



International Competition Rules

General Considerations:

The 12th International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition –Domingo Faustino Sarmiento Award for the quality of extra virgin olive oils must follow these rules and the commands delivered by the organizing committee in the frame of the tasting competition.

1) Objective.

The objective of this competition is to award the best **EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL** in each of the different categories described in these rules.

2) Participants.

Participation in the competition will be possible for companies (individual producers, cooperative, association or bottler) from Argentina and from abroad that are authorized by their country laws and that comply with the conditions described in these rules.

3) Oils accepted into the competition.

It will only be accepted extra virgin olive oils belonging to the 2022/2023 harvest season coming from a homogeneous batch of 400 liters.

The samples will be loaded on the web system under 4 groups within 2 categories, corresponding as follows:

- Group I. fruity **bitter unripe / spicy – intense**,
- Group II. fruity **bitter unripe / spicy – medium**,
- Group III. fruity **bitter unripe / spicy – delicate**,
- Group IV. Fruity **Ripe / sweet**

Within these categories:

- “Small Producers”, which includes those producers **with no more** than 5000 liters of total annual production.
- “Large Producers”, which includes those producers **with more** than 5000 liters of total annual production.

Note: for those oils coming from the Northern Hemisphere, they must belong to the 2022 harvest season.



4) Competitors Obligations:

The participating companies must comply with all conditions and requirements outlined in these rules and those eventually dictated and informed by the organizers, and must observe the following stages:

Stage 1.

Pre-registration: Those interested in participating should complete the web entry form as users of the site www.argoliva.com.ar. It is mandatory for the participants to give the required information of the company, the person responsible for sending the sample, and the samples as detailed as required in the entry form. In addition, competitors must accept the terms and conditions of use of the web information system of the ArgOliva 2023 site.

The data submitted in the pre-registration web form will be considered as an affidavit.

The users can add or delete their samples through web system, and can also modify the rest of the information up to the deadline of registration, and they must notice the organizer if those changes are done after printing, signing and shipping the registration form together with the samples, as indicates in "Stage 2 - C- Sample Shipping".

Stage 2.

A) Collecting samples:

Each competitor will be responsible to arrange a notary¹ to carry out the collection of the representative sample of the batch of extra virgin olive oil entered into the competition. Each sample consists of 7 bottles of 500 ml, bottled in the same packaging format used for marketplace. Each container holding each sample shall be closed with a tamper-evident cap, which shall be sealed by the notary, and shall bear a label showing a batch or tank number and its volume, and the name of the company. The sample collection shall be as laid down in standard ISO 5555 "Animal and vegetable fats and oils – Sampling".

The notary ¹ must draw up the notarial act that reliably certifies the origin of the sample, in which the following information of the contestant will be attested:

- Name, address, and the number of the registration certificate of the FDA, or equivalent corresponding to the home country of the competitor;
- Location and identification of the tank holding the batch of oil entered for the competition;
- Volume of the batch of oil entered for the competition
- Origin of the batch, which must come from the participant's country
- the procedure used for collecting, sealing and identifying the samples

¹ The extraction of the sample may be done before a notary public, judge, or any public official of the entities participating in the organization of the event.



The data recorded in the notarial act must coincide with the information loaded in the registration form of the web system

Each participant will be allowed to register only 1 sample per group (detailed in point 3), as indicated by the technical staff of each company.

It must be understood that one sample corresponds to 6 bottles belonging to the same batch of extra virgin olive oil.

The participant will keep in his possession an extra bottle (bottle No.7) for control.

B) Chemical analysis of the sample

Each sample must come with its corresponding chemical analysis certifying that it is an Extra Virgin Olive Oil. It must be carried out in a laboratory approved by the IOC, or that complies with the ISO 17025 norms, or at least the ISO 9001 norms, and must have been carried out AFTER March 1st, 2023.

C) Sample Shipping:

The participating company shall submit its samples to the following destination:

**"XI CONCURSO INTERNACIONAL DE ACEITE DE OLIVA VIRGEN EXTRA,
PREMIO DOMINGO FAUSTINO SARMIENTO"
DIRECCIÓN DE COMERCIO EXTERIOR- SECRETARÍA DE POLÍTICA ECONÓMICA,
MINISTERIO DE PRODUCCIÓN DE LA PROVINCIA DE SAN JUAN
AV. LIBERTADOR 750 (O), 4º PISO, ALA ESTE, NÚCLEO 5.
CP: J5400ARU - SAN JUAN - REPÚBLICA ARGENTINA**

You can download the shipping label from the user panel and stick it on the box to be shipped.

Samples can be delivered personally at the address provided above from Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 1:00 pm. (Arg.)

Samples must be shipped in boxes containing the following items:

- 6 bottles of the participating sample, identified as mentioned in step A (Obtaining Samples).
- 2 copies of the sample entry form obtained after registering the sample/s in the Web System, signed by the person in charge of the registration.
- The chemical analysis specified in step B. (Chemical analysis of the sample)
- A copy of the registration certificate of the FDA, or equivalent corresponding to the home country of the sample.
- A copy of the notarial act that certifies the sample collection

FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES: For custom procedures, it is recommended to ship the package through the official post service of your home country. Please, avoid using other shipping services.



