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Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

From the President



The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) is mission-purposed to foster the prosperous and sustainable future of Australian agriculture. The original 1822 Prospectus of the Agricultural Society of NSW acknowledged that a nation flourishes best when the “a public spirit of agricultural improvement shall be implanted within the breast of all”. This is the mission we proudly continue in order to ensure thriving sustainability for generations of Australians to come.

Our mission is accomplished primarily through the time-tested approach of competitions because the very nature of competition drives innovation and excellence. Sydney Royal competitions establish industry benchmarks by which success can be measured year-on-year. Our Committees carefully design competition categories and establish judging panels to ensure the most effective impact on industry and relevant markets.

We know from 200 years of experience that our competitions raise not only the quality of produce but also the calibre of producers. This year was no different, the excellence of every exhibitor across the board is what continues to keep our competitions so highly anticipated and so well regarded. Thank you to every one of our exhibitors, we value your participation greatly.

Thank you also to our Judges, Officials, Stewards and volunteers who give so generously of their time and expertise. To our valued sponsors and supporters, thank you for your continued investment in what we do. It is because of all of you that Sydney Royal competitions continue to drive excellence in Australian produce, and to ensure the sustainability of agricultural practices.

I am delighted to work closely with our RAS Councillors and Committee Chairs and all RAS Staff involved in the Wine, Beer & Cider, Dairy, and Fine Food sections.

On behalf of us all, I trust that you enjoyed your Sydney Royal experience and I encourage you to join in the tradition of entering every year. Together we can celebrate and propel Australian agricultural excellence.

I look forward to seeing you again next year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'John C. Bennett'.

John C. Bennett, OAM
President, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF JUDGES



Welcome to the first Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show.

Spirits have played a small part in the rich history of Sydney Royal, with gin and rum being entered in miscellaneous drinks classes as far back as the 1870s, but this Show is the first time spirits, and ready-to-drink spirits-based mixers, have been judged exclusively.

In short, the distilled spirits industry is now big enough to stand on its own two feet and not be a sub-set of Sydney Royal's justifiably famous Wine Show.

It is an important moment. Over the past decade, the production of spirits in Australia has grown exponentially. According to Australian Distillers Association, there were less than 30 distilleries operating in 2012. In 2024 there are in excess of 600 distilleries operating in every state and territory across the nation.

As with all Sydney Royal Show categories our role as judges will be twofold. To acknowledge the best Producers and help all Exhibitors hopefully "improve the breed" and for us to let consumers know who we believe are the best Producers in the land at this point of time.

To this point we acknowledge that vast numbers of Australians consume their spirits in the Ready-to-Drink format of pre-mixed bottles or cans. As such we thought we should be among the very first Shows in the world to taste and assess this burgeoning category of modern-style drinks, alongside more traditional, full-bottled spirits.

I need to thank the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW for having faith in the industry and in me to lead the judging of its first Distilled Spirits Show. I do not underestimate the importance of the role. To Angus Barnes and the team at the Wine and Spirits Show Committee, heartfelt thanks for getting this up and running.

To all the Exhibitors, we wish you great good fortune and hope you learn something from entering the Show.

Cheers,
Stuart Gregor
Chair of Judges
Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show

WHY ENTER THE SYDNEY ROYAL DISTILLED SPIRITS SHOW?

The Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show point of difference:

➤ **All-Australian Entries**

At Sydney Royal, the focus is on Australian agricultural excellence. That's why all entries are required to be a minimum of 85% Australian origin – which includes all ingredients and manufacture. Sydney Royal celebrates the high quality of Australian products and this gives Sydney Royal medals value and prestige.

➤ **Individual Exhibit feedback and benchmarking**

Each Exhibit is judged by a panel of experienced Judges, who spend time in providing individual Exhibit feedback. This feedback is provided to the Exhibitor following the release of results. Having your distilled spirits judged with Sydney Royal will allow you to benchmark your products in industry and provide opportunity for improvement and marketing your successes.

➤ **Ready to drink (RTD) Classes**

Ready-to-Drink beverages have gained significant popularity in recent years. By including RTD Classes, Sydney Royal is leading the way, recognising the quality and innovation of these beverages in the industry.

