

**International Olive Oil Competition 'OLIVE OIL TROPHY'
EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL QUALITY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

COMPETITION REGULATION

A. PURPOSES - GOALS OF THE COMPETITION

Aiming to highlight, promote, and disseminate the high quality of extra virgin olive oil, **Thessaloniki International Fair 'TIF-HELEXPO'**, in partnership with and with the support of the **'FILAIOS' Friends of Olive Oil & Olives Association**, are organising the **'IOOC OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022'** Extra Virgin Olive Oil Quality International Competition

The purposes of holding the Competition are:

- a) To support and encourage olive oil standardisation, trade, and export enterprises, which lawfully sell on the retail market (final consumers, catering establishments, etc.) branded standardised extra virgin olive oils, to promote on the market products with excellent organoleptic characteristics (the quality criterion that consumers comprehend), while preserving and improving their quality, and promoting the use, consumption, and export of high quality olive oils.
- b) To inform and encourage consumers (including younger consumers) and professionals who use olive oil (cooking schools, chefs, catering venues — restaurants, tavernas, hotels, etc.) to recognise and appreciate — besides the unique and documented value of the health/biological/nutritional benefits — the organoleptic characteristics, namely the sensory properties (scent-taste-harmony) of high quality extra virgin olive oils.

B. THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Competition is being held under the auspices of a four-member Organising Committee, which consists of scientifically and professionally internationally renowned experts on olive oil issues.

The Organising Committee is exclusively competent and responsible for dealing with and resolving any issue relating to the organising and implementation of the Competition. Among other things, the Organising Committee undertakes the responsibility of observing the rules on ethics, confidentiality, and equal treatment of all participants throughout the duration and at all stages of the Competition.

The decisions of the Organising Committee are final and irrevocable.

C. ELIGIBILITY

The following may participate in the Competition:

- Olive oil standardisation/trading enterprises of all legal forms
- Cooperative Organisations
- Producer Teams

who have a branded standardised extra virgin olive oil on the market.

D. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

The conditions for the participation of interested parties in the Competition are:

1. Having a branded standardised extra virgin olive oil on the market in containers of up to 5 litres.

2. Participating in the Competition with branded standardised extra virgin olive oils that have been produced during the olive harvest period during which the competition is taking place, and complying with the requirements provided for this category by Regulation (EC) 2568/91 and the subsequent amendments thereto.
3. To have a homogeneous batch of at least 1000 kilos of each trade name and category of extra virgin olive oil with which they intend to participate in the Competition, which they must preserve until the announcement of the Competition results.
4. To post on the notice of the Competition participation samples, in the case of extra virgin olive oils of Greek origin standardised at a unit set up in Greece, the indication “Greek product” and the identification code (EL 40 XXX) of the standardisation unit. A corresponding obligation as regards the country of origin of the product is foreseen for samples submitted by participants from abroad.

E. PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

Parties interested in participating in the Competition shall submit to the Secretariat of ‘FILAIOS’, by **Monday, March 28, 2022**, the following:

1. A Participation Application, fully completed (Appendix), For every competing trade name a separate Participation Application shall be submitted, **with clear reference to one of the following award categories.**
2. For every trade name and award category Competition participation, five (5) bottles of sealed, branded, standardised product are required, in containers of 500 ml, 750 ml, or 1 litre.
3. For every trade name and award category Competition Participation, A chemical analysis certificate from a Lab accredited in accordance with ISO 17025, on the product’s content in free fatty acids, peroxide value, and specific absorbance (K232 nm, K270 nm, & D-K) proving its classification (as to its chemical qualitative criteria)
4. Copy of the proof of payment of the cost for participating in the competition, based on the participation cost for each Team.

F. AWARD CATEGORIES

The extra virgin olive oils will receive awards in the Competition in the following categories:

- 1. Extra Virgin Olive Oils PDO-PGI**
- 2. Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oils**
- 3. Extra Virgin Olive Oils (conventional farming)**

*For each of these three categories of olive oils, the following awards will be given, depending on the intensity of their fruitiness — **robust, medium***

delicate:

- i) GOLD OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022**
- ii) SILVER OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022,**
- iii) BRONZE OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022**
- iv) DISTINCTION OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022 (for olive oils with minimum score 70 out of 100 in their category).**

In the case of a draw, the corresponding number of prizes will be awarded.

The awarded trade names of the enterprises, as well as the details of the olive oil producer to be awarded, shall will be publicised through specific actions and events to be organised by TIF – DETROP BOUTIQUE & FILAIOS.

G. COMPETITION PROCESS

1. Publication of the Competition

The Competition will be publicised by all appropriate means and will include event presentations, the terms and conditions of participation, and the prizes. The Press (newspapers, magazines), the Internet, and Social Media will be used as means of publication.

2. Expression of Interest / Applications for Participation

Parties interested in participating in the Competition must submit to the Secretariat of FILAIOS, located at 15A Xenofontos Street, 4th floor, GR-10557 Athens, tel. No +302103238092, e-mail address info@olive-trophies.gr & info@filaios.org, the required documentation as specified above, in Chapter E.

The Secretariat of FILAIOS is tasked with examining the soundness and completeness of the applications and their full compliance with the conditions for participation in the Competition, as detailed above, in Chapters C and D. The cost of sending the documents, as well as their safe and timely delivery to the Secretariat of FILAIOS exclusively burden the Participants in the Competition.

3. Submission and Storage of Samples

Besides the necessary documentation participants in the Competition must also submit by the date specified above, in section E, samples of the product (five [5] standardised or full and hermetically sealed bottles/containers) from the batch participating in the Competition, which will remain stored until the announcement of the results of the Competition.

Shipping costs and any other costs related to the transport of samples are payable by the Competition Participants.

