bottle or equivalent volume across multiple bottles of the same batch
Class ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters	One (1) x 100mL bottle or equivalent volume

HELD FINISHED BOTTLED STOCK REQUIREMENT

There are minimum required quantities of held finished bottled stock for all spirits, liqueurs and bitters entered into the ADSA at the time of delivery, i.e., Friday 27 August.

Where your Entry Is	The Minimum Quantity of Held Finished Stock Is
Class ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters	5L (litres)
Micro Batch	25L (litres) [minimum production = 50L, maximum = 100L]
Small Batch	50L (litres) [minimum production = 101L, maximum = 250L]
Whisky + Brandy	100L (litres), where not Micro or Small Batch
All Other Classes	250L (litres), where not Micro or Small Batch

ENTRY FEES

Includes GST

Mode of Entry	Fee	Closing Date
Online www.rasv.com.au/spirits	\$155	Online entry facility closes midnight AEDT, Friday 13 August 2021. Entries received after this time attract a \$15 per entry late fee.
Payment 2021 ADSA entries and full payment must be received by RASV no later than midnight on Friday 13 August. Entries received after the closing date will not be guaranteed admission to the competition. Entries will not be accepted until the entry fee is received in full. Visa, MasterCard, Cheque and Money Order are all accepted, Amex is not. Please make Cheques and Money Orders payable to <i>The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Ltd.</i> Online entries will not be validated until payment is received. Entry fees are non-refundable.		

CLASS LIST

WHISKY

Exhibits must be distilled from cereal grains (barley, wheat, maize [corn], etc.), yeast and water AND must be matured in wooden casks for at least two (2) years (in accordance with the *Excise Act 1901*).

Exhibitors are prohibited from adding any form of sweetener or flavouring, including botanicals, to entries in Whisky Classes WKY001 through WKY008. Sweetened and or flavoured whiskies must be entered into Class LIQ005 - Whisky Liqueur.

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 100L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch whiskies are not eligible for their category trophy (Please see page 8 for details).

For the definition of Whisky styles and classes please see page 15.

WKY001 - SINGLE MALT WHISKY UNPEATED
Exhibits must be made from malted barley.

WKY002 - SINGLE MALT WHISKY PEATED
Exhibits must be made from malted barley and must also be peated.

WKY003 - CASK STRENGTH WHISKY
Exhibits must be undiluted out of the cask.

WKY004 - SINGLE BARREL (OR CASK) WHISKY
Exhibits must have come from a single barrel or cask.

WKY005 - BLENDED WHISKY

WKY006 - GRAIN WHISKY
Exhibitors are required to state the predominant grain type.

WKY007 - OTHER SMOKED WHISKY
Exhibitors are required to state the smoke source.

WKY008 - OTHER (e.g., SOUR MASH, OTHER UNLISTED)
Exhibitors are required to state the style.

GIN

Exhibitors are required to state the production method (distilled or compound), predominant flavourings (e.g., *Juniperus communis*, Coriander, Native Botanicals, etc.) and Alcohol by Volume (ABV) of their Exhibit(s).

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 250L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch gins are not eligible for their category trophy (Please see page 8 for details).

For the definition of Gin styles and classes please see page 15.

GIN001 - LONDON DRY

GIN002 - NEW WORLD / CONTEMPORARY

GIN003 - OLD TOM

GIN004 - NAVY

GIN005 - BARREL AGED

GIN006 - FRUIT
Exhibitors must state fruit used.

GIN007 - WINE
Exhibitors must state wine used.

GIN008 - OTHER UNLISTED
Exhibitors are required to state the **intended style**, production method (distilled or compound), predominant flavourings and Alcohol by Volume (ABV).

VODKA

Exhibitors must state if the base spirit is made from grape, grain (e.g., wheat, corn, rye or sorghum), potato or other (e.g., sugar cane).

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 250L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch vodkas are not eligible for their category trophy (Please see page 8 for details).

For the definition of Vodka styles and classes please see page 16.

VOD001 - PURE (NEUTRAL) VODKA

Exhibits must be unflavoured.

VOD002 - FLAVOUR DISTILLED VODKA

Exhibits may be sweetened, blended, matured or coloured; however the flavouring must have been imparted during distillation.

VOD003 - FLAVOUR INFUSED VODKA

Exhibits may have had their natural or artificial flavour introduced after distillation either by compounding (mixing), infusion (immersion), or by maceration (crushing or muddling).

VOD004 - CONTEMPORARY VODKA

Exhibitors are required to state the style in the 'Age and any other relevant information' field on the entry.

BRANDY

With exception of entries in Class BRN004 - Pomace Brandy, all entries must be matured in wooden casks for at least two (2) years (in accordance with the *Excise Act 1901*).

'Grape Brandy' means the spirit obtained by the distillation of wine in such a manner as to ensure that the spirit possesses the taste, aroma and other characteristics generally attributed to brandy, in accordance with the requirements set out below:

Must contain no less than 250mL/L of the spirit distilled at a strength of no more than 830mL/L at 20°C of ethanol.

May contain water, caramel, sugars, grape juice and grape juice concentrates, wine, prune juice, honey and flavourings.

Must not contain methanol in a proportion exceeding 3g/L of the ethanol content thereof at 20°C.

Source: Australian Society of Viticulture & Oenology, 2015 Wine Show Best Practice Recommendations

For entries into Class BRN001 - Grape Brandy, Age Statement exhibitors must state the age of their brandy. The age of brandy shall be determined by the age of the youngest component of any blend.

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 100L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch brandies are not eligible for their category trophy (Please see page 8 for details).

For the definition of Brandy styles and classes please see page 16.

BRN001 - GRAPE BRANDY, AGE STATEMENT

Exhibitors must state the age of their brandy. The age of brandy shall be determined by the age of the youngest component of any blend.

BRN002 - GRAPE BRANDY, NON-AGE STATEMENT

BRN003 - FRUIT BRANDY

Made from fruit other than grape.

BRN004 - POMACE BRANDY

Including Grappa, Marc, etc.

RUM

Exhibits must be distilled from sugar cane AND must be matured in wooden casks for at least two (2) years (in accordance with the *Excise Act 1901*). Sweetened and/or flavoured rums must be entered into Class LIQ006 - Rum Liqueur. Cane spirits with less than two (2) years maturation in wooden casks must be entered into classes CNE001 - Cane Spirit and CNE002 - Spiced Cane Spirit.

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 250L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch rums are not eligible for their category trophy (Please see page 8 for details).

For the definition of Rum styles and classes please see page 16.

RUM001 - OVERPROOF RUM - DARK

Exhibits must have an ABV of 50% or more.

RUM002 - UNDERPROOF RUM - DARK

Exhibits must have an ABV of 49.9% or less.

RUM003 - SPICED RUM

RUM004 - WHITE RUM

CANE SPIRITS

For unaged or under-aged cane spirits (with less than two (2) years maturation in wooden casks).

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 250L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch cane spirits are not eligible for their category trophy (see page 8 for details).

CNE001 - CANE SPIRIT

Exhibits must either be unaged or have less than two (2) years maturation in wooden casks.

CNE002 - SPICED CANE SPIRIT

Exhibits must either be unaged or have less than two (2) years maturation in wooden casks.

LIQUEUR

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 250L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch liqueurs are not eligible for their category trophy (Please see page 8 for details).

LIQ001 - FRUIT LIQUEUR

LIQ002 - SCHNAPPS LIQUEUR

Fruit schnapps must be entered into Class ALT002 - Fruit Schnapps.

LIQ003 - CREAM LIQUEUR

Exhibits must contain **dairy cream**. Crème liqueurs (those not containing dairy cream) must be entered into their relevant Liqueur Class.

LIQ004 - WHISKY LIQUEUR

Exhibits must have a Whisky base. See 'Explanatory Notes for the Classification of Whisky'.

LIQ005 - RUM LIQUEUR

Exhibits must have a Rum base. See 'Explanatory Notes for the Classification of Rum'.

LIQ006 - OTHER LIQUEUR (NOT IN ANY OTHER CLASS)

ALTERNATIVE SPIRITS

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 250L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch alternative spirits are not eligible for their category trophy (Please see page 8 for details).

ALT001 - FRUIT INFUSED SPIRIT (e.g., LIMONCELLO, ETC.)

ALT002 - FRUIT SCHNAPPS

ALT003 - OUZO

ALT004 - NEW MAKE UNAGED SPIRITS

ALT005 - GRAIN SPIRIT

Exhibits must have less than two (2) years maturation in wooden casks.

