

# **Tokyo Whisky & Spirits Competition**

# 2023 Entry Handbook

# -Western Spirits Division-

## I. About

## ▼Items Eligible for Entry

· Whiskies and spirits distributed in the Japanese market, and distilled beverages from around the world

### ▼Schedule<sup>1</sup>

Entry sheet submission Judging Round 1 [Remote] Judging Round 2 [Judging session] : Early March 2023 Results Announcement

: September 1, 2022 – December 15, 2022

: Mid January 2023 – Mid February

: Scheduled for May 2023

## ▼Entry fee

27,500 yen (tax inclusive) per entry

## ▼Discounts<sup>2</sup>

#### Early Bird Discount

Entry sheets submitted by September 30, 2022 will see an entry fee discount of 5%

#### **Bulk Discount**

10% discount when entering 10 or more items in the competition

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All listed dates & times are Japan Standard Time (JST). Schedule is subject to change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Early Bird Discount and Bulk Discount can be combined for a maximum 15% off the entry fee

### II. Overview from entry to judging and results \*Schedule subject to change

## **Entry Application Acceptance**

September I, 2022 - December 15

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Entry Bottle Acceptance Period / Entry Fee Deadline	

October 3, 2022 - December 15

Within a month of receipt of the payment URL

### **Entry Processing**

## Entry Item Photography

Mid to late December 2022

### Judging Round I [Remote Judging]

Mid-January 2023 - mid-February

## Judging Round 2 [Judging Session]

Early March 2023

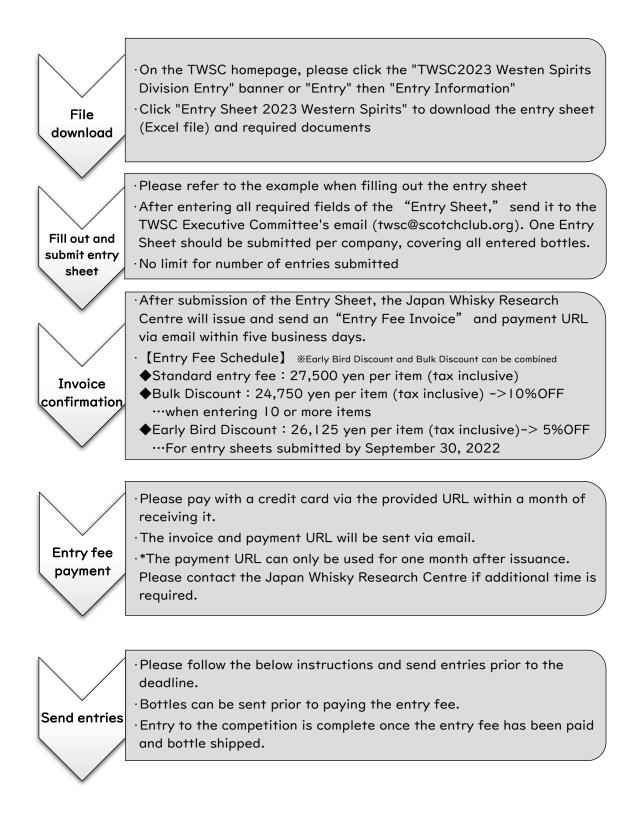
### **Results Announced**

Around May 2023

### Award Ceremony/2023 Official Guidebook Published

#### After June 2023

## **III.** Entry Instructions



## IV. Entry Bottle Shipping Instructions

#### ▼Shipping Address

#### 〒150-0012

Tokyo-to Shibuya-ku Hiroo 5-23-6 Hasebe No. 10 Bldg. 2F

TWSC Office (in Japan Whisky Research Centre)

- $\cdot \mbox{There}$  are no requirements about the shipper or box size.
- •Affix the "Box Label Sheet" to each box. The "Box Label Sheet" can be downloaded with the entry sheet.
- •Please remove the bottles from any containers and send only bottle with appropriate packing.

•Shipping fees and duty etc. must be paid by the entrant.

#### **▼**Bottles accepted

#### October 3, 2022 - Arrive by December 15

- ·Bottles can be accepted prior to payment of the entry fee.
- ·Please inquire first if bottles will be delayed.

#### ▼How many bottles

Approximately 700ml is needed for the first and second rounds of judging. After entering the volume in ml on the entry sheet, the required number of bottles (inc. backups) will be automatically calculated.

(e.g.) 700ml····2 bottles, 500ml····3 bottles, 300ml····4 bottles, 200ml····5 bottles

• (%) Backup bottles should be sent by each entrant such that judging can still be done in the event of damage to the label or problems with the product (cork failure), or natural disaster.

#### ▼Warnings about the appearance of bottles

All entries will be photographed

- •Please send new, unopened bottles intended for general sale: not sample bottles. Send bottles free of any label damage such as tearing or falling off.
- •Please assure the bottles do not have any stickers for medals from spirits competitions, including TWSC.
- •Replacement/returns will be requested for bottles not appropriate for photographing.

## V. About entering unreleased products

At TWSC2023, items not yet released as of December 15, 2022 will be accepted. Please see the below details.

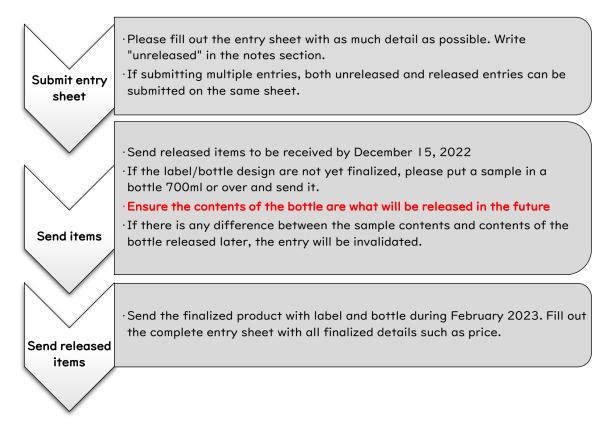
## ▼Entry Condition

• Must be released by April 2023<sup>3</sup>

## ▼Warnings

• If the above condition is not met, regardless of award status, even after the results have been announced, the entry will be invalidated.

### $\mathbf{\nabla}$ Procedures for entering unreleased bottles



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If the product release is delayed for any reason, so long as information of the new release date, product specifications, and sale price are made public, this condition will be considered met.

## VI. Notes and Warnings

- Cancellations due to entrants' circumstances will not be accepted after applications are submitted. Entry fees will not be refunded once paid. Thank you for your understanding.
- Entry bottles will be kept until the conclusion of the judging sessions and awards ceremonies once received by the Japan Whisky Research Centre. Submitted items will ordinarily not be returned.
- If the judging sessions cannot be held due to natural disasters such as earthquakes, entry fees will not be refunded and entry bottles will not be returned.
- If the same bottle is submitted by multiple entrants, the entry fee will not be refunded. All entrants will be informed of the judging results in this case.
- If the entry category is determined to differ from the actual submitted product, the competition organizer will correct it.
- The organizer cannot be held responsible for entry bottles damaged during transit. Re-shipment of damaged items may be requested.

#### -Inquiries-

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