D) Samples Reception:

The following items will be checked once the samples are delivered at our office.

- That the 6 bottles are labeled with the batch number and its volume as indicated in “Stage2 – Collecting sample”, and that these coincide with what is stated by the company in the sample entry form.
- That each sample comes with its corresponding copy of its chemical analysis, 2 copies of the sample entry form signed by the person in charge of the registration, and a copy of the notarial deed.
- That the information provided in the entry form attached to the sample corresponds to the data loaded in the Argoliva web site and that in the notarial deed.

The organization, in order to achieve greater transparency at the time of tasting, will allocate an alphanumeric key randomly generated by the web system that uniquely identifies each participating sample. The keys will be printed and attached to each bottle covering the whole of it, to be then the sample forwarded to the Tasting Panel of the Universidad Católica de Cuyo for its evaluation.

The Foreign Trade Department (in charge of receiving the samples) is empowered to reject any sample that does not meet the requirements specified in these rules/guidelines, with this final decision. In this case, the participating companies will be responsible for the removal of goods from the place of reception. In the case that the company has already paid the entry fee and its samples are rejected, the amount paid will not be refunded.

E) Payment:

The participating companies must pay for each sample submitted for competition the amount of:

- Argentinean Companies: Pesos twenty thousands (AR\$20.000) per sample
- Foreign Companies: US dollars one hundred (USD 100) per sample, plus US dollars eighty five (USD85) for bank charges* per transfer. (1 sample= USD185; 2 samples= USD 285, etc.)

* The bank charges are for each bank transfer, therefore we suggest making the payment when you have the number of samples to be registered already defined and pay the total payment in a single bank transfer.

Argentinean companies can pay through:

- Back Transfer/EFT,
- Bank Deposit,
- Check.

Account data:

- **Fundación Monseñor Manfredi**
- **Banco Santander Río**
- Cta. Cte. N°: **179-000179377**
- CBU: **0720179620000001793772**
- C.U.I.T.: **30-63481639-5**



Foreign companies will be only able to pay through **Bank Transfer/EFT**,

Account data:

- **Intermediary Bank: STANDARD CHARTERED BANK, NEW YORK**
- **Account N. 3544-033305-001**
- **ABA: 026002561**
- **Address: 1 Av. MADISON, 3rd FLOOR. NEW YORK, EE.UU**
- **Swift: SCBLUS33XXX**
- **Receiving Bank: BBVA BANCO FRANCES S.A.**
- **Address: Reconquista 199 - CP. C1003ABC Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, República Argentina.**
- **Swift: BFRPARBAXXX**
- **Receiver: UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CUYO.**
- **Receiver Account: 471-116/8**
- **CBU(Account Banking Code): 0170471020000000011688**

Once the payment is completed, participants must confirm the payment before the established date, using any of the following ways:

- Scan the Transfer or deposit receipt and send it to: ingresos@uccuyo.edu.ar and concurso@argoliva.com.ar.
- Scan the Transfer or deposit receipt and upload it in the ARGOLIVA web site, through your registered user control panel.

In order to complete the corresponding invoice, we need you to send us the following information together with the payment receipt.

- Name or Company Name
- EIN/FEIN/other
- Address
- VAT Condition Type.

5) Deadlines.

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Pre-registration for the competition	Up to <u>AUGUST 4TH 2023</u>
Samples Reception.	Up to <u>AUGUST 4TH 2023</u>
Payment	Up to <u>AUGUST 4TH 2023</u>



6) Stages of Competition

Stage I - Selection:

All samples will be evaluated by a panel of judges consisting of members of the UCCuyo Tasting Panel. If the jury determines that the oil registered does not correspond to the group in which it was registered, the jury is free to change it into a new group, as long as there is no other oil from the same company in the new group assigned to the sample. If the oil has defects, the jury is empowered to leave that oil out of competition and will indicate in the report the reason for the disqualification.

The organization reserves the right to make chemical analysis for verification of genuineness and to disqualify any sample that does not meet the established parameters.

Stage II - Final

Selected oils are sorted within each group according to the score obtained following the judging policies of the Jury of the event.

The top six oils obtaining the highest score in each group will be considered as finalists.

Final selection will be carried out by the jury of the event together with internationally renowned experts.

7) Awarding.

Only the top 6 participants will be awarded as 1st prize, 2nd prize, and 3rd prize, plus 1st Mention, 2nd Mention and 3rd Mention in each of the four groups for each category.

The awards ceremony will be held on September 7th, 2023.

In the ArgOliva 2023 edition, only virtual diplomas will be delivered to the winners, which will be sent by email so that the winners can display it on their social networks or print it on paper.

8) References to the award on labels and advertising.

Only winners of the 1st and 2nd Prize for the Quality of the Extra Virgin Olive Oil Domingo Faustino Sarmiento Award, in the 4 groups of the 2 categories, can mention the prize obtained on the label of the extra virgin olive oil that belongs to the same batch and brand of winning sample.

References to the prize in advertising can only be made by the winning and finalist companies, but specifically mentioning the year when the award was received.

9) Acceptance.

Participation in this competition implies full acceptance of these rules/guidelines.