



# The Washington Cup Spirits Competition

The Only Spirits Competition for  
American-Made Spiritous Liqueurs

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Welcome to the Sixth Annual Washington Cup American Spirits Competition. This invitation is extended to all U.S. distilleries and producers of American spirits.

The Washington Cup is the first competition of its kind – a competition exclusively for American-made spirits and liqueurs. We created this competition in recognition of the recent growth and tremendous achievements of the U.S. distilling industry. This amazing evolution has been fueled by the vision and perseverance of many dedicated individuals, and by an innately American sense of optimism. While the global marketplace is filled with worthy products from countries everywhere, we believe that this is a unique time in American distilling history. We are convinced that the output of these distilleries represents some of the greatest new spirits and distillates in the world, manned by some of the smartest and most motivated distillers anywhere. By creating the Washington Cup, we intend to convince the American public of this fact.

The Washington Cup Spirits Competition is also unique in its methodology: it includes assessment and judging by top spirits professionals, as well as practical testing by great mixologists. There are two distinct phases to the competition; the judges' tasting will take place on July 11, 2017, and the bartender's judging will happen on August 21, 2017. While you will need to send in only one form and one set of samples, there will be a second opportunity for judge-selected spirits to succeed with no extra fee:

*JUDGES' CHOICE: First Round, Professional Spirits Judging and Analysis – July 11, 2017*

*BARTENDERS' CHOICE: Second Round, Mixology testing and recipe creation – August 21, 2017*

All that we require is our \$100 registration (the lowest entry fee in the industry) and two bottles of each spirit to be tested. We hope that you will take this opportunity to enter; we want to trumpet the American spirits industry's successes to the world!

Best Regards,

Doug Frost MS, MW  
Founder, The Washington Cup