



# 2025 WBrC Summary of Rule Changes

2024 Rule	2025 Rule	Reason for Change	Impact on Competition Bodies
<b>1.7.1 Competitor Registration Form</b>			
<p>Competitors must complete the WBrC Competitor Registration Form online at <a href="http://www.worldcoffeeroasting.org">www.worldcoffeeroasting.org</a> no less than 6 weeks prior to the WCTC Event. This form includes a space to upload a scanned copy of the required valid passport or other accepted credentials (as described in Section 1.3.4 "Nationality"). Approved Competition Body Champions will receive confirmation by email in approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all required registration documentation.</p>	<p>Competitors must complete the WBrC Competitor Registration Form <b>which will be sent to Competition Body Champions directly via email no less than 6 weeks prior to the WCC Event.</b> This form includes a space to upload a scanned copy of the required valid passport or other accepted credentials (as described in the "Nationality" section). Approved Competition Body Champions will receive confirmation by email in approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all required registration documentation. <b>For any queries about competitor registration, these can be submitted to <a href="mailto:info@wcc.coffee">info@wcc.coffee</a></b></p>	<p>The World Competition registration form will be sent directly to Competition Body Champions via email.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<b>2. Competition Summary</b>			
<p>The competition is divided into 3 rounds: Round One, Semi-Finals, and Finals Round. A. Round One consists of 1 component called "Open Service." The Semi-Final Round consists of 1 component called "Compulsory Service." The Finals Round consists of 1 Open Service presentation per competitor.</p>	<p><b>A. The WBrC can be divided into 2 or 3 rounds, depending on the number of competitors.</b> <b>B. If the number of competitors is up to 38, there will be 3 rounds:</b> Round One, Semi-Finals, and Finals Round. Round One consists of 1 component called "Open Service." The Semi-Final Round consists of 1 component called "Compulsory Service." The Finals Round consists of 1 Open Service presentation per competitor. <b>C. If the number of competitors is more than 38, there will be 2 rounds:</b> Round One and Finals Round. Round One consists of 1 component</p>	<p>Due to the steep increase of competitors in recent years and to the need of maintaining the competition in a 3-day window, the WBrC will now have 2 or 3 rounds, based on the total number of competitors.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies can choose the format most suitable for their final competition between the two.</p>

	<p>called "Open Service." The Finals Round consists of 1 Open Service presentation and 1 Compulsory Service Presentation per competitor.</p> <p>D. The Round configuration will be confirmed 8 weeks prior to the commencement of the WBrC.</p>		
<p>B. During each competition Service, competitors will be evaluated by 3 sensory judges. Additionally, a head judge will be present. During the Compulsory Round, the head judge will taste from the cups served, or will take a sample from the cups, pending local health and safety restrictions. Additionally, the head judge will evaluate sensory uniformity of cups served during Compulsory Service. During the Open Service round the head judge will not taste the cups served. The head judge will evaluate overall workflow and technical uniformity in Open Service. These items will count towards the final score.</p>	<p>E. During each competition Service, competitors will be evaluated by 3 sensory judges. Additionally, a head judge will be present. During the Compulsory Round, the head judge will taste from the cups served, or will take a sample from the cups, pending local health and safety restrictions. Additionally, the head judge will evaluate sensory uniformity of cups served during Compulsory Service. During the Open Service round the head judge will not taste the cups served <b>on stage</b>. The head judge will evaluate overall workflow and technical uniformity in Open Service. These items will count towards the final score. <b>During the judge deliberation backstage, the head judge might taste the coffee from the cups served to help with the deliberation process.</b></p>	<p>The head judge will not taste the coffee served during the Open Service on stage but might taste it during the deliberation in the backstage to aid judge deliberation.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>
<p>M. The WBrC may, at its discretion, schedule more than one competition round in a single day (e.g., Semi-Final and Final may be held on the same day). The WBrC may, at its discretion, schedule overlapping performances in Round One.</p>	<p>O. The WBrC may, at its discretion, schedule more than one competition round in a single day (e.g., Semi-Final and Final may be held on the same day) <b>or schedule the same round during multiple days (e.g., Round One may be held on 2 days)</b>. The WBrC may, at its discretion, schedule overlapping performances in Round One.</p>	<p>Added for clarity due to the updates on rounds of this section.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>
<b>3.2 Compulsory Service</b>			
<p>A. The Compulsory Service is 1 of the 2 types of coffee services in the Brewers Cup competition, performed in the Semi-Finals Round.</p>	<p>A. The Compulsory Service is 1 of the 2 types of coffee services in the Brewers Cup competition, performed in the Semi-Finals Round <b>or in the Finals Round</b>.</p>	<p>Added for clarity due to the updates on rounds structure.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>