➤ **Non-alcoholic spirits Class**

Inclusion of a non-alcoholic Class sets the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show apart by acknowledging the growing demand for sophisticated non-alcoholic distilled spirits drinks. This category provides a platform for Exhibitors to showcase their creativity and skill in crafting alcohol-free distilled spirits, catering to a diverse range of consumer preferences.



WHY ENTER A SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW?

The benefits of entering a Sydney Royal Show (“the Competition”) include:

- Rigorous score-based evaluation, allowing you to compare your product against industry benchmarks.
- Individual confidential product feedback on every Exhibit, provided by experienced Judges.
- Opportunity to win a prestigious Sydney Royal award, demonstrating that your product has achieved a high level of quality and positive recognition from industry peers.

Sydney Royal award winners are given opportunities such as:

- Access to the Sydney Royal Medal artwork for winning Exhibits. This artwork provides the winning Exhibitor with a distinct marketing advantage and can be used to enhance advertising, promotional material and packaging.
- Access to the marketing promotional kit to guide medal winners how to best make the most of their achievement.
- Listing on the online consumer guide, Australia’s Best Producers, that features medallists from the Sydney Royal Competitions, with the ability to tailor your listing and linking customers directly to your purchase facilities.
- Invaluable exposure to over 900 influential consumers and wine trade at the Sydney Royal Grape, Grain & Graze Festival.
- Opportunity to present and promote medal-winning products at the iconic Sydney Royal Easter Show, Australia’s largest ticketed event attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.
- Opportunity to be invited as an Exhibitor at Sydney Royal Talk & Taste at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, where you can talk and sell your medal-winning products directly to consumers.
- Opportunity to be handpicked by Sydney Showground to supply your medal-winning product at hundreds of events that happen on site throughout the year, including at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

President’s Medal

- Exhibitors of the top Exhibits will be invited to participate in the President’s Medal Competition. Since 2006, the President’s Medal has recognised excellence in Australian food and drink production with only the best of the best nominated to compete. Six Champion Exhibitors from the Wine, Beer & Cider, Cheese & Dairy Produce, Fine Food and Distilled Spirits Shows are selected to undergo a rigorous independent review of their business model to assess their social, economic and environmental impact both up and down-stream. It is this triple bottom line audit that makes the President’s Medal Award the most unique and prestigious in the country. For more information on the President’s Medal Competition visit our website <https://www.rasnsr.com.au/presidentsmedal>.

Past Winning Alumni of the President’s Medal are listed below in reverse date order.

President’s Medal	Winners’ Alumni
17 th	Pecora Dairy
16 th	Rice Culture
15 th	Shottesbrooke
14 th	Gumnut Patisserie
13 th	Meredith Dairy
12 th	Brasserie Bread
11 th	Cobram Estate
10 th	Pacific Reef Fisheries
9 th	Bulla Dairy Foods
8 th	Tahbilk Winery & Vineyard
7 th	Milly Hill Lamb
6 th	The Yalumba Wine Company
5 th	Holy Goat Cheese
4 th	Paringa Estate
3 rd	Country Valley
2 nd	Hardy Wine Company
1 st	Tathra Oysters



The best of the best

18TH ANNUAL RAS OF NSW PRESIDENT'S MEDAL



Pecora Dairy, Robertson NSW – Winner 17th Annual President's Medal

Australia's Premier Food & Beverage Award

The President's Medal is unique in that the Medal is not awarded solely on taste; it recognises a product's overall financial, social and environmental integrity through the entire production cycle from gate to plate.

It draws from Sydney Royal Champions from throughout the year, examines, and celebrates truly inspirational, innovative agricultural food and beverage achievers.

To find out more www.rasnsw.com.au/presidentsmedal



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

SUPPORTING THE AUSTRALIAN DISTILLED SPIRITS INDUSTRY

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) is a not-for-profit organisation that has been an influential force in the direction and development of Australian agriculture through competitions, education and events since its foundation in 1822. Today, through the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show, we are promoting and rewarding excellence in Australian distilling through several key initiatives.

Networks

The Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show is committed to attracting the very best professionals as Judges and Stewards, providing an excellent environment for networking and professional development to all participants, resulting in benefits for the industry at large.

