

**TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023**  
**International Table Olives Competition**  
**TABLE OLIVES INTERNATIONAL QUALITY COMPETITION**

<b>Deadline of receiving samples</b>	<b>3 / 2 / 2023</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>150,00 € the first sample 130,00 € every other</b>
<b>Delivery Address</b>	<b>FILAIOS, Xenofontos 15 A/ 4th Floor,          105 57 Athens          tel. 2103238092          e-mail <a href="mailto:info@olive-trophies.gr">info@olive-trophies.gr</a> &amp;  <a href="mailto:info@filaios.org">info@filaios.org</a></b>

**REGULATION**

**A. PURPOSES - GOALS OF THE COMPETITION**

**Aiming** to highlight, promote, and disseminate the high quality of table olives, **Thessaloniki International Fair ‘TIF-HELEXPO’**, in partnership with and with the support of the **‘FILAIOS’ Friends of Olive Oil & Olives Association**, are organising the **‘TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022’** Table Olives Quality International Competition. **“FILAIOS”, the Olive Oil & Olives Scientific Association**, are organising the 2<sup>nd</sup> Table Olives Quality International Competition **“Table Olives Trophy 2023”**

**The purposes of holding the Competition are:**

- a) To attempt to inform those active in olive cultivation, processing, standardisation, and retail sale, who are lawfully selling their standardised product, to preserve and improve the quality of their brand product, by promoting the use of high-quality table olives throughout the range of their sectors of use and consumption.

b) To promote the knowledge of the particular value and of the healthy/nutritional aspects of table olives as an element of the Mediterranean diet to new younger consumers (schools), to professional chefs, cooks, artisans, with an emphasis on gastronomy & culinary art schools and restaurants in Greece and internationally.

c) To promote the diversity of varieties and of the high quality of table olives produced with the aim of advancing the knowledge of their tasting differences.

## **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 table olives 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 & CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

**Any variety of high-quality table olives from any olive producing country in the world** is eligible to participate in the “**TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023**” Competition. The necessary condition for the participation is the correct preparation and submission of the application within the deadline. **Only** standardised table olives that are legally sold in retail stores are allowed to participate in the Competition.

The categories in which the table olives will compete will be in accordance with the commercial types of the International Olive Council - IOC, and, more specifically:

**a) green olives processed in alkaline solutions**

**b) natural green olives**

**c) natural ripe black olives**

**d) natural dehydrated or wrinkled or shrunk olives**

**e) olives darkened by oxidation in brine**

**f) olive mixes – other cases**

Samples of cases (a) through (d) may include olives in all their forms, such as whole, stoned, sliced, split, cracked, stuffed, flavoured with herbs, etc., while the samples of case (e) may include all products that do not fall under any of the previous cases, such as olive paste, bruschetta, mixed various olives, etc.

#### **D. REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATION**

Those active in olive production, trading, standardising, and cooperatives wishing to participate in the Competition, must send the types of **extra and first category table olives**, along with the corresponding participation applications (see Appendix) **by Friday 3 February 2023** to FILAIOS Secretariat (15<sup>A</sup> Xenofontos Street, GR-10557, Athens, 2103238092, [info@olive-trophies.gr](mailto:info@olive-trophies.gr) ή [info@filaios.org](mailto:info@filaios.org).)

Every type/packaging of table olives participating must be accompanied by the following documents:

a) A fully and soundly completed **participation application**, typed or filled in by hand using clearly legible capitals. Illegible or incorrectly completed applications shall not be taken into consideration.

b) Every type/packaging of olive oil participating must be sent in **4 (four) containers of up to 500 gr, sealed and with a regular label.**

c) A copy of the proof of payment for participation in the Competition

All the above will be submitted in a separate sealed envelope to be delivered with all other participant details.

To seamlessly expedite participation, it is recommended that copies of the documents are sent via e-mail to [info@olive-trophies.gr](mailto:info@olive-trophies.gr) or to [info@filaios.org](mailto:info@filaios.org)

Any participation that does not comply with the Regulations of the Competition shall be rejected.

## **E. COST OF PARTICIPATION**

The Competition participation fee comes to **€150.00**, per trade name and product category. If **participation in the Competition refers to more than one sample, the fee for the second and any further sample, is reduced to €130.00 per sample.**

The amount due in each case may be paid in cash or deposited to the following bank account with the indication **“TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023”** and the name exactly as written in the participation form.

### **Bank Accounts**

FILAIOS – OLIVE OIL & OLIVES SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION

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

## **F. AWARDS CATEGORIES**

### **PLATINUM TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023**

the samples that achieve a final score of 96-100

### **GOLD TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023**

the samples that achieve a final score of 91-95

### **SILVER TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023**

the samples that achieve a final score of 86-90

### **BRONZE TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023**

the samples that achieve a final score of 81-85

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 producer to be awarded, shall be publicized through specific actions and events to be organised by TIF – DETROP BOUTIQUE & FILAIOS.