### 3.8 Coffee Preparation

C. The “extraction time” is defined as the duration of time that begins the moment the brew water and coffee grounds first come into contact and ends the moment the competitor stops brewing. Brewing stops when the extracted beverage has completely separated from the coffee bed (water retained within the coffee grounds is not considered part of the “extracted beverage”), or when the barista has cut the flow of extracted beverage into the service vessel, whichever comes first. Water used to pre-wet or rinse filters is not considered “brew water” in the context of “extraction time.”

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Spraying coffee with water prior to grinding is allowed. Spraying may only be done with water, as defined in rule 5.2. During the compulsory round, only the provided water can be used. During the open service the head judge may request to taste a sample of the water used.

Details on spraying coffee with water have been added to match current practices.

Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.

### 3.9 Service Vessel

F. During the Open Service, competitors have the option to use the Standardized Service Vessels or service vessels of their own provision (either a cup, or in a separate vessel alongside a cup).

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In Open Service, if competitors are providing their own service vessel(s), they are required to provide an additional empty service vessel suitable for drinking to the judges for checking capacity.

Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.

### 5.4 Additional Electrical Equipment

N/A

D. Electrical outlets might not be available in the backstage for competitor use outside of their scheduled practice time.

Added for clarity. In some venues it might not be possible to offer

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		power outlets in the backstage.	the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.
<b>5.6 Competitor Equipment and Supplies</b>			
(...) Competitors are highly encouraged to minimize the equipment they use for the performance and bring functional items only (e.g., brewing devices, information of coffee or brewing etc.). No cupping spoon, or napkin is required for the judges' table. (...)	(...) Competitors are highly encouraged to minimize the equipment they use for the performance and bring functional items only (e.g., brewing devices, information of coffee or brewing etc.). No napkin is required for the judges' table. (...)	The competitors are allowed to provide cupping spoons for the judges, if they want to. Judges are encouraged to taste the beverages served without cupping spoons, unless requested by the competitor.	Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.
<b>7.2.1 Setup Time</b>			
B. Competitors will have 5 minutes to set up their station and prepare all relevant items for the Competition Time. Electrical equipment may be setup and plugged in prior to the start of Setup Time but may not be energized (turned on) until Setup Time begins.	B. Competitors will have 5 minutes to set up their station and prepare all relevant items for the Competition Time. Electrical equipment may be setup and plugged in prior to the start of Setup Time <b>and can remain energized (turned on) before competition time.</b>	Kettles and other electrical items can remain on in-between setup time and competition time.	Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.
<b>7.2.3 Competition Time</b>			
F. The competitor is to serve the beverages to the judges by actively placing them on the judging table, in the service vessels, in front of each judge. All beverages will be evaluated, but beverages not actively placed in front of the judge are not deemed "served" and will not receive sensory scores.	F. The competitor is to serve the beverages to the judges by actively placing them on the judging table, in the service vessels, in front of each judge. <b>Judges will start evaluation after their individual beverage is served to them by the competitor (unless instructed otherwise by the competitor).</b> All beverages will be evaluated, but beverages not actively placed in front of the judges <b>within a reachable distance</b> are not deemed "served" and will not receive sensory scores.	Added for clarity.	N/A.

**7.2.6 Additional Open Service Information**

<p>C. Competitors may not serve or present any food, drink, or aromatic experience for the judges other than the brewed coffee served. Any such service will not be evaluated by the judges and a 0 score will be given in the Presentation category of the score sheet. Competitors may not ask the judges to physically move from their judging positions.</p>	<p>C. Competitors may not serve or present any food, drink, or aromatic experience for the judges other than the brewed coffee served. Any such service will not be evaluated by the judges and a 0 score will be given in the Presentation category of the score sheet. Competitors may not ask the judges to physically move from their judging positions, and any instruction to do so will not be followed.</p>	<p>The penalty has been removed as it is already considered in "Attention to details".</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>
<p>D. Judges will perform Aroma evaluation according to the competitor's instructions (if given) or as outlined above. Once the beverage is actively placed in front of the judge ("served"), the competitor may no longer interact with the service vessels. If a competitor changes, modifies, affects, or otherwise interacts with the beverage once they have been served, the judges will evaluate the modified beverage as a new beverage, and any prior evaluation will be disregarded.</p>	<p>D. Judges will evaluate their beverages after being served. If a competitor changes, modifies, affects, or otherwise interacts with the beverage once they have been served, the judges will evaluate the modified beverage as a new beverage, and any prior evaluation will be disregarded. The competitor may override the timing of the Aroma evaluation, by having the judges to evaluate Aroma before the beverage is served (e.g. from the pitcher instead of from the cup), as long as the beverage served to the individual judge is clearly the same as the beverage from which the Aroma was assessed. If this is unclear, the judge will reassess the Aroma from the beverage served.</p>	<p>Added for clarity.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>