ALT006 - UNLISTED SPIRIT (NOT IN ANY OTHER CLASS)

AROMATIC

Exhibitors are required to state the base spirit, which must be Australian-made, the predominant flavourings and Alcohol by Volume (ABV) of their Exhibit(s).

Entries in Class ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters are not eligible for the Small Batch and Micro Batch Trophies, and do not count toward the Champion Australian Distiller Trophy.

With the exception of Class ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters, one (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 250L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch aromatics are not eligible for their category trophy (see page 8 for details).

For entries in Class ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters, one (1) sample of 100mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 5L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held.

For the definition of Aromatic styles and classes please see page 17.

ARO001 - AMARO

ARO002 - APERTIF

ARO003 - ABSINTHE

ARO004 - AROMATIC BITTERS

VERMOUTH

Exhibits will be grouped for assessment according to indicated style (extra-dry, dry, semi-dry, and sweet) and predominant flavourings (wine base, botanicals), with an understanding that Australian vermouths are typically New World in style.

One (1) sample of 700mL (millilitres) or equivalent is to be submitted for judging. 250L (litres) finished bottled stock is required to be held, except where Small Batch (50L is required) or Micro Batch (25L is required). Micro Batch vermouths are not eligible for their category trophy (Please see page 8 for details).

VER001 - VERMOUTH

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR CLASSES

It is essential that all exhibits are entered into their correct class. Exhibits not correctly entered will be determined to be 'out of class' and will not be assessed. Should you need assistance in determining which class your product should be entered, please contact the Program Coordinator.

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF WHISKY

All Whisky category entries (Classes WKY001 through WKY008) **must be** distilled from cereal grains (barley, wheat, maize [corn], etc.), yeast and water **and** must be matured in wooden casks for at least two (2) years [*Excise Act 1901*]. Exhibitors are prohibited from adding any form of sweetener or flavouring, including botanicals, to entries in Whisky Classes WKY001 through WKY008. **Sweetened and or flavoured whiskies** must be entered into Class LIQ005 - Whisky Liqueur.

- Entries in Class **WKY001 - Single Malt Whisky Unpeated** must be made from malted barley.
- Entries in Class **WKY002 - Single Malt Whisky Peated** must be made from malted barley and must also be peated.
- Entries in Class **WKY003 - Cask Strength Whisky** must have an ABV of 55% or more and must be undiluted out of the cask.
- Entries in Class **WKY004 - Single Barrel (or Cask) Whisky** must have come from a single barrel or cask.
- Entries in Class **WKY005 - Blended Whisky** must be a blend of single malt and/or grain whiskies.
- Entries in Class **WKY006 - Grain Whisky** must state the predominant grain source.
- Entries in Class **WKY007 - Other Smoked Whisky** must not be eligible to enter the Single Malt Whisky Class and must state the smoke source as 'Peated' or 'Other Smoked'.
- Entries in Class **WKY008 - Other** must not be eligible for any other whisky class and must also state style.

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF GIN

In response to feedback from exhibitors that the 2015 ADSA Gin Classes of 'Traditional', 'Contemporary' and 'Alternative Style' did not accurately represent industry production, the 2016 ADSA saw just one class for gin where exhibitors were asked to state the intended **style**, the predominant **flavourings** and Alcohol by Volume (**ABV**) of their entries. Exhibits were then grouped for assessment according to these attributes (and in this order). This information informed a restructuring of the gin category for the ADSA with classes as follows:

- Entries in Class **GIN001 - London Dry** must be distilled and not compound gin, and have the flavour profile and characteristics of a traditional London Dry Gin.
- Entries in Class **GIN002 - New World / Contemporary** must be predominantly juniper with the potential inclusions of Australian botanicals.
- Entries in Class **GIN003 - Old Tom** must be predominantly juniper and sweetened with the addition of sugar or botanicals that create the perception of sweetness (e.g., Licorice).
- Entries in Class **GIN004 - Navy** must be over 57% abv and can be either London Dry or New World / Contemporary in style.
- Entries in Class **GIN005 - Barrel Aged** must be matured in a wooden cask or casks.
- Entries in Class **GIN006 - Fruit** must be produced by the maceration of fruit in gin, with the possible addition of fruit juice. Exhibitors must state fruit used.
- Entries in Class **GIN007 - Wine** must be distilled from wine and must state variety/varieties.
- Entries in Class **GIN008 - Other Unlisted** must state style.

To ensure accurate assessment, exhibitors are required to state the **production method** (distilled or compound), predominant flavourings and Alcohol by Volume (ABV).

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF VODKA

Vodka category classes are as follows:

- Pure (Neutral) [VOD001];
- Flavour Distilled [VOD002];
- Flavour Infused [VOD003]; and
- Contemporary Vodka [VOD004].

Exhibitors must state if the spirit is made from grape, grain (e.g., wheat, corn, rye or sorghum), potato or other (e.g., sugar cane).

- Entries in Class **VOD001 - Pure (Neutral) Vodka** must be unflavoured.
- Entries in Class **VOD002 - Flavour Distilled Vodka** may be sweetened, blended, matured or coloured; however the flavouring must have been imparted during distillation.
- Entries in Class **VOD003 - Flavour Infused Vodka** may have had their natural or artificial flavours introduced after distillation either by compounding (mixing), infusion (immersion), or by maceration (crushing or muddling).
- Entries in Class **VOD004 - Contemporary Vodka** must be unflavoured, but not neutral in style.

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF BRANDY

Brandy means a spirit obtained from the distillation of wine, fermented preparations of grapes or grape product, or fermented preparations of fruit other than grapes.

With exception of entries in Classes BRN003 - Fruit Brandy, and BRN004 - Pomace Brandy, all Grape Brandy entries (Classes BRN001 and BRN002) **must be** matured in wooden casks for at least two (2) years [*Excise Act 1901*].

‘Grape Brandy’ means the spirit obtained by the distillation of wine in such a manner as to ensure that the spirit possesses the taste, aroma and other characteristics generally attributed to brandy, in accordance with the requirements set out below:

- Must contain no less than 250mL/L of the spirit distilled at a strength of no more than 830mL/L at 20°C of ethanol.
- May contain water, caramel, sugars, grape juice and grape juice concentrates, wine, prune juice, honey and flavourings.
- Must not contain methanol in a proportion exceeding 3g/L of the ethanol content thereof at 20°C.

Source: Australian Society of Viticulture & Oenology, 2015 Wine Show Best Practice Recommendations

Exhibitors must state the age of their brandy for all entries into class **BRN001 - Grape Brandy, Age Statement**. The age of brandy shall be determined by the age of the youngest component of any blend.

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF RUM

All Rum category entries (Classes RUM001 through RUM004) **must be** distilled from sugar cane **and** must be matured in wooden casks for at least two (2) years [*Excise Act 1901*].

- Entries in Class **RUM001 - Overproof (Dark)** must have an ABV of 50% or more.
- Entries in Class **RUM002 - Underproof (Dark)** must have an ABV of 49.9% or less.

Sweetened and or flavoured rums must be entered into Class LIQ006 - Rum Liqueur.

Unaged or Under-aged cane spirit products must be entered into Classes CNE001 - Cane Spirit and CNE002 - Spiced Cane Spirit.

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF AROMATICS

Potable aromatic spirits and liqueurs (Amaro, Aperitifs and Absinthe) must be entered into classes ARO001 through to ARO003, while non-potable Aromatic Bitters must be entered into class ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters.

Aromatic (non-potable or 'cocktail') Bitters are defined by the ADSA as botanic-infused alcoholic preparations made from neutral spirits and bittering and or flavouring agents that are intended for use in small quantities (i.e., drops or dashes) to enhance or accent the taste of beverages and result in a bitter, sour or bittersweet finish.

Exhibitors are required to state the base spirit, which must be **Australian-made**, the predominant flavourings and Alcohol by Volume (ABV) of their entries. Entries will be assessed neat and in soda water at room temperature at the ratio of 1mL (¼ teaspoon) bitters to 30mL soda water (1:30mL).

Entries in Class ARO004 - Aromatic Bitters are not eligible for the Small Batch and Micro Batch Trophies, and do not count toward the Champion Australian Distiller Trophy.

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF VERMOUTH

In assessing entries into Class VER001 - Vermouth, the ADSA judging panel will reference the *European Union (EU) Council Regulation No. 1601/91, of 10 June 1991*. The regulation provides general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine product cocktails. It states that vermouth must be:

- i. at least 75% wine (grape base);
- ii. aromatised with *sp. Artemesia*;
- iii. within the range of 14.5-21% ABV;
- iv. fortified; and
- v. sweetened only by means of caramelized sugar, sucrose, grape must, rectified concentrated grape must and concentrated grape must. Artificial sweeteners are disallowed.