Development of Judges

The judging panel for the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show is selected by Chair of Judges, Stuart Gregor and the RAS Wine/Distilled Spirits Committee and aims to include a combination of distillers, educators, marketers, retailers, journalists and expert amateurs of distilled spirits from across Australia.

All judges are encouraged to complete WSET Spirits Level 2 training or higher.

The RAS offers Associate Judge positions to a range of young industry professionals. For more information visit

<https://www.rasnw.com.au/competitions/food-beverage-and-produce/distilled-spirits/?currentTab=Judging-and-stewarding>

KEY INFORMATION

ENTRY FEE	\$145 (incl. GST) per Exhibit
APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY	To enter online, visit https://www.rasnw.com.au/distilled-spirits
INCORRECT AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY	A Correction Fee of up to \$50 may be charged by the RAS, at its discretion, for each Application for Entry which is incorrect or incomplete. If an Application for Entry is not rectified in accordance with RAS' requirements, the entry may not be accepted by the RAS.
CLOSING DATE OF ENTRY	Wednesday 22 May 2024
DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS	Exhibits are to be delivered in required quantities and with the appropriate identification labels supplied by the RAS from Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July 2024 between 7.30am and 3.30pm weekdays only. Exhibits must be delivered to Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park. Delivery details will be communicated to Exhibitors via email in Exhibitor Information Packs.
JUDGING DATES	Monday 2 September to Tuesday 3 September 2024. All judging is closed to Exhibitors and the general public.
PUBLICATION OF RESULTS	Online results listing scores for award winning Exhibits will be available for viewing at the conclusion of the Awards Presentation on Tuesday 17 September 2024 and can be found at https://www.rasnw.com.au/distilled-spirits . Results will not be released prior to this date. The Results Catalogue will be made available online as a PDF to all Exhibitors on Wednesday 18 September 2024; this will also contain scores of the medal-winning Exhibits and Judges' Class comments. Exhibitors will be posted a breakdown of their individual results, feedback per Exhibit, and applicable certificates in October 2024.
SOCIAL MEDIA	Follow us to stay up to date throughout the year! Facebook: @RASofNSW Twitter: @ras_nsw Instagram: @ras_nsw
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR STEWARDING AND JUDGING	If you are interested in becoming a Steward or Associate Judge, please complete the expression of interest form found at https://www.rasnw.com.au/competitions/food-beverage-and-produce/distilled-spirits/?currentTab=Expression-of-interest . Please note that all Judges have been selected for 2024 however, we encourage you to express your interest for 2025 by completing the expression of interest form.
CONTACT	Wine, Dairy & Fine Food Event Manager Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Locked Bag 4317, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127 Telephone (02) 9704 1199 distilledspirits@rasnw.com.au

EVENTS

AWARDS PRESENTATION	Tuesday 17 September 2024 An invitation will be extended to all Championship and Special Prize winning Exhibitors to attend this evening event, offering two (2) tickets per successful Exhibitor.
GRAPE, GRAIN & GRAZE FESTIVAL	Saturday 21 September 2024 This Wine, Beer & Cider and Distilled Spirits Festival, hosted by the RAS, will be held at Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park. It is a public event offering consumers the opportunity to taste all medal winning entries in the 2024 Sydney Royal Wine Show, as well as a selected range of products from the 2024 Sydney Royal Beer & Cider Show and the 2024 Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show, matched with grazing stations of delicious food and a line-up of live music. For more information on Grape, Grain & Graze Festival and to purchase tickets, visit https://www.rasnsw.com.au/events/grape-grain-graze/

COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

WINE COMMITTEE

Mr A Barnes (Chair)

Mr S Davies

Ms S Evans

Ms L Milan OAM

Mr S Walker

STEWARD-IN-CHIEF

Mr Angus Barnes

CHAIR OF JUDGES

Mr Stuart Gregor

Liquid Ideas, New South Wales

CONFIRMED JUDGES

Please note: The judging panel is subject to change and further Judges will be confirmed over the coming months.