Moreover, special awards will be handed to the region that has the most participants and also a special award will be given to the best package among the samples participated.

### **G. EVALUATION PROCESS**

The samples will be evaluated by:

1. **Visual** characteristics such as: flesh lesions, core residues, damaged fruit, defective filling, abnormal color, flesh abnormalities, dehydrated fruit, presence of stalks etc. Samples will be scored positively on a scale of 0-100. This category will contribute 30% to the final score.
2. **Kinesthetic** (textural) characteristics such as: hardness, crispness, fibrousness. Samples will be scored positively on a scale of 0-100. This category will contribute 30% to the final score.
3. **Gustatory** characteristics such as: saltiness, acidity, bitterness. Samples will be scored positively on a scale of 0-100. This category will contribute 30% to the final score.

At the same time, the samples will be evaluated in terms of the dominant negative property that is perceived (Defect Predominantly Perceived, DPP) according to the organoleptic assessment of the table olive, entitled Method for the sensory analysis of table olives (COI/OT/MO/Doc No 2) of the International Olive Council.

All awarded samples must be in the extra/fancy category and must achieve a Defect Predominantly Perceived (DPP) score of less than or equal to 2.

### **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](mailto:info@olive-trophies.gr) & [info@filaios.org](mailto:info@filaios.org), the required documentation as specified above, in Chapter D.

The FILAIOS Secretariat 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 and samples, 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 Organizing 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. Evaluation of samples**

The table olive samples that will eventually participate in the competition will be submitted

anonymously and properly coded for a blind organoleptic tasting by a committee, consisting of a head-taster President and the tasters-judges, Members of the organoleptic committee. The Committee shall use a suitable evaluation form based on the International Olive Council's 'Method Sensory Analysis of Table Olives' (COI/OT/MO No 1/Rev. 2) officially recognised table olive organoleptic evaluation method, rating each sample with a separate and final total grade, on a scale of 1-11. Depending on the total number of samples to be evaluated, the head of the team may break up the committee into subgroups and appoint one coordinator for each sub-group.

The table olives will be evaluated in a dedicated room. The anonymous table olive samples being evaluated will be presented gradually and in random order to the organoleptic committee, which will work in closed sessions, using the method of a special evaluation form, in order to evaluate the organoleptic profile of the samples. As mentioned, the jury will consist of the President of the panel (a person with knowledge and long experience in the organoleptic tasting and quality control of table olives), as well as experienced table olive tasters, suitably trained in accordance with national and international standards.

The score of each sample shall be calculated based on the scores assigned by the Members of the jury. One representative of the Organising/Coordination Committee will oversee the official tasks of the organoleptic Panel, ensuring the smooth and fair conduct of the proceedings. To protect the prestige of all participating processors/companies, individual scores for all samples shall not be published. Competition participants may request relevant scores for the samples they have submitted from the Secretariat of the event.

#### **H. ORGANOLEPTIC EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The Organoleptic Evaluation Committee will be composed by the head of the Committee and 7 more evaluators. The Head and the members of the Organoleptic Evaluation Committee are appointed by the Organizing Committee of the Competition.

The evaluators - Members of the Committee are trained tasters, knowledgeable about the table olive evaluation process, and/or have participated as judges in Hellenic or international competitions.

## **J. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS - AWARDS**

The winners of the Competition will be announced through Press Releases, posted on the websites of FILAIOS and TIF – DETROP BOUTIQUE, promoted with relevant announcements via the Media (press, magazines, social networks, etc.), as well as during special colloquiums and events to be organized by or with the participation of FILAIOS.

To protect the prestige of all participants in the “**OLIVES TROPHY 2023**”, final scores of the samples shall not be published.

Competition participants shall be informed by the Organising Committee of the Competition regarding their score, after a written request to FILAIOS Secretariat to the emails [info@olive-trophies.gr](mailto:info@olive-trophies.gr) & [info@filaios.org](mailto:info@filaios.org)

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, 18-20 February 2023.

The winners of the “**TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023**” will be entitled to advertise the awarded prize to public and 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**  
**International Table Olives Competition**  
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**PARTICIPATION FORM**

The undersigned .....

(please choose accordingly)

- as lawful representative of the company  
.....

VAT: .....

Address: ..... mobile: .....

email: ..... web site: .....

that standardizes/trades the branded product with table olives, commercial type according to the Regulation of the International Olive Council:

- green olives either processed in alkaline solutions
- natural green olives
- natural mature (black) olives
- natural dehydrated or wrinkled or shrunken olives
- olives blackened by oxidation in brine and
- olive blends – other cases

Describe the product (eg green olives stuffed with almonds, green olive bruschetta, black olive pate etc) ..... with the brand name ....., hereby:

**1. Request** to participate with the above trade name and in the standardized extra virgin olive oil category, in the «**TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2023**»

**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 ..... items 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.

**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 submit** regarding the trade name in question and the prize category:

**Four (4) packages of** ..... gr each of the branded standardized product.

Location: ..... Date: .....

(Company stamp/ Signature)