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<p>/</p>	<p>B. The Semi-Finals Round is activated only if there are up to 38 competitors at the WBrC.</p>	<p>Added for clarity due to the updates on rounds structure.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies can choose the format most suitable for their competition between the two.</p>
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**8.2.1 Practice/Setup Time**

<p>B. Option 2: A practice time will be scheduled prior to the setup time. Competitors will then have 8 minutes to setup their station and prepare all relevant items for the Competition Time. Electrical equipment may be setup and plugged in prior to the start of Setup Time but may not be energized (turned on) until Setup Time begins. When Setup Time concludes the competitor must cease all active preparation and manipulation of items on the Machine Table and the Competitor Table that will be involved in the coffee service until the Competition Time begins. Competitors may not be holding in their hands anything involved in the coffee service after the Setup Time concludes, with the one exception of a timer. Competitors should account for the fact that the time between the end of Setup Time and beginning of Competition Time may and shall vary in this scheduling second option.</p>	<p>B. Option 2: A practice time will be scheduled prior to the setup time. Competitors will then have 8 minutes to setup their station and prepare all relevant items for the Competition Time. Electrical equipment may be setup and plugged in prior to the start of Setup Time but may not be energized (turned on) until Setup Time begins. When Setup Time concludes the competitor must cease all active preparation and manipulation of items on the Machine Table and the Competitor Table that will be involved in the coffee service until the Competition Time begins. Competitors may not be holding in their hands anything involved in the coffee service after the Setup Time concludes, with the one exception of a timer. Competitors should account for the fact that the time between the end of Setup Time and beginning of Competition Time may and shall vary in this scheduling second option. <b>Competitors are not allowed to have assistance from coaches, helpers, or any other individuals during Compulsory Service practice time.</b></p>	<p>Competitors are not allowed to have assistance during the practice time of Compulsory Service in scheduling option 2, to align this with option 1.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>
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<p>The Final Round consists of the top 6 scoring competitors from the Semi-Final round presenting Open Service presentations to 3 judges. The Compulsory Service scores from semi-finals will be carried over to the Finals round.</p>	<p><b>If the total number of competitors is up to 38,</b> the Final Round consists of the top 6 scoring competitors from the Semi-Final round who will present Open Service presentations to 3 judges. The Compulsory Service scores from semi-finals will be carried over to the Finals round.</p> <p><b>If the total number of competitors is more than 38,</b> the Final Round consists of the top 9 scoring competitors from the Round One who will present Open Service and Compulsory Service presentations to 3 judges.</p>	<p>Added for clarity due to the updates on rounds structure.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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### 11. Forgotten Accessories

<p>A. If a competitor has forgotten any of their equipment and/or accessories during their preparation time, the competitor may exit the stage to retrieve the missing items; however, their preparation time will not be paused.</p>	<p>If a competitor has forgotten any of their equipment and/or accessories during their preparation time, <b>they must inform the stage manager or timekeeper</b>, and they may exit the stage to retrieve the missing items; however, their preparation time will not be paused.</p>	<p>Competitors must inform the stage manager or timekeeper if they intend to leave the stage to retrieve a missing item.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>
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### 12. Coaching

<p>N/A</p>	<p>Instructions or ‘coaching’ may not be provided to a competitor during the time of their competition under penalty of disqualification. The WBrC encourages audience participation and enthusiastic fan support that does not interfere with competition. Coaches, supporters, friends, or family members are not allowed on stage while the competition is in progress, otherwise the competitor is subject to disqualification by the presiding head judge.</p>	<p>This section (removed by mistake during previous rules updates) has been reintroduced in line with other WCCs.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies must take up these changes in the current season.</p>
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### 16.1.3 Aftertaste