Sarah Andrew	WSET	Victoria
Ally Ayres	Karu Distillery	New South Wales
Ross Blainey	William Grant and Sons	New South Wales
Tim Boast	Never Never Distilling Co	South Australia
Sam Bygrave	Boothby Media	New South Wales
Sebastian Costello	Australian Distillers Association	Victoria
Reece Griffiths	Agave Cartel & Solotel	New South Wales
Holly Klintworth	Bass & Flinders Distillery	Victoria
Patrick Maguire	Maguire and Co Bottlers & Distillers	Tasmania
Oliver Margan	Margan Family Wines	New South Wales
Simon McGoram	Atom Brands (UK)	New South Wales
Sarah Prowse	Four Pillars Distillery	Victoria
Kylie Sepos	Farmers Wife Distillery	New South Wales
Shanteh Wale	Self-employed	New South Wales
David Withers	Archie Rose Distilling Co	New South Wales

2024 SYDNEY ROYAL DISTILLED SPIRITS SHOW SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

A Condition of entering into the Competition is strict adherence to the following, collectively known as “the Regulations”.

- Conditions of Entry to Sydney Showground located at www.rasnsw.com.au
- RAS General Regulations
- All Special Regulations in this Schedule

The Application for Entry and the Regulations constitute the whole agreement upon which Entries are submitted and the Exhibitor agrees that all representations and statements not appearing on the Application for Entry or in the Regulations are excluded. The General Regulations apply to all sections of the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show (“the Show”). The Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show Special Regulations apply to this section only. Unless expressly stated in the Special Regulations, if there is any inconsistency between the General Regulations and these Special Regulations, the Distilled Spirits Show Special Regulations prevail. Copies of all Regulations are available from the administration office at the Showground. RAS General Regulations are available at www.rasnsw.com.au.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF PRODUCTS

All Exhibits must comply with the requirements of the Australian Food Standards Code for both product and packaging. In line with the Australian Taxation Office the Exhibitor must hold an Excise Manufacturer Licence. Exhibits not complying with these Regulations will be disqualified.

3. ORIGIN OF EXHIBIT

All Exhibits must be produced and manufactured in Australia and must be a minimum of 85% Australian origin. Each Exhibit must be the absolute property of the Exhibitor.

4. COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY

Exhibits must come from a commercially bottled run, fulfill the specified requirements for volume at the time of delivery and be intended for sale in Australia within twelve months following judging.

5. STOCK-HOLDING REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 100 bottles of 500mL volume (equivalent to 50L) are required to be held in finished bottled stock at time of delivery.

6. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No single Exhibit may be entered in more than one (1) Class.

Where an Exhibitor is permitted to enter more than one (1) Exhibit per Class, each Exhibit must be different and these differences are to be identified on the Application for Entry.

An Exhibit may not be entered in duplicate by more than one (1) Exhibitor. An Exhibit may be considered entered “in duplicate” if, in the opinion of the RAS:

- The Exhibit entered has the same or substantially similar Commercial or Brand Name, ingredients, or method or production as another, despite being produced by two or more separate Producers; or
- The Exhibitor implies to the end consumer that the Exhibit is the same product in any other way.

At the time of judging, if an Exhibit is determined to have been entered into the incorrect Class, the Exhibit may be disqualified without a refund of Entry Fee.

All Exhibitors must strictly comply with Auditing, Special Regulation 26. For an Exhibit to be eligible for judging, Exhibitors must ensure that all requirements as specified in the auditing Special Regulation are met. Exhibitors will risk the Exhibit being disqualified if requirements cannot be produced for auditing purposes.

7. COMMERCIAL TITLE

Exhibitors are required to detail the Commercial Titles of all Exhibits on the Application for Entry. Commercial Titles will be published in the Results Catalogue online and used for promotional material. Commercial Title includes, but is not limited to, the company name, the brand name and distilled spirits description, as it appears on the Exhibit’s primary commercial label.

The Commercial Title provided will be utilised in all Distilled Spirits Show publications during and after the judging. Medals and Awards are non-transferable and if an Exhibitor changes the name of a product, the scores, Medals and Awards may cease to apply. If an Exhibitor wishes to change the name of a product, the Exhibitor must contact the RAS to seek permission.