For the purpose of this competition, the wine content **must be** Australian grown and produced. In addition to *sp. Artemesia* (wormwood), various other herbs, barks and spices might be used.

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF SMALL BATCH SPIRITS

Small Batch Spirits and Liqueurs are defined by the ADSA as those that are made in limited quantities from unique recipes, are distinct from a distiller's standard range, and come from a single distillation, barrel or cask, the output or capacity of which is not greater than two-hundred and fifty litres (250L) and not less than one-hundred and one litres (101L). The name, number or other unique identifying mark of the single distillation, barrel or cask must be stated on the commercial label of the Small Batch Spirit or Liqueur, of which the exhibitor must hold not less than fifty litres (50L) of finished bottled stock as of Friday 20 March, the final day to submit exhibits to ADSA for judging.

Definitions

- Single distillation refers to the quantity produced from one operation of the still in the process of separating alcohol from the fermented mash by evaporation and is not intended to preclude double or triple-distilled spirits where no additional raw ingredients are added in the second or third distillation.
- Single barrel or cask refers to the wooden storage vessel in which the spirit has been aged. Blends are permitted where the total bottled output of the single barrel or cask is not more than 250L (litres) and not less than 101L (litres).
- Small Batch Spirits and Liqueurs will be judged in their own classes before being reassessed for the Champion Australian Small Batch Spirit Trophy.

FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF MICRO BATCH SPIRITS

Micro Batch Spirits and Liqueurs are defined by the ADSA as those that are made from innovative or experimental recipes, are distinct from a distiller's standard range, and come from a single distillation, barrel or cask, the output or capacity of which is not greater than one-hundred litres (100L) and not less than fifty litres (50L). The name, number or other unique identifying mark of the single distillation, barrel or cask must be stated on the commercial label of the Micro Batch Spirit or Liqueur, of which the exhibitor must hold not less than twenty-five litres (25L) of finished bottled stock as of Friday 20 March, the final day to submit exhibits to ADSA for judging. Micro Batch Spirits and Liqueurs are not eligible for their category trophy (e.g., Whisky, Gin, Vodka, etc.).

Definitions

- Single distillation refers to the quantity produced from one operation of the still in the process of separating alcohol from the fermented mash by evaporation and is not intended to preclude double or triple-distilled spirits where no additional raw ingredients are added in the second or third distillation.
- Single barrel or cask refers to the wooden storage vessel in which the spirit has been aged. Blends are permitted where the total bottled output of the single barrel or cask is not more than 100L (litres) and not less than 50L (litres).
- Micro Batch Spirits and Liqueurs will be judged in their own classes before being reassessed for the Champion Australian Micro Batch Spirit Trophy.

THIRD PARTY / CONTRACT MANUFACTURING

Third party, contract-produced spirits, liqueurs and bitters can be entered either by the contract distiller or by the retailer of the spirit, liqueur or bitters; however, each must acknowledge the other in the entry process. Both the producer and the retailer will be recognised in all official announcements of results by RASV, including announcements of class results and trophies, and in the Results Catalogue - trophy status will recognise the producer of the exhibit 'on behalf of' the retailer. Spirits, liqueurs and bitters produced under contract by a third party are ineligible for the Champion Australian Distiller Trophy.

A retailer is defined by the ADSA as the seller of the spirit, liqueur and or bitters, e.g., a supermarket chain, liquor store outlet, franchise, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING SPIRITS OR LIQUEUR PRODUCED UNDER CONTRACT

For Contract-Distillers

Third-party, contract-distillers entering spirits, liqueurs or bitters that have been produced under contract for, or on behalf of, a retailer must acknowledge the retailer during the entry process by providing their name and contact details. When entering online, contract-distillers must create an account in their own name, rather than in the name of the retailer, and must declare the exhibit as being exhibited 'on behalf of' the retailer.

For Retailers and Distributors

Retailers entering spirits, liqueurs or bitters that have been produced for them under contract by a distillery must acknowledge the contract-distiller during the entry process by providing their name and contact details. When entering online, retailers must create an account in their own name, rather than in the name of the distiller.

If you are entering spirits, liqueurs and bitters on your own behalf as well as for a company for whom you are contract-distilling, you will need to establish two separate accounts. One account will be in your name for your entries. A separate account will need to be created as per the above instructions for the entries which you have contract-distilled for a retailer. Note that the same product cannot be entered twice.



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JUDGING PROCESS

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Entries will be allocated a Tasting Order Number, separate from the Catalogue (Exhibit) Number, to ensure the anonymity of the exhibit and to retain the integrity of the judging process. Additionally, exhibits will be judged 'blind'. Exhibits are judged according to class and by percentage alcohol (% ABV); lowest to highest. Exhibits are critically and quantitatively evaluated for their commercial excellence, quality attributes and trueness to type. Exhibits are not judged or ranked against each other but are assessed on their own merits.

Entries will be judged to the internationally recognised 100-point scoring system. Attribute scores for each exhibit will be awarded, checked, and entered by the judging panel. Classes will be judged to award bronze, silver and gold medals. The process for determining the trophy winner of each category requires an additional level of scrutiny. The gold medal-winning spirits from each category will be individually and independently reassessed and ranked using the Borda Count method - only gold medal awarded exhibits are eligible for trophies.

To illustrate the ranking, if there are four (4) top gold medal-winning Gin exhibits, those four exhibits will be reassessed and ranked from highest to lowest with three (3) being the highest, two (2), one (1), and zero (0), with the highest scoring exhibit (in this example, the exhibit ranked three [3]) winning the Champion Gin Trophy. If there are five (5) top gold medal-winning Gin entries, the rank is from four (4) to zero (0), and so on.

HEAD JUDGE

A head judge will be appointed by RASV to ensure that the judging is conducted in an efficient and professional manner, to ensure consistency in scoring across the judging panels, and to adjudicate where panels may be divided in the awarding of a score. The Head Judge, in consultation with the Competition Manager, will have the final power to arbitrate the Awards.

RASV is delighted to welcome back **Seb Costello** of Melbourne's Bad Frankie as the Head Judge of the 2021 ADSA.

PANELS

Each judging panel will consist of a Panel Chair, three (3) Judges and no more than two (2) Associates.

Associate Judges participate in the judging under the guidance of their Panel Chair to aid their professional development as judges. Their exhibit scores and commentary are not included in the final score but assist in the development of the Associates' judging ability and their understanding of the judging process.

Awards may be withheld or restricted in any class where exhibits are considered unworthy or if insufficient entries are available. The Head Judge, in consultation with the Competition Manager, shall have the power to reallocate, dismiss or disqualify as being ineligible for judging, any exhibit, which, in their opinion, does not comply with the regulations in every respect, and such reallocation, dismissal or disqualification, shall be accepted as final.

The above instructions do not in any way limit or restrict any of the powers, discretions, rights, and duties conferred upon the Judges by the regulations or RASV's powers under the regulations.

SCORING AND MEDALS

CRITERIA

All entries will be scored out of one hundred (100) points and will be assessed against the below criteria:

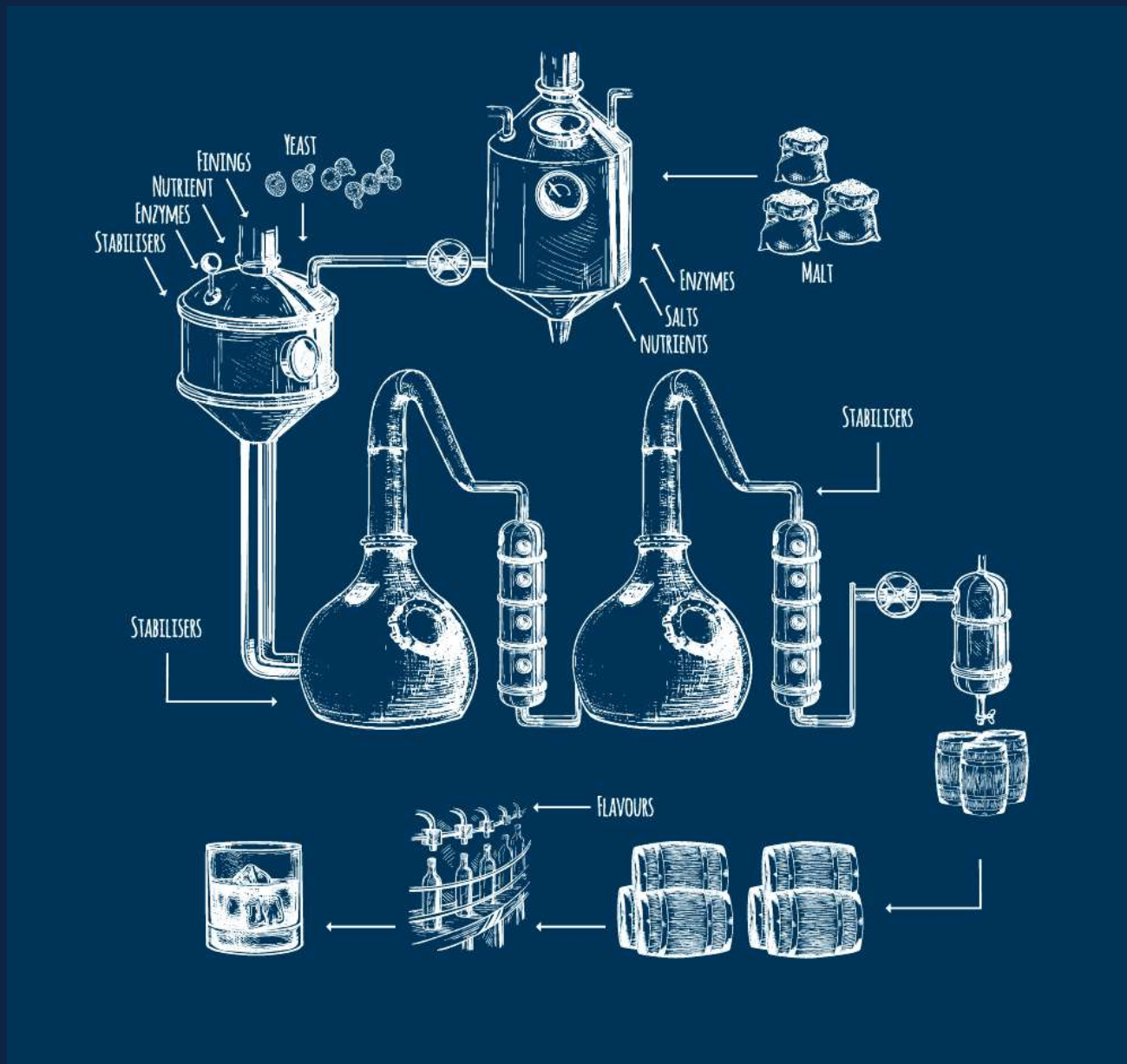
Colour / Appearance	10
Nose	20
Palate	40
Balance	10
Finish	20
Point Total	100

MEDALS

Medals will be awarded as follows:

Gold	90 - 100 points	A gold medal worthy exhibit is an outstanding spirit, liqueur, aromatic or vermouth for the type of product that it is
Silver	82 - 89.9 points	A silver medal worthy exhibit is an excellent spirit, liqueur, aromatic or vermouth for the type of product that it is
Bronze	74 - 81.9 points	A bronze medal worthy exhibit is a very good spirit, liqueur, aromatic or vermouth for the type of product that it is

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SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRIES

Once payment has been received and your entries have been verified as correct and accepted for entry into the 2021 ADSA, you will receive by email an Exhibitor Entry Confirmation containing your labels in PDF format and instructions on how to submit your entries. Please contact the Competition Manager if you do not receive this email.

LABELLING OF EXHIBITS

In addition to bearing commercial labels, all exhibits must bear ADSA-issued labels. ADSA competition labels in **PDF format** (as an attachment) will be included in the Exhibitor Entry Confirmation email that will be sent once your entries have been validated and payment received in full. Exhibitors are required to print the labels in the precise format they are sent, preserving size, font, etc., and securely attach them to each bottle submitted for entry.

Labels can either be printed on A4 paper, cut out and affixed with clear packing tape, or alternatively printed (using a laser printer) on Avery L7163 adhesive labels (99.1 x 38.1mm x 14). The ADSA competition label **must not obscure or cover** the commercial label and should be run up the side of the bottle between the front and back commercial labels. Note that unlabeled entries **will not** be judged.

The ADSA-issued labels show the:

- (a) Name and year of the competition;
- (b) Class number;
- (c) ADSA Barcode;
- (d) Four-digit Catalogue (Exhibit) number;
- (e) Class name;
- (f) Exhibitor name;
- (g) Entry name; and the
- (h) Batch / Barrel / Cask / Bottle No (where required)

ADDRESSING DELIVERIES

All cartons must be clearly marked with the following details:

Australian Distilled Spirits Awards
Attention: Oskar Long
The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epsom Road
Ascot Vale VIC 3032
Exhibitor name
Entry name (as entered)
Catalogue number (the four-digit number shown on the competition label); and the
Number of cartons being sent, e.g., 1 of 3

By clearly marking your cases with the above information you will help the ADSA accurately identify your entries and may enable the ADSA to notify you earlier if we suspect there may be missing exhibits.

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS

Exhibits should arrive at Melbourne Showgrounds in the week commencing Monday 23 and by no later than Friday 27 August. Please contact the Food & Beverage Awards Program Coordinator Oskar Long (see Contact page) if you wish to hand-deliver your exhibits to the Showgrounds.

Notification of your exhibits having been received in good order by ADSA will be via email from spirits@rasv.com.au. Exhibitors will be advised if exhibits have not been received or have arrived damaged.

RESULTS

The results of the 2021 ADSA will be announced at the Trophy Presentation during the 2021 Royal Melbourne Show in the MasterChef Pavilion on Thursday 30 September and will after this time be made available online via www.rasv.com.au/spirits and the RASV mobile site m.rasv.com.au. Results will be emailed, and certificates posted following this event.

CONTACTS

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SPECIAL REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2021 AUSTRALIAN DISTILLED SPIRITS AWARDS

Introduction

1. The General Regulations appearing in this Entry Booklet form part of the conditions of entry. In the event of inconsistency between the General Regulations and these conditions, the General Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless the General Regulations provide otherwise.
2. The following Regulations and any other conditions, rules or guidelines, which may be expressed to apply in respect of either judging or the awarding of prizes in the Australian Distilled Spirits Awards (ADSA) - shall be read subject to General Regulation 10 and shall in no way be construed as limiting the discretion of Judges to award prizes as and when they think fit.

Labelling of Exhibits

3. In addition to bearing commercial labels, all Exhibits must bear ADSA-issued competition labels. ADSA competition labels in PDF format (as an attachment) will be included in the Entry Confirmation email that will be sent once entries have been validated and payment received in full. These labels show the:
 - (a) Name and year of the competition,
 - (b) Class number,
 - (c) ADSA Barcode,
 - (d) Four-digit Catalogue (Exhibit) number,
 - (e) Class name,
 - (f) Entry name, and the
 - (g) Batch / Barrel / Cask / Bottle No

Australian Food Standards

4. All Exhibits must comply with the requirements of the Australian Food Standards Codes for both product and packaging.

Entries

5. Entries must either be lodged online via www.rasv.com.au/spirits or be made on the official Entry Form, and must be submitted by the Closing Date and be accompanied by the applicable entry fee for each Exhibit.

Exhibitors must state on the entry form:

- (a) the class;
- (b) the product's commercial brand name;
- (c) particulars of Exhibit;
- (d) ingredients; and
- (e) any other information required on the entry form.

Each Exhibitor must certify that each Exhibit entered is representative of a commercially available product. **All Exhibits must be 100% Australian produced or manufactured.** Please refer to the category requirements for specific information.

RASV will set an annual schedule for the entry requirements and the entry fees which will apply to each ADSA program.

Exhibitor and Exhibits

6. To be eligible to enter ADSA, the Exhibitor must hold an Excise Manufacturers License issued by the Australian Tax Office.

7. Exhibit

An Exhibit can be entered only once into the ADSA, however an Exhibitor can enter multiple Exhibits into a class so long as they can demonstrate a technical difference between the Exhibits.

Exhibits must be submitted with commercial branding and or labelling.

A brand owner who has had a product produced under contract by another manufacturer/producer may also enter an Exhibit but only if the producer of the contracted product is listed.

8. All Exhibits become the property of RASV.

Without prejudice to the General Regulations, RASV accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to any Exhibit whether occurring before, during or after ADSA.

Inspection of Exhibits

9. RASV may nominate a person or persons to inspect and/or analyse any Exhibit to verify that it meets the relevant conditions for the class in which it was exhibited, and that the product held by the Exhibitor represents the Exhibit provided for judging. The Exhibitor must permit the nominated person or persons to take samples of the product if so requested. Any inspection and/or analysis is to be conducted within four weeks of the announcement of the Awards. The nominated person or persons appointed to carry out the inspection and/or analysis must make a written report to RASV.

