



2025 WCTC Summary of Rule Changes

2024 Rule	2025 Rule	Reason for Change	Impact on Competition Bodies
1.7.1 Competitor Registration Form			
Competitors must complete the WCTC Competitor Registration Form online at www.worldcuptasters.org 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.	Competitors must complete the WCTC Competitor Registration Form which will be sent to Competition Body Champions directly via email 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 the "Nationality" section). Approved Competition Body Champions will receive confirmation by email in approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all required registration documentation. For any queries about competitor registration, these can be submitted to info@wcc.coffee	The Competition Registration form will be sent directly to Competition Body Champions via email.	N/A
2. Competition Summary			
	This section has been reorganised for clarity.	No changes to the rules have been made, content has been rearranged.	N/A
3. Competition Procedure			
	This section has been reorganised for clarity.	No changes to the rules have been made, content has been rearranged.	N/A
3.1 Competition Area			
	This section has been added for clarity.	No changes to the rules have been made, content has been rearranged.	N/A
3.2 Competition Coffee Details			

Coffee should be prepared in a standard 1.8-liter (60.9 fl. oz.) drip filter brewer of a quality appropriate for the needs of the competition. The brewing temperature should be between 92-96 degrees Celsius (197.6-204.8 degrees Fahrenheit). The brewing cycle should be 4-6 minutes, and the temperature of the finished brew should be between 80-85 degrees Celsius (176.0-185.0 degrees Fahrenheit) and stored in a suitable container. The coffee may be prepared with a coffee to water ratio of 60 grams per liter. The drip brewer shall use standard tap water, provided it is of good quality without any detectable taints. The WCE event organizer will decide if it is necessary to use filter or purified water instead of tap water.	Coffee will be prepared in a drip filter batch brewer machine of a quality appropriate for the needs of the competition. The brewing temperature will be between 92-96 degrees Celsius (197.6-204.8 degrees Fahrenheit). The brewing cycle should be around 4-6 minutes, and the temperature of the finished brew will be between 80-85 degrees Celsius (176.0-185.0 degrees Fahrenheit) and stored in a suitable container. The coffee will be prepared with a coffee to water ratio of around 50-60 grams per liter . The drip brewer shall use standard tap water, provided it is of good quality without any detectable taints. The WCTC event organizer will decide if it is necessary to use filter or purified water instead of tap water.	The 1.8-liter liter (60.9 fl. oz.) requirement has been removed to allow for a broader pool of machines with multiple capacities to be accepted in the competition. The machine needs to prepare filter coffee through water percolation in a quantity that can be used for multiple cups for every brewing cycle. The coffee to water ratio has been adjusted to SCA standards and WCTC practice.	Competitions Bodies may take up these changes to the 2025 season or wait until the 2026 season.
/	This section has been added for clarity.	No additional changes to the rules have been made, content has been rearranged.	N/A
3.3 Competition Supplies			
/	This section has been added for clarity.	No changes to the rules have been made, content has been rearranged.	N/A
7.1 Issues at the World Coffee Championships			
If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding the WCTC during the competition, the competitor should contact the WCTC event organizer. The event organizer will then determine whether the issue can be resolved on-site at the WCTC, or whether the issue will require a written appeal following the WCTC. If the WCTC event organizer decides that the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site at the WCTC, the WCTC 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	If a competitor has an issue regarding the WCTC 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 WCTC. 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.	The onsite procedure for other issues has been updated slightly to better reflect current practices.	N/A

WCTC event organizer and the designated onsite representative of the WCE Judge Operations Lead. The WCTC event organizer will inform the competitor of the decision.			
7.2 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>The appeal letter must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Date • A clear and concise statement of the complaint • Date and time references (if applicable) • Comments and suggested solution • Party/Parties involved • Contact information <p>Any written protests/appeals omitting this information will not be considered. All persons must submit their written complaint or appeal to the WCTC Event Manager via email to info@worldcoffeevents.org within 24 hours of the incident.</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. The appeal letter must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Date • A clear and concise statement of the complaint • Date and time references (if applicable) • Comments and suggested solution • Party/Parties involved • Contact information <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 https://wcc.coffee/rules-regulations within 24 hours of the incident. The complaint will be received by the WCC team and shared with the WCC CSC.</p>	A new form has been created to submit an appeal at the WCC.	N/A
8.1 Highlighting Rule Variations for Competition Bodies			
/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and Regulations Translation: 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. 	Added for clarity.	Competition Bodies must take up these changes in the current season.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitor Minimum: 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitor Minimum: 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 Director at least 2 weeks before the scheduled competition. 	Added for clarity.	The minimum of 6 competitors must be applied for the final and WCE Sanctioned event.

8.2 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 WCE 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 additional time to address; the person submitting the appeal should expect to see resolution within 30 days.

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 written form and is considered the primary contact for complaints at CB events.

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.

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.