8. DEFINITION OF EXHIBITOR

An Exhibitor means a sole trader, partnership, company or body corporate, which in the opinion of the RAS:

- (a) Manufactures distilled spirits, RTD or non-alcoholic beverage; or
- (b) Has distilled spirits manufactured for them or it, for the purpose of sale by wholesale or by retail under the name or preferred business name of the Exhibitor as stated in the Application for Entry.

9. DEFINITION OF A PRODUCER

A Producer means the registered premises that manufactures the product entered in the Competition.

10. RECOGNITION

Both the Producer and the Exhibitor will be recognised in all official announcements of results by the RAS, including announcements of Class results and mentioned in the Results Catalogue.

11. CLASS TRANSFERS & WITHDRAWALS

It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to enter the Exhibit/s in the correct Class or be subject to disqualification without refund of Entry Fee.

The RAS may, at its discretion, without any liability and without the prior approval of the Exhibitor, disqualify or transfer an Exhibit into a different Class than that stated on the Application for Entry if in its opinion the Exhibit has been entered in the wrong Class.

All refunds of Entry Fees are at the discretion of the RAS. A full refund shall only be made if a withdrawal is submitted on Wednesday 22 May 2024 (Closing Day of Entry).

After this date, if an Exhibitor wishes to withdraw an Exhibit, the withdrawal must be submitted by 5pm Friday 12 July 2024. Only in special circumstances will a refund be considered at this point.

To submit a withdrawal for an Exhibit, Exhibitors must log into their online Competition entry system (My RAS) account and select the Class they wish to withdraw from and complete the withdrawal process.

Exhibit substitution will not be permitted after the Closing Day of Entry.

12. STOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGING

Exhibits that proceed to judging of major Championships can pass through multiple rounds of judging. To ensure sufficient samples are available the following quantity of product is required to be submitted to the RAS for the judging of each Exhibit. If incorrect sample quantities are received, the Exhibit may be disqualified.

Class	Quantity required for judging
Classes 1-31	Two (2) x 500mL bottles (or equivalent volume)
Bitters (Class 31)	Two (2) x 150mL bottles (or equivalent volume)
Ready to Drink (RTD) (Classes 32-39)	Twelve (12) x 250mL cans (or equivalent volume)
Non-Alcoholic Spirit (Class 40)	Two (2) x 500mL bottles or twelve (12) x 250mL cans (or equivalent volume)

Exhibits must have commercial labelling on the front and back of the sample. All samples for an Exhibit must be supplied from the same batch.

13. PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS

The RAS will provide Exhibitors with a digital Exhibitor Information Pack which will include the following:

- (a) Identification label sheets that contain the Exhibit Number, QR Code, Class Number. Identification labels should be printed as labels and firmly affixed to each Exhibit, and **placed above or beside the back commercial label**, so that the Exhibit's identifying information is intact and all commercial labels are visible.
- (b) Exhibitor Confirmation Advice. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to check the information on the Exhibitor Confirmation Advice is correct, and accurately reflects the Classes into which the Exhibits have been entered.
- (c) Courier and postal label instructions.
- (d) Map and delivery instructions.

It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that the correct identification labels are adhered to the correct Exhibit/s. Any Exhibit/s that are not labelled correctly are subject to disqualification without refund of entry. Should you need to make amendments to your Exhibitor Confirmation Advice, please contact the Wine, Dairy & Fine Food Events Manager.

14. DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS

Exhibits must be delivered to the Supervisor, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127. Delivery details will be supplied to Exhibitors closer to the delivery period. Exhibits must be properly marked with the RAS supplied identification label sheets and

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delivered from Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July 2024 between the hours of 7.30am and 3.30pm **weekdays only**. The RAS cannot be held responsible for any theft, loss, delay or damage during the transportation of entries.

15. JUDGING

All Judges are chosen on their industry knowledge and expertise, and come from a broad range of industry sectors, including but not limited to a combination of educators, distillers, marketers, retailers, journalists and expert amateurs of distilled spirits. Judging panels shall consist of one Panel Chair, two Senior Judges and up to two Associate Judges. The Chair of Judges oversees each panel and has the final power to arbitrate the awarding of points.

Within each Class all entries are allocated a Catalogue Number which is distinct from the Entry Number provided by the RAS.

