

## TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025

### International Table Olives Competition

#### COMPETITION REGULATIONS

##### A. PURPOSE – OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

With the aim of highlighting, promoting, and disseminating the high quality of table olives, the Thessaloniki International Fair “ΔΕΘ-HELEXPO,” in collaboration with and under the auspices of the Scientific Club of Olive Oil & Olives Friends “FILAIOS,” is organizing the 4th International Table Olives Quality Competition “**TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025.**”

The main objectives of the Competition are:

1. To encourage olive growers, processors, packers, and retailers who legally market standardized products to maintain and improve the quality of their branded table olives, promoting the use of high-quality table olives across their entire range of applications and consumption.
2. To promote awareness of the unique value and the healthy/nutritional properties of table olives as an essential element of the Mediterranean diet, targeting new, young consumers (schools), professional chefs, cooks, small-scale producers, especially culinary schools, and restaurants both in Greece and abroad.
3. To promote the diversity of olive varieties and the high quality of table olives produced, aiming to increase knowledge of their distinct taste profiles.

##### B. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee consists of a group of representatives of the Organizers, led by the President or their appointed representative, who shall appoint the Chair of the sensory evaluation panel, who in turn will select and collaborate with the Members of the sensory panel.

No person with any form of employment or professional relationship with competing companies is permitted to participate as a Member.

The Organizing Committee has the exclusive authority and responsibility to address and resolve all matters related to the organization and conduct of the Competition.

Among its responsibilities, the Organizing Committee ensures compliance with the rules of ethics, confidentiality, and equal treatment of all participants throughout the entire process of the Competition.

Decisions of the Organizing Committee are final and irrevocable.

### **C. TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

The “TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025” is open to all varieties of high-quality table olives, of any type, from any olive-producing country worldwide.

Participation requires proper preparation and submission of the entry within the designated period. Only standardized, branded table olives legally marketed in retail outlets or exported may participate.

Competition categories are defined according to the commercial types of the International Olive Council (IOC):

**a) Green olives treated with alkaline solutions**

**b) Natural green olives**

**c) Natural ripe (black) olives**

**d) Natural dehydrated or shriveled olives**

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

**f) Olive mixtures – other cases**

Samples in categories (a)–(e) may include all forms such as whole, pitted, sliced, cracked, crushed, stuffed, or flavored with herbs, etc.

Samples in category (f) may include all products not classified in the above categories, such as olive pâtés, bruschetta spreads, mixtures of different olive types, etc.

### **D. APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Producers, traders, packers, and cooperatives wishing to participate must submit extra and first-category table olives along with the completed application form (see APPENDIX) by Monday, November 3, 2025, to the Secretariat of FILAIOS (Solonos 20, 17674 Kallithea, Athens, tel. +30 210 3248567, e-mail: gram@filaios.org).

Each entry must be accompanied by:

- a) A fully and correctly completed participation form, typed or written in clear block capitals. Illegible or incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- b) Four (4) sealed retail packages of up to 500 g, each bearing a standard commercial label.
- c) Proof of payment of the participation fee.

All documents and samples must be submitted in a sealed envelope together with the participant's details. For efficiency, electronic copies of forms should also be emailed to [gram@filaos.org](mailto:gram@filaos.org).

Entries not complying with the Competition Regulations will be disqualified.

## **E. PARTICIPATION FEE**

The participation fee is €150.00 per entry plus 24% VAT (€186.00 total).

For multiple entries, each additional sample after the first costs €120.00 plus 24% VAT (€148.80 per sample).

Payment may be made in cash or by bank transfer to the following FILAIOS accounts, with the reference: "TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025" and the full name of the individual or legal entity as indicated on the application form:

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

## **F. AWARD CATEGORIES**

- **Platinum TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025: final score 96–100**
- **Gold TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025: final score 91–95**
- **Silver TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025: final score 86–90**
- **Bronze TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025: final score 81–85**

In case of ties, corresponding duplicate awards will be presented.

The awarded companies will be promoted through special actions and events co-organized by ΔΕΘ– FOOD & DRINKS and FILAIOS on November 15, 2025.

Additionally, a Special Award will be granted to the Region or Municipality with the highest number of participations.

### **G. COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

Samples will be evaluated based on:

1. **Visual** characteristics (damage to flesh, pit remnants, defective stuffing, abnormal color, flesh irregularities, dehydration, presence of stems, etc.) – weighted at 30%.
2. **Textural** characteristics (firmness, crispness, fibrousness) – weighted at 30%.
3. **Gustatory** characteristics (saltiness, acidity, bitterness) – weighted at 40%.

Additionally, samples will be evaluated for the Defect Predominantly Perceived (DPP) in accordance with the IOC “Method for the Sensory Analysis of Table Olives” (COI/OT/MO/Doc No 2).

Awarded samples must belong to the extra/fancy category and achieve a DPP score of  $\leq 2$ .

### **H. PUBLICITY & SUBMISSION**

The Competition will be publicized through all appropriate media (press, magazines, internet, social media such as Facebook and YouTube).

Entries must be submitted by **November 3, 2025** to the Secretariat of FILAIOS (details above).

Participants are responsible for all shipping and delivery costs as well as ensuring safe and timely arrival. The Organizing Committee assumes responsibility for sample preservation only after receipt.

Samples will undergo **blind sensory evaluation** by a panel chaired by a Head Taster and consisting of trained olive tasters. Assessments will be carried out in a dedicated tasting room under controlled conditions.

## **I. SENSORY EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The Sensory Evaluation Committee shall consist of the Head Taster and a minimum of eight (8) trained Members appointed by the Organizing Committee. Members are certified olive tasters with proven expertise in sensory evaluation and experience in national or international competitions.

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## **J. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS – AWARD CEREMONY**

The winners will be announced through press releases, published on the websites of FILAIOS and ΔΕΘ – FOOD & DRINKS, and promoted via media and social networks.

The **official award ceremony** will take place during the International FOOD & DRINKS Exhibition in **Thessaloniki on November 15, 2025**.

Awarded participants are entitled to advertise their distinction to the public.

They may also affix an official sticker on the packaging of the awarded batch, indicating the Competition, crop year, and award category.

**APPLICATION FORM**  
**INTERNATIONAL TABLE OLIVES QUALITY COMPETITION**  
**“TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025”**

The undersigned ..... as legal representative of the company  
..... VAT No ..... Tax Office ..... Address  
..... Tel ..... Mobile ..... Email .....  
Website .....

which standardizes/markets branded table olives of the following commercial type(s),  
according to IOC regulations:

- ☐ Green olives treated with alkaline solutions
- ☐ Natural green olives
- ☐ Natural ripe (black) olives
- ☐ Natural dehydrated/shriveled olives
- ☐ Olives darkened by oxidation in brine
- ☐ Olive mixtures – other cases

Product description: .....

Brand name: .....

Hereby:

1. Request participation in the “TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2025” with the above-mentioned brand name.
2. Declare that:
  - a) I fully accept the Competition rules, conditions, and procedures, and waive all rights to challenge decisions regarding the Competition and its results.
  - b) I have a homogeneous batch of ..... units of the submitted sample, which I undertake to maintain until the results are announced.
  - c) I consent to the use of information concerning my company for the purposes of the Competition, including promotional and dissemination activities within the EU and internationally.
3. Submit for evaluation: four (4) packages of ..... g of the branded standardized product.

Place: ..... Date: .....

**(Company Seal / Signature)**

