

**International Olive Oil Competition
“OMFAKION EVOO TROPHY 2026”
INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL QUALITY COMPETITION
COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

A. PURPOSE – OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

Aiming to highlight, promote, and disseminate the high quality of extra virgin olive oil, and in particular the finest fresh early-harvest oils, the Thessaloniki International Fair “ΔΕΘ-HELEXPO”, in collaboration with and under the auspices of the Scientific Olive Oil & Olive Friends’ Club “FILAIOS”, organizes the International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Quality Competition “**IOOC OMFAKION EVOO TROPHY 2026**”.

The primary objectives of the Competition are:

- a) To support and encourage companies engaged in the standardization, distribution, and export of olive oil, who legally market branded standardized extra virgin olive oils in retail (end consumers, foodservice establishments, etc.), to promote products with excellent organoleptic characteristics (quality criterion perceived by consumers), while maintaining and improving their quality, and fostering the use, consumption, and export of premium-quality olive oils.
- b) To inform and encourage consumers (including younger consumers) and professionals who use olive oil (culinary schools, chefs, restaurants, taverns, hotels, catering services, etc.) to recognize and appreciate, beyond the well-documented nutritional, biological, and health properties, also the organoleptic attributes, namely the sensory qualities (aroma – taste – harmony) of high-quality extra virgin olive oils.

B. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Competition is held under the authority of a four-member Organizing Committee, composed of internationally recognized experts with scientific and professional expertise in olive oil.

The Committee holds exclusive responsibility and authority over all matters concerning the organization and execution of the Competition.

Among other responsibilities, the Committee ensures adherence to principles of ethics, confidentiality, and equal treatment of all participants, throughout every stage of the Competition.

The Committee’s decisions are final and irrevocable.

C. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

The Competition is open to:

- Cooperative Organizations
- Producer Groups
- Individual Producers
- Olive Mills

D. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The conditions of participation are as follows:

1. Participants must have a branded, packaged extra virgin olive oil on the market, in packaging up to 5 liters.
2. They must compete with branded, packaged extra virgin olive oils produced during the same crop year in which the Competition takes place, and in compliance with the requirements established by Regulation (EEC) 2568/91 and its subsequent amendments.
3. For each commercial name and category of olive oil entered in the Competition, participants must hold a homogeneous batch, which must be maintained until the announcement of the results.
4. Labels on the submitted samples must indicate:
 - For Greek-origin extra virgin olive oils packaged in units established within Greece: the indication “Greek product” and the packaging unit’s identification code (EL 40 XXX).
 - For foreign participants: equivalent indications of the country of origin of the product.

PLEASE NOTE THAT: To ensure the integrity of the evaluation process, samples will be assessed within two weeks of receipt rather than collectively at the conclusion of the competition.

E. OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

Applicants must submit to the Secretariat of FILAIOS by **Monday, November 30, 2026**, the following:

1. Application Form (Annex), fully completed. A separate form is required for each brand entered, specifying the award category.

2. For each brand and award category: four (4) sealed bottles of the branded product in containers of 500 ml, 750 ml, or 1 liter.
3. Proof of payment of the participation fee, according to the cost per group.

F. AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards will be granted in the following categories of extra virgin olive oils:

1. **PDO-PGI Extra Virgin Olive Oils**
2. **Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oils**
3. **Conventional Extra Virgin Olive Oils**

For each of the three categories, awards will be as follows:

- **Platinum OMFAKION EVOO TROPHY 2026**
- **Gold OMFAKION EVOO TROPHY 2026**
- **Silver OMFAKION EVOO TROPHY 2026**
- **Honorable Mention OMFAKION EVOO TROPHY 2026 (for oils scoring ≥60/100).**

In case of ties, equivalent numerical awards will be given.

Awarded brands and producers will be promoted through special activities and events organized by **FILAIOS**.

G. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

1. **Public Announcement.** The Competition will be publicized through press (newspapers, magazines), the Internet, and social media, outlining the event, participation terms, and awards.
2. **Applications.** Interested participants must submit all required documents to: FILAIOS Secretariat, Solonos 20, 17674 Kallithea, Athens - Tel. +30 210 3248567, Email: gram@filaios.org.
3. **Submission & Storage of Samples.** Participants must deliver, by the above deadline, four (4) bottles from the declared batch. Samples remain stored until the results announcement.
4. **Participation Fee**
 - €200 + VAT 24% (€248.00) per sample.
 - For additional samples: €180 + VAT 24% (€223.20) each.