Should the inspection and/or analysis prove that the Exhibit for that class is incorrect; all awards for that Exhibit shall be forfeited.

Access to Exhibits

10. Except for the Chief Stewards or their nominee/s, no person will be permitted access to the Exhibits until after the judging is completed.

Compliance of Exhibits

11. An Exhibitor may only enter Exhibits which:
 - (a) comply in all respects with the criteria established by RASV for entry in the relevant class;
 - (b) are the bona fide property of the Exhibitor; and
 - (c) represent the product listed on the entry form.

Judging

12. **How judging is conducted**

All entries will be blind tasted and judged against a specified set of criteria.

13. **Interference by Exhibitor**

An Exhibitor, their invitees or agents, must not consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or attempt to consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or do any other thing which may interfere with the Judge's freedom of choice or judgement.

14. **Disqualification of Exhibit**

The Head Judge, in consultation with RASV, has the power to disqualify or dismiss, as being ineligible for judging, any Exhibit which, in its opinion, does not comply with the Regulations in every respect, and such disqualification will be final.

15. **Forfeiture of award if disqualified**

Where an Exhibit or an Exhibitor is disqualified and their prize is forfeited, RASV may (but is not obliged to) promote the Exhibit next in order to that prize, whether the Exhibit was awarded a prize or a reserve number. Exhibits next in order, whether awarded a prize or reserve number, may also be promoted to the prize next in order.

Head Judge

16. RASV will appoint a Head Judge on an annual basis. The Head Judge will be responsible ensuring that the judging process and the judging panel are conducted in a professional, ethical and efficient manner during ADSA judging.
17. All decisions of RASV and the judges as to the application of the Regulations, or any decisions made under the Regulations, will be final and binding on all Exhibitors, save RASV may, in its absolute discretion, elect to review and alter any decision made by it or the Judges under the Regulations at any time. This includes without limitation, the conferring of awards or decisions of the Judges. RASV may in its absolute discretion take all such actions or steps it considers appropriate in respect of the Regulations including without limitation, revoking awards and suspending or prohibiting persons from future entry in any Event.

Protests

18. Protests may only be made by Exhibitors with Exhibits in the class to which a protest relates.
19. No protest will be entertained unless made within seven calendar days of the announcement of the Awards. Such protest must be in writing and addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale Vic, 3032

Such protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 (incl. GST) which may be forfeited to RASV if in the sole opinion of RASV the protest is unfounded, frivolous or vexatious. RASV will determine in its absolute discretion the process to be adopted in considering any protest and any sanction or other result of any successful protest. General Regulations clauses 11.1 to 11.7 do not apply unless specifically determined otherwise by RASV.

Feedback and Results

20. **Feedback**
All Exhibitors will receive feedback from the Judges on the product that they entered into the competition. The Judges' feedback to an Exhibitor will remain commercial-in-confidence and will not be shared with any other Exhibitors.
21. **Results**
Class results, including medals, will be made available within three working days of the completion of judging. Trophy winners will be announced following the release of the class results.

Awards

22. Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates will be issued to those Exhibits attaining the requisite points. Champion Trophies and Certificates will be awarded to the company named and product specified on the Entry Form. Champion Trophy and Medal winners in ADSA are required to supply, at their own expense, product to be used at the Awards Presentation Function. Trophies will be presented at the official ADSA Presentation event.
23. RASV will determine the medal ranges for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and judging criteria for ADSA on an annual basis. RASV will determine what trophies are awarded and what eligibility requirements will apply to them on an annual basis.

Trophies

24. **Eligibility**
An Exhibit must be awarded a Gold Medal to be eligible for a Champion Trophy. To determine the

Trophy winners, the Gold Medal spirits and liqueurs from each category will be individually and independently reassessed and ranked using the Borda Count method.

Certificates will be awarded to Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winning Exhibits.

If a Gold medal is not awarded in an eligible trophy class or classes, the trophy will not be awarded.

Champion Australian Distiller will be awarded to the Australian Distiller with the highest average score derived from their three (3) highest scoring entries in the competition, at least once of which must have attained a Gold Medal.

To be eligible for the trophy the exhibitor must have:

- (a) distilled the Exhibit in Australia; and
- (b) entered a minimum of three entries.

25. Where a trophy is awarded to an Exhibit which has been produced under contract, the trophy will recognise both the producer/manufacturer of the Exhibit as well as the brand owner.

Advertising and Ownership of Awards

26. **Licence to use Trademark**
Exhibitors awarded a Champion Trophy must apply in writing to RASV for a licence to use the ADSA graphic trademark. Such licence and its terms are to be at the absolute discretion of RASV.
27. **Exhibitor advertising**
No Exhibitor shall advertise or allow to be advertised by any means whatsoever, whether by broadcasting, pictorially, or in writing, the fact that any Exhibit has won any award unless such advertisement shows clearly:
 - (a) the year of award;
 - (b) description of class;
 - (c) the name under which the Exhibit was entered; and
 - (d) in the case of on-packaging advertising, the Exhibits must carry the same name and relevant information under which the Exhibit was entered.

Medal and trophy artwork shall only be featured on a product that has been entered into ADSA and awarded a medal and/or Trophy. The medal artwork shall show the year of the award.

Medal style guidelines are available upon request to RASV and must be adhered to.
28. **Ownership of Awards**
The Exhibitor acknowledges that all awards are owned by RASV and that the Exhibitor may not promote the winning of any award or any association with an award or the Event, other than in accordance with the Regulations. RASV may take any action considered necessary in respect of any advertising that does not comply with the Regulations, including without limitation, revoking any award



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The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited

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GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply unless the context requires otherwise.

Agent includes any person, agent, association or corporation engaged by or on behalf of the Exhibitor and any person acting or purporting to act on the Exhibitor's behalf (including any person who is an invitee of the Exhibitor and regardless of whether the person is remunerated or not).

Assistant Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Assistant Chief Steward of a section.

Body includes any society, organisation or body within or outside Australia having similar objects to RASV and, without limitation, includes:

- Royal Agricultural Society of the Northern Territory Inc;
- Royal National Agricultural & Industrial Association of Queensland;
- Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of South Australia;
- Royal Agricultural Society of NSW;
- Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania;
- Royal National Capital Agricultural Society;
- Royal Agricultural Society of WA; and
- any breed association or society recognised by RASV.

Business Day means a week day on which banks in Melbourne are open for business.

Chief Executive Officer means a person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer of RASV.

Chief Steward means the person occupying or acting in the position of Chief Steward of a section.

Closing Date means the date and time set out in the Relevant Schedule after which entries for the Event will not be accepted by RASV.

Drug has the meaning set out in the Relevant Schedule.

Event includes competition and class and without limitation includes any event listed in a Schedule. Event also includes the period of bump-in and bump-out for the Event and the period of the Event competition.

Entry Form means an entry form (or online equivalent) supplied by RASV for an Event.

Event Participant includes judges, stewards, contractors, spectators, Exhibitors and all persons present at the Venue during the Event.

Exhibit means the animal, person or item entered into an Event by an Exhibitor.

Exhibitor means the owner of the Exhibit, and if the owner is less than 18 years of age, the parent or guardian of the owner who signs the Entry Form.

Inspector means a person described as such in the Regulations.

Judge means a person appointed by RASV to judge an Event.

Motor Vehicle includes a truck, trailer, horse float and stock transporter but does not include a caravan.

RASV means The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited (ACN 006 728 785).

Regulations means:

- (a) RASV's General Regulations For All Competitions;
- (b) the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out in the Relevant Schedule; and
- (c) the rules, regulations and conditions of entry set out on the Entry Form for the Event.

Relevant Schedule means the Schedule which applies to the particular Event in which the Exhibitor has submitted or proposes to submit an entry in accordance with these Regulations.

Review Committee means a committee appointed under Regulation 12.5.

Schedule means a Schedule of events and prizes issued by RASV and without limitation, a reference to a Schedule includes a reference to the rules, regulations and conditions set out in the Schedule.

Show means the Royal Melbourne Show.

Showgrounds means the Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria and includes without limitation all areas owned, used, rented or leased by RASV.

Steward means a person occupying or acting in the position of steward.

Venue means the site or location at which the Event is held.

Veterinary Surgeon means a veterinary surgeon appointed by RASV.

1.2 Interpretation

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules apply unless the context requires otherwise.

- (a) The singular includes the plural and conversely.
- (b) A gender includes all genders.
- (c) If a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.
- (d) A reference to a person, corporation, trust, partnership, unincorporated body or other entity includes any of them.
- (e) A reference to a Regulation is a reference to a Regulation of these Regulations.
- (f) A reference to a Regulation, rule or condition of entry is to the regulation, rule or condition of entry as amended, varied, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by these Regulations.
- (g) A reference to a right or obligation of any two or more persons confers that right, or imposes that obligation, as the case may be, jointly and severally.