The Competition Organising Committee shall not accept entries after the submission date specified above (date of dispatch, if sent by post) and is not responsible for the total or partial loss of participating materials, physico-chemical or organoleptic alterations of the samples due to temperature changes, or potential breakage of bottles/containers, or any other damage which may occur during transportation.

Once the Secretariat of the Competition receives the samples, the Organising Committee is responsible for the safekeeping of their condition and integrity, as well as for maintaining their anonymity, in accordance with the ethics rules.

4. Participation cost

The Competition participation fee comes to **€150.00 plus 24% VAT (€186.00 in total)**, per trade name and product category.

If participation in the Competition refers to more than one sample, the fee for every sample after the first one, is reduced to €130.00 plus 24% VAT (€186.00 in total) / per sample

The amount due in each case may be paid in cash or deposited to the following bank account with the indication: ***“IOOC OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022”***
FILAIOS - FRIENDS OF OLIVE OIL ASSOCIATION

- ALPHA BANK, IBAN GR64 0140 1200 1200 0200 2009 914
- PIRAEUS BANK, IBAN GR67 0172 0490 0050 4910 1254 205

5. Evaluation of samples

The organoleptic evaluation (Panel Test) of the samples participating in the Competition will be carried out at the headquarters of FILAIOS by the Organoleptic Evaluation Committee – Taster Team, in accordance with what is provided for by the current Virgin Olive Oil Organoleptic Evaluation Method of the International Olive Council (IOC) and by using the special characteristics sheet for the evaluation of the organoleptic profile evaluation of each olive oil.

The evaluation will achieve:

- a) The elimination of samples showing defects as regards their organoleptic characteristics and, therefore, the selection only of those samples that belong in the extra virgin olive oil category.
- b) The classification of the samples which organoleptically belong in one of the following categories, according to the intensity of the median of the fruitiness:

- Robust fruitiness
- Medium fruitiness
- Delicate fruitiness

The characteristics sheet to be used during the evaluation, is the sheet used by the International Olive Council.

The average rating of each sample will be based on the results given by the Members of the Committee.

A separate classification table in descending score order will be drawn up for each fruitiness category, in order to produce the winners for each category of olive oils in the framework of the Competition.

It should be noted that in the case of a draw, the corresponding number of prizes will be awarded.

The minimum score for an oil to receive an award is 70 for all categories, including distinctions. "Excellent" corresponds to a score of 100.

H. ORGANOLEPTIC EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Organoleptic Evaluation Committee will be composed by the head of the Committee and a total of at least 8 olive oil evaluators (Greeks and/or foreigners). The Head and the members of the Organoleptic Evaluation Committee are appointed by the Organising Committee of the Competition.

The Head of the Organoleptic Evaluation Committee of the Competition shall have demonstrated several years of experience in olive oil quality competitions in Greece and abroad, knowledge of the International Olive Council organoleptic assessment

method, and shall be responsible for the supervision of the Organoleptic Evaluation Committee's official tasks and ensuring the smooth and fair conduct of the proceedings.

The evaluators – Members of the Committee shall have continuous participation during the past three consecutive years in an accredited virgin olive oil Tasting Panel and/ or participation as judges in Pan-Hellenic or international extra virgin olive oil competitions.

Any individual with the professional capacity of consultant or any other employment or other relationship with the participants in the competition is excluded from participating in the Organoleptic Evaluation Committee.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS - AWARDS

The winners of the Competition will be announced through Press Releases, to be

posted on the websites of 'FILAIOS' and TIF – DETROP BOUTIQUE, they will be promoted with relevant announcements via the Media (press, magazines, social networks, etc.), as well as during special colloquiums and events to be organised by or with the participation of 'FILAIOS'.

To protect the prestige of all participants in the '**OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022**', sample scores shall not be published. Competition participants shall be informed by the Organising Committee of the Competition regarding how the samples they submitted were scored, after filing a written request with the Secretariat of 'FILAIOS'.

The winners will be awarded their prizes at an official event, to be held in the framework of the DETROP BOUTIQUE International Exhibition, in Thessaloniki, 2-4 April, 2022.

The winners of the '**OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022**' Competition will be entitled to advertise the awarded prize to the broader public. The winners will be entitled to place on the packaging of products of the winning brand, which originates only from the homogeneous batch declared for participation in the Competition, a sticker displaying the title of the Competition, the year the olives were harvested, and the category of the prize.

APPENDIX

**EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL QUALITY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
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ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION APPLICATION

I the undersigned..... as
lawful representative of the company.....

TIN.....Address.....Tel.

No:..... Mobile Tel. No:.....

E-mail:..... Website:.....

that standardises/trades the branded standardised extra virgin olive oil, of the following category
(Conventional, Organic, PDO, PGI, etc.) with
the trade name.....,
hereby,

1. Request to participate with the above trade name and in the standardised extra virgin olive
oil category, in the **'OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022'** Quality Competition organised by the **'FILOLAOS'**
Friends of Olive Oil & Olives Association in partnership with and with the support of the
Thessaloniki International Fair.

2. I declare that:

a) I accept in their entirety the terms, conditions, and operating procedures of the Competition
and I forfeit all rights as regards decisions for the holding and results of the Competition.

b) I have a homogeneous batch in the quantity of kilos of the sample with which I
shall participate in the Competition, a quantity which I commit to preserve until the
announcement of the Competition results.

Olive tree variety:

Production area:.....

c) I consent to the use of data that concerns my company for the purposes of the Competition, in the framework of promoting and disseminating information within the EU and internationally.

3. I s u b m i t regarding the trade name in question and the prize category:

i.A Chemical Test Certificate from the following Laboratory.....

ii. Five (5) bottles of ml each of the branded standardised product.

Location: Date:

(Company stamp/ Signature)