Payment by cash or bank deposit under the reference: **“IOOC OMFAKION EVOO TROPHY 2026”**.

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

5. Evaluation.

Samples will undergo **organoleptic evaluation (Panel Test)** at FILAIOS headquarters by a certified Tasting Panel, following the **IOC method** for sensory assessment. Oils with defects will be excluded; only **true extra virgin olive oils** will be evaluated. Scoring is out of 100; minimum for award eligibility (including Honorable Mention) is **60 points**.

H. ORGANOLPTIC EVALUATION COMMITTEE

- Composed of at least 8 certified tasters, Greek and/or international.
- Head of the Committee: an expert with long-standing international experience in EVOO quality competitions, appointed by the Organizing Committee.
- Responsible for supervising official procedures and ensuring integrity.
- Members must have at least 3 years of continuous participation in accredited EVOO tasting panels and/or as judges in national or international competitions.

I. RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT – AWARD CEREMONY

- Winners will be announced via Press Release, on the websites of FILAIOS, through media, and during official events.
- Scores will not be published, in order to safeguard participants' reputation. Upon written request, competitors may be informed of their individual scores.

Award-winning participants may advertise their distinctions. Special stickers bearing the Competition name, olive year, and award category may be placed on bottles only from the declared batch entered.

ANNEX A
INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL QUALITY COMPETITION
“IOOC OMFATION EVOO TROPHY 2026”
COMPANY APPLICATION FORM

I, the undersigned
as the legal representative of the company
VAT No.: Address:
Tel.: Mobile:
E-mail: Website:
which bottles/distributes the branded packaged extra virgin olive oil, category (Organic, PDO
Conventional, PGI, etc.) the trade name, hereby:

1. **Request** the participation with the above-mentioned trade name and category of packaged extra virgin olive oil, in the Quality Competition **“OMFATION EVOO TROPHY 2026”** organized by the Scientific Olive Oil Friends’ Club FILAIOS, in collaboration with and under the auspices of the Thessaloniki International Fair.
2. **Declare** that:
 - a) I fully accept the terms, conditions and procedures of the Competition and waive any right regarding the conduct and results of the Competition.
 - b) I have a homogeneous batch of kilograms corresponding to the sample with which I participate in the Competition, a quantity that I undertake to preserve until the announcement of the Competition results.
Olive variety:
Region of production:
 - c) I consent to the use of information concerning my company for the purposes of the Competition, within the framework of promotion and dissemination of information within the EU and internationally.
3. **Submit / provide** for the above trade name and award category:
Four (4) bottles of ml with branded packaged product.

Place: Date:

(Company stamp / Signature)

ANNEX B
INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL QUALITY COMPETITION
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OLIVE MILL / OLIVE PRODUCER APPLICATION FORM

I, the undersigned, SURNAME FIRST NAME
as an OLIVE PRODUCER or as the REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OLIVE MILL.....
VAT No.: Address:.....
Tel.: Mobile:
E-mail: Website:
who produces/bottles/distributes the branded packaged extra virgin olive oil, category
(Conventional, Organic, PDO, PGI, etc.)
.....
Trade name of olive oil (if applicable):
....., hereby:

1. **Request** the participation with the above-mentioned trade name and category of packaged extra virgin olive oil, in the Quality Competition **“OMFATION EVOO TROPHY 2026”** organized by the Scientific Olive Oil Friends’ Club FILAIOS, in collaboration with and under the auspices of the Thessaloniki International Fair.

2. **Declare** that:

- a) I fully accept the terms, conditions and procedures of the Competition and waive any right regarding the conduct and results of the Competition.
b) I have a homogeneous batch of kilograms corresponding to the sample with which I participate in the Competition, a quantity that I undertake to preserve until the announcement of the Competition results.

Olive variety:

Region of production:

c) I consent to the use of information concerning my company for the purposes of the Competition, within the framework of promotion and dissemination of information within the EU and internationally.

3. **Submit/provide** for the above trade name and award category:

Four (4) bottles of ml with branded packaged product.

Place: Date:

(Company stamp / Signature)