In the event of an inconsistency between the Regulations and a Schedule, the Regulations prevail to the extent of the inconsistency unless otherwise provided.

1.3 Exemptions

RASV may, by notice in writing, exempt an Exhibit or an Exhibitor from one or more of the obligations or requirements contained in these Regulations.

1.4 Consents or Approvals

Where the doing of any act, matter or thing under these Regulations is dependent upon the consent or approval of a person or is within the discretion of a person, the consent or approval may be given or discretion may be exercised conditionally or unconditionally or withheld by the person in its absolute discretion and without giving or assigning any reason for it.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Requirements for entering an Event

An entry to an Event must be:

- (a) submitted on an Entry Form;
 - (b) acknowledged by a physical signature or electronic authorisation by the Exhibitor or, if the Exhibitor is less than 18 years of age, acknowledged by the Exhibitor's parent or guardian;
 - (c) fully paid for as set out in the Relevant Schedule;
 - (d) submitted before the Closing Date to RASV's Registered Office or electronic service; and
 - (e) Any Exhibit entered into an Event must be disease free and in good health and condition.
- 2.2 Warranty**
The Exhibitor represents and warrants to RASV that the information set out on the Entry Form is complete, accurate and not misleading in any way.
- 2.3 Rules and Regulations**
An entry is subject to the:
(a) Regulations; and
(b) Relevant Schedule.
- 2.4 Entries subject to Rules and Regulations**
Upon submission of an entry in accordance with Regulation 2.1, the Exhibitor agrees to be bound by the rules, regulations and conditions referred to in Regulation 2.3 and to ensure that each Agent of the Exhibitor complies with those rules, regulations and conditions. An act or omission of an Agent of an Exhibitor may be deemed by RASV to be the act or omission of the Exhibitor.
- 2.5 Altered Entries**
Subject to the discretion of RASV an entry may not be altered after the Closing Date.
- 2.6 Number of Entries**
RASV may restrict the number of entries in any Event.
- 2.7 Limit on entry into multiple Ordinary Classes**
Subject to the Relevant Schedule, an Exhibit must not be entered in more than one Ordinary Class. Should any Exhibit be sought to be entered in more than one Ordinary Class, the Exhibit will only compete in the Ordinary Class in which the Exhibit's or the Exhibitor's name first appears in RASV's Catalogue unless RASV otherwise directs. For the purposes of this Regulation, Sweepstakes, Special Classes, Trophy Classes and Championships are not an Ordinary Class. 'Ordinary Class', 'Sweepstakes', 'Special Class', 'Trophy Class' and 'Championship' have the meaning given in the Relevant Schedule.
- 3. ENTRY AND NOMINATION FEES**
- 3.1** The entry fee and, if applicable, the nomination fee, become the property of RASV on receipt by RASV and, without limitation, the entry fee and, if applicable, nomination fee paid in respect of an entry which is withdrawn, or which does not satisfy the requirements for entry or conditions of eligibility will not be refunded.
- 3.2** In the event that the Royal Melbourne Show or a competition/awards program is cancelled due to COVID-19 health regulations or if state borders restrictions are enforced and the Exhibitor is unable attend the Show, RASV will provide a full refund on entry fees, pre-purchased onsite accommodation fees (lockers and camping), showgrounds parking fees, showgrounds stabling/bedding fees and pre-ordered catalogues. RASV will not be liable for any other costs incurred. RASV will provide a pro-rata refund of fees in

the event that Show days are cancelled due to COVID-19.

- 4. DOCUMENTS FOR PRESENTATION WHILST AT THE SHOWGROUNDS**
Animal Registration papers, AAR microchip papers, show-jumping performance cards and birth certificates, or certified photocopies thereof, are not required to be submitted to RASV or to accompany an Application for Entry. Such documentation will be required to be on hand whilst the Exhibitor and the Exhibits are on the Showground (if the Application for Entry specifies such documentation is required) and must be produced upon request for perusal by the Chief Steward or other RASV authorised person. Failure to produce such documents if requested will result in the Exhibit being ineligible for the Event.
- 5. OWNERSHIP OF EXHIBITS**
- 5.1 Ownership on entry**
At the time RASV receives the Entry Form for entry to an Event; the Exhibit entered into that Event by the Exhibitor must be the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence at that time.
- 5.2 Ownership on judging**
At the time of judging an Event, each Exhibit entered into that Event by an Exhibitor must be the property of the Exhibitor or be held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence at that time. An Exhibit which is not the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence at the time of judging will be ineligible for the Event.
- 5.3 Ineligibility for Event**
An Exhibit which is not the property of the Exhibitor or held by the Exhibitor under a written lease in existence both at the time RASV receives the Entry Form and at the time of judging will be ineligible for the Event.
- 6. EXHIBITION OF EXHIBITS**
- 6.1 Grounds for not exhibiting an animal**
The Exhibitor must not withdraw an Exhibit from an Event, and an Exhibit must be exhibited, unless a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon is lodged with RASV certifying that the Exhibit is unable to compete for one or more of the following reasons:
(a) the Exhibit, being an animal, has died;
(b) the Exhibit, being an animal, is unfit to be exhibited due to injury or disease;
(c) the Exhibit is ineligible for the Event; or
(d) some other cause RASV considers reasonable.
- 6.2 Time for withdrawing an animal Exhibit**
A certificate given under Regulation 6.1 must be given to RASV:
(a) before the date for admission of the Exhibit to the Showgrounds (as set out in the Relevant Schedule), if the cause for withdrawal of the Exhibit occurs or arises before that date; or
(b) otherwise, as soon as possible after the cause for withdrawal of the Exhibit occurs or arises.
- 6.3 Training or preparing Exhibits or Exhibitors**
Exhibitors must not enter into an Event that is to be judged by a person who has trained or prepared the Exhibitor or Exhibit within six months of the date of the Event.
- 7. EXHIBIT TICKET**
Subject to the Relevant Schedule, RASV will issue an exhibit ticket for an Exhibit unless it otherwise determines. The Exhibitor or an Agent must produce the exhibit ticket upon a request from RASV or a Steward.

8. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS AND AGENTS

8.1 Compliance with rules and regulations

Where an Exhibit and/or Exhibitor and/or an Agent fail to comply with any of the Regulations, RASV may impose one or more of the following penalties on the Exhibit or Exhibitor or both of them:

- (a) disqualification;
- (b) suspension;
- (c) a fine;
- (d) order the Exhibit or the Exhibitor, his or her family, invitees and Agents be removed from the Showgrounds; or
- (e) any other penalty.

Without limiting the above, RASV may forfeit an award, and upon forfeiture, the Exhibitor must return any ribbon, money, prize card or other evidence of that award to RASV within seven days after receiving notification of the forfeiture. Nothing in this Regulation limits Regulation 9.

8.2 Compliance with directions

- (a) The Exhibitor and/or Agent must fully comply with the directions and requests of RASV. Without limitation, directions and requests of RASV may apply to the Exhibit, the Exhibitor, the Agent, the conditions of the Event, the conduct of the Exhibitor, the conduct of the Event, the conduct of the Agent, the decision of the Judge, or the award of prizes.
- (b) Without limiting Regulation 8.2(a), upon a request from RASV, an Exhibitor and/or Agent must make a statutory declaration in the form and with respect to matters RASV in its discretion requires.
- (c) Without limiting Regulation 8.2(a), upon a request from RASV, an Exhibitor and/or Agent must submit his or her Exhibit for inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon.

8.3 Statements

The Exhibitor and/or Agent must not make a statement regarding an Exhibit, which in the opinion of RASV, is fraudulent, false, erroneous, misleading or deceptive or likely to mislead or deceive.

8.4 Tampering

An Exhibit must not be or have been tampered with or otherwise improperly dealt with by an Exhibitor.

8.5 Unacceptable Behaviour

RASV is committed to providing a fair and equitable Venue for all participants, free from all forms of harassment, bullying and violence. The following behaviours will not be tolerated and may result in the event participant/Exhibitor being removed from the competition Venue and/or disqualified from the competition and formal procedures initiated:

- (a) violence;
- (b) bullying;
- (c) harassment;
- (d) sexual harassment;
- (e) unlawful discrimination;
- (f) victimisation.

Persons breaching acceptable standards of behaviour may be banned from entering future RASV Events and/or the Venue.