<p>Closely related to “Flavor,” “Aftertaste” is defined in coffee cupping as the combined sensation of basic tastes and aromatic qualities that remain after coffee has left the mouth, either via swallowing or spitting. Judges will evaluate Aftertaste based on the length of positive flavor (taste and aroma) qualities emanating from the back of the palate and remaining after the coffee is expectorated or swallowed. If the Aftertaste detracts from the experience of the cup (e.g., astringency or bitterness), lower marks should be given; whereas if the aftertaste contributes positively to the experience of the cup, higher marks should be given.</p>	<p>Closely related to “Flavor,” “Aftertaste” is defined in coffee cupping as the combined sensation of basic tastes and aromatic qualities that remain after coffee has left the mouth, either via swallowing or spitting. Judges will evaluate Aftertaste based on the length of positive flavor (taste and aroma) qualities emanating from the back of the palate and remaining after the coffee is expectorated or swallowed. If the Aftertaste detracts from the experience of the cup (e.g., <b>astringency or</b> bitterness), lower marks should be given; whereas if the aftertaste contributes positively to the experience of the cup, higher marks should be given.</p>	<p>“Astringency” has been removed from the examples given for “Aftertaste”, as it created confusion with the judges. Astringency is considered as a perceived sensation and is captured under “Mouthfeel”.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>
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### 16.1.6 Mouthfeel

<p>“Mouthfeel” is defined as the tactile sensation of coffee in the mouth, based solely on a coffee brew’s thickness and texture (not flavor).  “Thickness” refers to the perceived weight or viscosity of the brew (e.g., “thin” or “light,” “thick” or “heavy”), while “texture” refers to the perceived sensation of grittiness or smoothness (“rough,” “creamy,” “smooth,” “mouth-drying”).  Judges will first evaluate the “thickness” (“weight” or “viscosity”) of the brewed coffee and mark this as “intensity” using the scale on the scoresheet, before noting any descriptors that are especially associated with the thickness or texture of the coffee. Brews with light or heavy mouthfeel may receive high scores relative to the quality of the tactile feeling in the mouth (the thickness or weight of the mouthfeel is not correlated to the quality perception and score).</p>	<p>“Mouthfeel” is defined as the tactile sensation of coffee in the mouth, based solely on a coffee brew’s thickness and texture (not flavor).  “Thickness” refers to the perceived weight or viscosity of the brew (e.g., “thin” or “light,” “thick” or “heavy”), while “texture” refers to the perceived sensation of grittiness or smoothness (“rough,” “oily,” “smooth,” “mouth-drying”).  Judges will first evaluate the “thickness” (“weight” or “viscosity”) of the brewed coffee and mark this as “intensity” using the scale on the scoresheet, before noting any descriptors that are especially associated with the thickness or texture of the coffee. Brews with light or heavy mouthfeel may receive high scores relative to the quality of the tactile feeling in the mouth (the thickness or weight of the mouthfeel is not correlated to the quality perception and score).</p>	<p>“Creamy” has been substituted with “Oily”, as the latter best describes the sensation intended. Creamy can also sometimes be associated with a taste sensation, which is not captured under “Mouthfeel”.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>
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### 18.2.2 Attention to Details

<p>Judges will score this category according to the numeric (impression) description. Scores of 0 to 3 will be utilized. 0 should not be used here.  All accessories should be readily available, functional, clean, and unbroken, and the working area should be well and purposefully organized.  Judges will consider how the competitor cleans spills, handles equipment, and serves beverages.</p>	<p>Judges will score this category according to the numeric (impression) description. Scores of 0 to 3 will be utilized. 0 will be used here only if a competitor brings items that are not permitted.  All accessories should be readily available, functional, clean, and unbroken, and the working area should be well and purposefully organized.  Judges will consider how the competitor cleans spills, handles equipment, and serves beverages.</p>	<p>Updated for clarity.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.</p>
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### 20.1 Open Service Presentation Head Judges Scoresheets Components

<p>/</p>	<p>“Overall workflow” and “Technical uniformity” will now be scored on a 0 to 3 numeric scale</p>	<p>This change should make it easier for head</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes to</p>
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	(impression). To maintain the same weight as before, the scores will be multiplied by 4.	judges to score these components, considering the wide array of information that is captured in these sections.	the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.
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**21.1 Judging/Scoring Issues at the World Coffee Championships**