Large Classes may be 'split' across a number of panels. Split Class judging is processed after each panel involved determines their 'top gold' from within their portion of the Class. The Panel Chairs will then re-convene with the Chair of Judges, re-taste in random order and determine the single top gold for that Class.

16. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

All Judges are required to complete a Conflict of Interest Declaration.

Judges are not permitted to enter the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show as Exhibitors, unless a conflict of interest is declared. If a Judge is permitted to enter as an Exhibitor by the Committee, the Exhibitor/Judge will not be permitted to judge that Exhibit and/or Class.

If a Judge identifies a working relationship with an external supplier, consultant or contractor who is affiliated with or performs a judging role at the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show within the 6 months prior to entry, this would constitute a conflict of interest.

Exhibitors are also obliged to inform the RAS if such a conflict exists. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest from a Judge or Exhibitor can result in disqualification of the Exhibit from the Competition.

17. JUDGING CRITERIA

All Distilled Spirits will be judged on the following criteria:

Judging Criteria	Points
Colour / Appearance	10
Aroma / Nose	20
Flavour / Palate	40
Balance	10
Finish	20
TOTAL	100

18. MEDAL AWARD LEVELS

Judging is conducted using the 100 point scoring system. Awards shall be determined by the Judges on the following point scale:

- Gold medal for outstanding Exhibits gaining 90pts and over.
- Silver medal for excellent Exhibits gaining 82pts but fewer than 90pts.
- Bronze medal for quality Exhibits gaining 74pts but fewer than 82pts.

The Judges may make Awards only on the basis of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and may at their absolute discretion decline to make an Award in any Class. In the case of multiple entries per Class, an Exhibitor may be awarded more than one Award in the same Class.

19. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL PRIZES

The full list of Championships and Special Prizes can be found in the Schedule following the Class listing.

Only Gold medal winning Exhibits will be eligible to receive a Championship or Special Prize. Championships or Special Prizes may be withheld in instances where the Exhibits are considered by the Judges to be unworthy of the Award.

20. OBLIGATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Following the judging, the RAS may host an Awards Presentation, during which a selection of Award-winning Distilled Spirits are available for consumption. Successful Champion Award-winning Exhibitors are required to supply the following quantities of Award-winning Distilled Spirits by a date agreed on by the Exhibitor and the RAS. The supply of products will enable such winning products to gain exposure by being featured at the event, which may be attended by trade, sponsors, Exhibitors and Judges.

	Champion Exhibit
Classes 1-31	4 x 500mL bottles (or equivalent volume)
Bitters (Class 31)	4 x 150mL bottles (or equivalent volume)
Ready to Drink (RTD) (Classes 32-39)	24 x 250mL cans (or equivalent volume)
Non-Alcoholic Spirit (Class 40)	4 x 500mL bottles or 24 x 250mL cans (or equivalent volume)

Any Exhibitor who is unable to supply the Champion-winning Distilled Spirits will forfeit their Award.

Please note:

If your Exhibit is selected to be highlighted at any Sponsor Event or at the President's Medal Dinner, we would appreciate being able to purchase additional quantities at cost price.

21. MEDAL ARTWORK

Medal and Champion-winning Exhibitors will be able to download their artwork from the 'My RAS' account after the results are released. This kit will contain Sydney Royal Award artwork, permission to use the trademark licence, regulations and guidelines of the artwork usage, as well as recommendations for marketing the Award won. Exhibitors will also receive a certificate denoting the Award won in the weeks following the conclusion of the Competition.

The use of the Award artwork is subject to the Trademark Terms & Conditions in accordance with the RAS General Regulations Rule 189.

The RAS agrees to grant the Show medal-winning Exhibitor a non-transferable Trademark licence to use the medal artwork. Should the Exhibitor wish to sell (other than by retail) the product which received an Award, the RAS must receive written notification from the Exhibitor detailing the buyer's full particulars as soon as the sale has taken place. Approval is at the discretion of the RAS.