8.6 Animals and livestock

Unless RASV gives prior written approval, pets, animals or livestock other than Exhibits must not be brought onto or permitted to enter or remain on the Showgrounds.

8.7 Mutual Recognition

RASV may recognise, act upon and enforce any penalty imposed by a Body on an Exhibit or Exhibitor or Agent at any time.

8.8 Further Proceedings

RASV may conduct further proceedings in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibitor, an Exhibit, an Agent, a potential Exhibitor, or a potential Exhibit, and impose any suspension, fine, disqualification, withdrawal or forfeiture of an award, handicap, reprimand, warning or any other penalty, irrespective of whether a Body has already imposed a penalty on the Exhibitor or the Exhibit or Agent, or on the potential Exhibitor or the potential Exhibit.

8.9 Reciprocal Arrangements

RASV may enter into reciprocal arrangements with a Body in relation to any matter concerning an Exhibit, an Exhibitor, an Agent, a potential Exhibit or a potential Exhibitor.

8.10 Smoking

Melbourne Showgrounds is a completely smoke-free venue (effective 1 September 2016). Exhibitors, staff, patrons and contractors wanting to smoke will need to exit the venue to do so.

9. POWERS OF RASV IN RESPECT TO CONTROL OF THE EVENT

9.1 Power to refuse to accept an Entry, Exhibit or Exhibitor

RASV may refuse to accept an entry for an Event, an Exhibit or an Exhibitor or any of them.

9.2 Power to cancel or alter

RASV may:

- (a) alter the Closing Date for an Event, or the Closing Date for receipt of any particular entry;
- (b) remove any Exhibit from the Showgrounds or cause any Exhibit to be removed from the Showgrounds;
- (c) amend an entry for an Event to, without limitation, substitute an alternate competition or class for the competition or class in which the Exhibit is or was entered;
- (d) alter the conditions of any Event;
- (e) refuse to display an Exhibit;
- (f) rule that an Exhibit or Exhibitor may not compete or is ineligible to compete;
- (g) alter the date, time or place on or at which any Event is scheduled to take place or to be judged;
- (h) alter the Judge scheduled to judge any Event; or
- (i) cancel any Event.

The rights set out above apply notwithstanding:

- (a) RASV's acceptance of an entry for an Event;
- (b) inclusion of an entry for an Event in the Event Catalogue;
- (c) the issue of an exhibit ticket to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event; or
- (d) the issue of any other document to an Exhibitor or in respect of an Exhibit or an Event.

10. ILLNESS OF AN ANIMAL

10.1 Animal Health Status

If the Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor detects or suspects any illness amongst any of their Exhibits whilst the Exhibits are at the Showgrounds, the Exhibitor must:

- (a) report this fact immediately to the representative of RASV responsible for the applicable livestock section (the Superintendent);

- (b) ensure that the Exhibit(s) concerned is/are contained within the space allocated by RASV for the Exhibit(s), unless advised otherwise by the Superintendent or a member of RASV veterinary panel on duty; and
- (c) where feasible to do so, contain soiled bedding from the Exhibit(s) concerned within the space allocated by RASV for the Exhibit(s).

The Exhibitor may engage or consult a private veterinary surgeon in respect to the illness only after the above action has been taken and only after first consulting with a member of RASV veterinary panel on duty.

10.2 Treatment upon illness or injury

If an Exhibit is ill or injured, a Veterinary Surgeon may in his or her discretion attend to or treat the Exhibit. The Veterinary Surgeon may do so even in the absence of authority from the Exhibitor, or contrary to that authority.

10.3 Destruction or Removal

Where, in the opinion of a Veterinary Surgeon, an Exhibit should be destroyed or removed from the Showgrounds:

- (a) the Veterinary Surgeon or any other person approved by RASV may destroy or remove the Exhibit from the Showgrounds, or both; or
- (b) RASV may require the Exhibitor to immediately destroy or remove the Exhibit from the Showgrounds or both.

All costs and expenses incurred by RASV pursuant to this Regulation must be reimbursed by the Exhibitor to RASV. Nothing in this Regulation limits Regulation 9.2.

10.4 Necropsy

If an Exhibit dies while at an Event, RASV may require that a necropsy be conducted on the animal. The Exhibitor must allow for the immediate release of the body to RASV if requested by RASV.

10.5 Veterinary Surgeons

Where an Exhibitor wishes to engage or consult a veterinary surgeon who is not appointed by RASV, the Exhibitor must first inform the representative of RASV responsible for the applicable livestock section. A Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge and RASV itself is not required to have regard to or to consider any opinion of a veterinary surgeon so engaged or consulted by the Exhibitor, and a decision of a Veterinary Surgeon, a Judge or RASV is final regardless of whether or not the Exhibitor has engaged or consulted a veterinary surgeon not appointed by RASV.

11. JUDGING

11.1 Interference

The Exhibitor and Agents of the Exhibitor must not consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or attempt to consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or do any other thing which may influence or interfere with the Judge's freedom of choice or judgment unless it is expressly authorised by the Relevant Schedule.

Unless with the permission of RASV, no Exhibitor or Agent of an Exhibitor may occupy the position of Judge or become in any way identified with the judging or handling of Exhibits in any class in which that person or that person's employers, family members or associates are interested. This does not apply to Stewards.

11.2 Indications of Ownership

The Exhibitor, any Agent of the Exhibitor and the Exhibit must not be equipped with or wear or display anything indicating the ownership of the Exhibit before or during judgment of the Exhibit unless it is expressly authorised by the Relevant Schedule.

11.3 Decision

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Regulations, the decision of a Judge as to the merits of the Exhibit and the Exhibitor or either of them will be final, and the Exhibitor may not protest or appeal the decision.

11.4 Prizes

Subject to the Relevant Schedule, a Judge may in his or her opinion:

- (a) award a second or third prize in place of a first prize;
- (b) withhold a prize where a prize should not be awarded;
- (c) where there is a tie for any placing in an Event, award subsequent placings so that the next placing will be the number of Exhibits already placed plus one (for example, if two Exhibits tie for first place, award a third for the next placing);
- (d) where all the prizes offered in an Event have been awarded and a further Exhibit is of sufficient merit to deserve a prize make a reserve number of the further Exhibit; or
- (e) give commendations where they are deserved.
- (f) award an Exhibitor more than one prize in any class where more than one entry is permitted.

11.5 Disqualifications

Where an Exhibit or an Exhibitor is disqualified and the applicable award is forfeited, RASV may (but is not obliged to) promote the Exhibit next in order to that prize, whether the Exhibit next in order was awarded a prize or a reserve number. Exhibits next in order, whether awarded a prize or reserve number, may also be promoted to the prize next in order.

11.6 Prize Cards

The Exhibitor must ensure that prize cards awarded for an Exhibit are displayed with the Exhibit while it is on exhibition.

11.7 Judging/Stewarding Covid Health Regulations

RASV will not reimburse any costs (accommodation, meals, loss of income etc) incurred by judges, stewards or other event participants due to enforced COVID-19 isolation and/or quarantine.

Please note, some judging positions may need to be changed without notification to Exhibitors. RASV retains the right to fill a judging position at its own discretion in the event a judge is unable to participate for any reason, including COVID-19 or any travel related restrictions.

12. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

12.1 Restricted to Class

Protests and appeals may only be made by Exhibitors with Exhibits in the class to which the protest relates.

12.2 Protest to Stewards

The Exhibitor may protest to the Chief Steward of the relevant section in relation to conduct, judging or any other matter relating to an Event. A protest must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in the Relevant Schedule and be received by the Chief Steward within 24 hours after the conclusion of the applicable Event.

12.3 Appeal

The Exhibitor may appeal against:

- (a) a decision made by RASV pursuant to Regulations; or
- (b) a decision of the Chief Steward or if the Chief Steward delegates the person to make the decision to the Assistant Chief Steward, the decision of the Assistant Chief Steward in relation to a protest under Regulation 12.2.

12.4 Form of Appeal

To be an appeal for the purpose of Regulation 12.3 an appeal made by the Exhibitor must be:

- (a) in writing setting out in reasonable detail the grounds for the appeal;
- (b) addressed to:
The Chief Executive Officer
The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Limited
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032;
- (c) accompanied by a deposit of \$200.00 (or such other amount as is notified from time to time by RASV for the purpose of this Regulation 12.4(c)); and
- (d) received by the Chief Executive Officer by 5 p.m. on the Business Day which is 10 Business Days after the day on which the decision the subject of the appeal was made.

12.5 Review Committee

If an appeal is made in accordance with Regulation 12.4, the Chief Executive Officer must appoint a Review Committee comprised of three people, being persons who were not part of, and who are independent of, the committee or personnel who made the decision the subject of the appeal.