<p>Most scorekeeping questions will be answered during competitor debrief. If a competitor objects to the scores given by one or more judges, the competitor can meet with their head judge during the competitor debriefing to explain their protest. If the head judge is unavailable, the competitor may discuss with the Judge Operations Lead onsite. If the issue is not solved, the competitor may protest in writing to WCE (see Appeals below). This will be reviewed by judge leadership and the WCC Competition Strategic Committee. They will make a decision and a representative of the WCC Competition Strategic Committee will inform the competitor of the decision.</p> <p>If in the unlikely event that the head judge or any other WBrC personnel discovers or suspects potential dishonest behavior by a WBrC judge during a competitor's evaluation, then the following will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The head judge will request the return of all applicable scoresheets from the official scorekeeper.</li> <li>• The head judge will meet with the WBrC judge(s), WCC Staff, and WCC Competition Strategic Committee Chair(s) to evaluate the situation.</li> <li>• The WCC Staff and WCC Competition Strategic Committee Chair(s) will then</li> </ul>	<p>Scorekeeping questions will be answered by the judging team during competitor debrief. If a competitor has further questions, the head judge and/or Judge Operation Lead (JOL) will be consulted. If the competitor feels that there has been an error that is unresolved, they may protest in writing (see Appeals section below). The appeal will be reviewed by judge leadership, WCC staff, and the WCC Competition Strategic Committee (CSC) and a representative of the WCC will inform the competitor of the decision. If in the unlikely event that the head judge or any other WBrC personnel discovers or suspects potential dishonest behavior by a WBrC judge during a competitor's evaluation, then the following will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The head judge will request the return of all applicable scoresheets from the official scorekeeper.</li> <li>• The head judge will meet with the WBrC judge(s), WCC staff, and WCC CSC Chair(s) to evaluate the situation.</li> <li>• The WCC staff and WCC CSC Chair(s) will then evaluate the situation in a closed meeting.</li> <li>• If the matter of dishonesty is extensive, the WCC CSC Chair(s) has the power to rule that the WBrC judge will be excluded</li> </ul>	<p>The onsite procedure for judging or scoring issues has been updated slightly to better reflect current practices.</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
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<p>rule upon the matter in a closed meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the matter of dishonesty is extensive, the WCC Competition Strategic Committee Chair(s) has the power to rule that the WBrC judge will be excluded from judging in any future WBrC sanctioned competitions.</li> </ul>	<p>from judging in any future WBrC sanctioned competitions.</p>		
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**21.2 Other Issues at the World Coffee Championships**

<p>If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding the WBrC during the competition, the competitor should contact the WBrC event organizer. The event organizer will then determine whether the issue can be resolved on-site at the WBrC, or whether the issue will require a written appeal following the WBrC.</p> <p>If the WBrC event organizer decides that the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site at the WBrC, the WBrC event organizer will contact the involved party or parties to ensure fair representation. The competitor's issue and/or protest will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the WBrC event organizer and the designated onsite representative of the WCE Judge Operations Lead. The WBrC event organizer will inform the competitor of the decision.</p>	<p>If a competitor has an issue regarding the WBrC during the competition (e.g. scheduling, logistics, etc.), the competitor should contact the WCC staff onsite. The WCC staff will make every effort to resolve the issue on-site at the WBrC. The WCC staff will contact all involved parties. The competitor's issue will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the WCC staff team, WCC JOL and/or WCC CSC. The WCC staff will inform the competitor of the decision.</p>	<p>The onsite procedure for other issues has been updated slightly to better reflect current practices.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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**21.3 Appeals at the World Coffee Championships**

<p>If a person does not agree with a decision, they may appeal the decision in writing to the WCC Competition Strategic Committee. All decisions made by the committee are final.</p>	<p>If a person does not agree with a decision, they may appeal the decision in writing to the WCC CSC. All decisions made by the committee are final.</p>	<p>A new form has been created to submit an appeal at the WCC.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<p>The appeal letter must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Date</li> <li>• A clear and concise statement of the complaint</li> <li>• Date and time references (if applicable)</li> <li>• Comments and suggested solution</li> <li>• Party/Parties involved</li> <li>• Contact information</li> </ul> <p>Any written protests/appeals omitting this information will not be considered. All persons must submit their written complaint or appeal to the WBrC Event Manager via email to <a href="mailto:info@worldcoffeeevents.org">info@worldcoffeeevents.org</a> within 24 hours of the incident.</p>	<p>The appeal letter must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Date</li> <li>• A clear and concise statement of the complaint</li> <li>• Date and time references (if applicable)</li> <li>• Comments and suggested solution</li> <li>• Party/Parties involved</li> <li>• Contact information</li> </ul> <p>Any written appeals omitting this information will not be considered. All persons must submit their written complaint or appeal through the complaint form available on the website at <a href="https://wcc.coffee/rules-regulations">https://wcc.coffee/rules-regulations</a> within 24 hours of the incident. The complaint will be received by the WCC team and shared with the WCC CSC.</p>		
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**22.1 Highlighting Rule Variations for Competition Bodies**