Within a reasonable time after receipt by the Chief Executive Officer of an appeal complying with Regulation 12.4, the Review Committee will meet to consider the appeal.

12.6 Proceedings of the Review Committee

In considering an appeal, the Review Committee must:

- (a) give due consideration to the grounds of appeal submitted by the Exhibitor, and to any other evidence submitted by the Exhibitor;
- (b) give the Exhibitor an opportunity to make oral representations to the Review Committee; and
- (c) in its discretion, call for and hear expert opinion.

12.7 Notification of Review Committee's decision

The Chief Executive Officer will notify the Exhibitor of the Review Committee's decision within 48 hours after that decision is notified by the Review Committee to the Chief Executive Officer. The decision of the Review Committee is final and the Exhibitor will not have any right of appeal in respect of the Review Committee's decision.

12.8 Forfeiture of deposit

Where an appeal is upheld by the Review Committee, the deposit referred to in Regulation 12.4 will be refunded to the Exhibitor when or within a reasonable time after the decision of the Review Committee is notified by the Chief Executive Officer to the Exhibitor. Where an appeal is not upheld by the Review Committee, the deposit referred to in Regulation 12.4 will be retained by RASV.

13. ACCOMMODATION

13.1 No obligation to provide Exhibit space or accommodation

- (a) RASV is not obliged to provide space for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor. For the purposes of these Regulations, "accommodation" includes provision of a space for a person to sleep.
- (b) Where RASV, in its discretion, allocates space for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor, only the allocated areas may be used, and only for the purpose designated by RASV.

13.2 Personal effects

RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss or damage:

- (a) suffered by an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor using space provided for an Exhibit or accommodation for an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor; or
- (b) caused to personal belongings, equipment or property which is brought onto the Showgrounds by an Exhibitor or any Agent of an Exhibitor.

14. FIRE REGULATIONS

14.1 Flames

The Exhibitor and any Agent of the Exhibitor must not smoke, cook, or heat water by any means whatsoever or use any device involving naked flame in or near any animal pavilion, stall, pen or locker.

14.2 Electrical Interference

The Exhibitor and any Agent of the Exhibitor must not:

- (a) subject to Regulation 14.3, use mains powered electrical devices in or near any animal pavilion, stall, pen or locker or any Exhibit.
- (b) alter or interfere with any electrical wiring, switch, plug or socket whatsoever on the Showgrounds.

14.3 Exceptions

Nothing in Regulation 14.2(a) prohibits the use of main powered electrical appliances which are, in the opinion of RASV, essential to animal care, or the use of a light-bulb in a locker if the light-bulb is fitted in the socket provided.

15. VEHICLE PARKING

15.1 Loading and Unloading

With the prior consent of RASV, Motor Vehicles of an Exhibitor or an Agent of an Exhibitor may enter the Showgrounds or any area under RASV control, for the purpose of loading or unloading only. Motor Vehicles must not remain on the Showgrounds, or any area under RASV control, and must be removed immediately upon completion of loading or unloading.

15.2 Caravans

Caravans of an Exhibitor or an Agent of an Exhibitor must not enter or remain on the Showgrounds, or any area under RASV control, for any purpose, unless in accordance with the prior written consent of RASV.

15.3 Tow Away

Any Motor Vehicle or Caravan entering or remaining on the Showgrounds, or any area under RASV control, in contravention of the Regulations or of any other parking rules or restrictions, may be removed from the Showgrounds, or any area under RASV control, by RASV and stored. Any costs incurred by RASV pursuant to this Regulation must be paid by the Exhibitor.

16. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

16.1 Release

Entry to, remaining on and using the Showgrounds or any part of them by an Exhibitor is entirely at the risk of the Exhibitor and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Exhibitor releases RASV (which term includes in this clause RASV's officers, employees, members, contractors and agents), from all claims, demands and liabilities of every kind resulting from any accident, damage, injury or illness occurring at the Showgrounds and, without limitation, the Exhibitor acknowledges and agrees:

- (f) RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness to or caused by any Exhibit;
- (g) RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness to or caused by any Exhibitor or any Agent;
- (h) RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss or damage to a Motor Vehicle or any of its contents whilst it is on the Showgrounds or in any car park under RASV's control; and
- (i) without limiting Regulations 16.1(f) and 16.1(g) above, RASV has no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness resulting from the sale, treatment, failure to treat, destruction, disposal or other dealing with any Exhibit, or for any loss, damage or injury to any personal belongings, equipment or property brought onto the Showgrounds by any person.

16.2 Indemnity

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Exhibitor indemnifies and keeps indemnified RASV and its officers, employees, members, contractors and agents from and against all actions, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, expenses and liabilities including without limitation, consequential loss and loss of profits for which RASV is or may be or become liable in respect of or arising from:

- (a) loss, damage, injury or illness to any person in connection with the Exhibit or the relevant Event;
- (b) without limiting Regulation 16.2(a), loss, damage, injury or illness to any other Exhibit or Exhibitor, or any Agent of any other Exhibitor, or to the property of RASV, or its members, or to the general public, or any member of the general public, caused or contributed to or by any act or omission of an Exhibit of the Exhibitor or by the Exhibitor or any Agent of the Exhibitor; and
- (c) without limiting Regulation 16.2(a), loss, damage, injury or illness to the Exhibit, or to the Exhibitor or any Agent of any other Exhibitor caused or contributed to by an act or omission of an Exhibit or by the transportation, feeding, housing or exhibiting of an Exhibit.

16.3 Removal from Showgrounds

Without prejudice to any other provision in these Regulations, where RASV, its officers, employees, members, contractors or agents removes an Exhibit, or causes an Exhibit to be removed from the Showgrounds, the Exhibit is removed or caused to be removed entirely at the risk of the Exhibitor. The person or persons removing the Exhibit will be deemed to be the agent of the Exhibitor, and his or her acts and omissions will be deemed to be the acts and omissions of the Exhibitor.

17. ANIMAL OWNER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE

RASV may arrange owner's liability insurance cover for Exhibitors of Exhibits that are animals, and, if RASV does so, the Exhibitor is bound by the terms and conditions of this insurance and by applicable duties of an insured under the Insurance Contracts Act (1984). Details of owner's liability insurance cover arranged by RASV are set out in the Relevant Schedule.

18. INFORMATION HANDLING

RASV is bound by the National Privacy Principles of the **Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)** and other applicable laws governing privacy.

18.1 Collection of Personal Information

- (a) RASV may collect, hold and use personal information about Exhibitors, their family members, invitees or Agents.
- (b) The types of information that may be collected include names and contact details, credit card details, qualifications, results of the Exhibitor's entry into the relevant Event and any reprimand, fine, disqualification, withdrawal of an award or penalty imposed on the Exhibitor in connection with entry of the Exhibit in the relevant Event. Information may also be collected from other Bodies relating to the Exhibitor's entry into events held by that Body including, without limitation, reprimands, fines, disqualifications, withdrawals of awards or penalties imposed.
- (c) Personal information is collected for the purpose of administration of Events and the Show, as well as related purposes including, without limitation, promoting the Events and the Show, maintenance of records of information relevant to qualifications for future events, maintenance of health and safety records in relation to Events, applicable insurance cover for Events and making claims under RASV's insurance for incidents which involve an Exhibitor and occur during an Event.
- (d) Personal information may also be used for the purpose of informing Exhibitors about other events and services. RASV may send an Exhibitor publications and information about other events and services unless the exhibitor indicates to RASV that the Exhibitor does not want to receive such publications or information.

18.2 Sharing of Personal Information

- (a) RASV may share information which has been collected by RASV under Regulation 18.1 with other organisations and service providers to assist in administering the Events and the Show, including co-sponsors of Events and health service providers, indemnity or insurance providers or other Bodies, or any entity that may subsequently administer the Event.
- (b) RASV may also publish winners details on its websites or publications or disclose information about an Exhibitor to the media for the purpose of publishing articles on the Exhibitor's participation in the Event, unless the Exhibitor has requested that the Exhibitor's personal information not be published or disclosed for these purposes.
- (c) RASV may also disclose information if otherwise required or authorised by law.

19. COVID SAFE SHOW

RASV will work closely with DOH to ensure that the Royal Melbourne Show is compliant with all COVID Safe requirements as directed by Government and to optimise the safety for all patrons, Exhibitors, staff and competitors. To keep up to date on the most current plans to keep Melbourne Showgrounds COVID Safe, visit our COVID Safe FAQ page.

<https://www.melbourneshowgrounds.com/organisers/covid-19-safety/>



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 - Australian Food Awards
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