/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rules and Regulations translation:</b> Competition Bodies may offer a translation of this document. However, to resolve any disputes, the official World Brewers Cup Rules and Regulations will be used. Competition Bodies cannot modify rules related to judging and evaluation.</li> </ul>	Added for clarity.	Competition Bodies must take up these changes in the current season.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Competitor Minimum:</b> Competition Bodies Championships must have a minimum of 6 competitors. If the minimum of 6 competitors is not reached, Competition Bodies must contact their Regional Community Director at least 2 weeks before the scheduled competition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Competitor Minimum:</b> Competition Bodies Championships must have a minimum of 6 competitors for their final and WCE Sanctioned event. If the minimum of 6 competitors is not reached, Competition Bodies must contact their Partnership</li> </ul>	Added for clarity.	The minimum of 6 competitors must be applied for the final and WCE Sanctioned event.

Director at least 2 weeks before the scheduled competition.

### 22.2 Appeals at a Competition Body Event

If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding their Competition Body Championship during the event, the first step should be to contact the event organizer and/or WCC Representative on site. All problems should be attempted to be resolved as soon as possible. On-site solutions are the most effective and appropriate. Appeals made after the competition's end are more difficult to effectively arbitrate.

If the event organizer decides the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site, the event organizer will contact the involved party or parties to ensure fair representation. The competitor's issue and/or protest will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the event organizer and the designated onsite WCC Representative. The event organizer and/or WCC Rep will inform the competitor of the decision.

If the issue requires a written appeal, this should be made directly to the Competition Body and WCC Representative via email within 24 hours of the incident. If the appeal is logistics-related, the CB is fully responsible for the investigation and any arbitration if applicable. If the appeal is judge or rules related, the WCC Representative may investigate the issue and provide a suggested arbitration. The CB and WCC Rep must report all written appeals to the WCC team within 24 hours of receipt. However, WCE does not directly certify or manage Competition Body judges or volunteers, and so cannot arbitrate their actions. Appeals from CB events may take

If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding their CB Championship during the event, the first step should be to contact the event organizer and/or WCC Representative on site. All problems should be attempted to be resolved as soon as possible. On-site solutions are the most effective and appropriate. Appeals made after the competition's end are more difficult to effectively arbitrate.

If the event organizer decides the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site, the event organizer will contact the involved party/parties to ensure fair representation. The competitor's issue and/or protest will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the event organizer and the designated onsite WCC Representative. The CB event organizer and/or WCC Rep will inform the competitor of the decision.

If the competitor wishes to appeal the decision, they should utilize the complaint form available on the website at <https://wcc.coffee/rules-regulations> within 24 hours of the incident. The complaint will be sent directly to the CB and the WCC Rep indicated in the submission. If the appeal is logistics-related, the CB is fully responsible for the investigation and any arbitration, if applicable. The WCC Rep must participate in this process by consulting on the appeal. If the appeal is judge or rules related, the WCC Rep will investigate the issue and provide a suggested arbitration to the CB. The CB is always responsible for responding to the complaint in

CB competitors can submit appeals using the same form used for WCC. The information of the appeal will be sent directly to the CB and the WCC Rep indicated. The WCC Rep must always participate in the investigation and the CB is the primary contact for all issues with competitors.

Competition Bodies must take up these changes in the current season.

<p>additional time to address; the person submitting the appeal should expect to see a resolution within 30 days.</p>	<p>written form and is considered the primary contact for complaints at CB events.</p> <p>The CB and WCC Rep must report all written appeals to the WCC staff within 24 hours of receipt. However, WCC staff does not directly certify or manage Competition Body judges or volunteers, and so cannot arbitrate their actions. Appeals from CB events may take additional time to address; the person submitting the appeal should expect to see a resolution within 30 days.</p>		
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