Medal-winning Exhibitors must refer to the Award being won at the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show, not the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

In respect of any medal or special Award won for any Exhibit in this Section, an Exhibitor shall not advertise or allow to be advertised by any means whatsoever and in particular whether by broadcasting, pictorially or in writing, the fact of such medal or special prize unless such advertising shows clearly:

- (a) the name of the medal;
- (b) the year of the medal;
- (c) the medal or special prize won;
- (d) in the case of a special prize the full text of the conditions, if referred to therein, applicable to such prize.

An Exhibitor making improper use of medals or special Awards won in the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show for advertising purposes may be subject to disqualification from further Shows conducted by the RAS.

22. PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

The President's Medal is one of the most prestigious food and beverage awards in Australia. It promotes and rewards Champion Australian Exhibitors that meet the highest levels of social, environmental and commercial integrity.

Exhibitors of Champion products from the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show will be invited to participate in the President's Medal Competition. Champion Exhibits from across the Sydney Royal Wine Show, Sydney Royal Fine Food, Sydney Royal Cheese & Dairy Produce and Sydney Royal Beer & Cider Shows are also invited to participate.

Exhibitors that become finalists will be required to provide adequate product quantities for purchase by the RAS for consumption and service at the President's Medal Award Night. Exhibitors will also be required to provide content, such as a business logo and images and quotes which will be used for marketing and promotional activities as prescribed by the RAS.

For more information on the President's Medal please visit <https://www.rasnsw.com.au/presidentsmedal>

23. EXCESS JUDGING STOCK

Please refer to Special Regulation 12 for information about stock required for judging. Please note all Exhibits become the property of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) once delivered. Excess stock may be used for promotional purposes including (but not limited to) VIP and media tastings, presentations, Exhibitor and trade tastings, consumer events, education and displays.

The RAS conducts an annual sale, and using a portion of excess distilled spirits show stock, to benefit the industry. Sale proceeds will fund Industry Scholarships, Grants and other initiatives. Sale proceeds will not become part of the Distilled Spirits Show working capital nor benefit the RAS.

For more information on the Scholarships & Grants please visit <https://www.rasnsw.com.au/foundation/>

Exhibitors will be given the opportunity to opt-out of participating in this initiative during the Application for Entry.

24. MISREPRESENTATION

- (a) Exhibitors must not misrepresent the Exhibit(s) or make improper use of the Exhibit(s). Should the Exhibitor be deemed to be misrepresenting the Exhibit(s) by the RAS, the Exhibitor may be subject to disqualification from further Shows conducted by the RAS;
- (b) Any Exhibitor falsifying their attainment of the product may be disqualified from further Shows conducted by the RAS;
- (c) The RAS reserves the right to take infringement action against the Exhibitor; and
- (d) The RAS reserves the right to report the misuse or misrepresentation to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and/or Office of Fair Trading for further action.

25. PROTESTS & DISQUALIFICATIONS

Each Exhibitor shall accept the Judges' decision on the merits of the respective Exhibits. A protest may be provided to the RAS in writing within seven (7) calendar days of the announcement of the Awards by the Exhibitor with an Exhibit in the Class to which a protest relates. Notification of protest must be made to the Wine, Dairy & Fine Food Events Manager at distilledspirits@rasnsw.com.au

Should the RAS deem that the Exhibit does not meet the requirements of the Schedule, the Exhibit may be disqualified without a refund of Entry Fee. An Exhibitor who in the opinion of the RAS breaches any of these Regulations may be disqualified by the RAS from exhibiting at any of its future Shows.

An Application for Entry received from an Applicant who has been disqualified from Exhibition by the RAS shall not be accepted during the period of such disqualification. Should any such application be accepted, it shall, when discovered, be deemed void and the Entry Fee, Exhibit and any Award made to such Applicant shall be forfeited to the RAS. Where an Exhibit or an Exhibitor is disqualified and their prize is forfeited, the RAS may (but is not obliged to) promote the Exhibit next in order to that prize.

26. AUDITING

- (a) The RAS may appoint any person (an 'Auditor') to undertake random pre-judging and post-judging audits relating to any Exhibit entered into the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show.
- (b) An Exhibitor must co-operate with and do all things reasonably required by an Auditor in connection with any Audit and adhere to arrangements that have been made between the RAS and the Exhibitor.
- (c) The Exhibitor must keep on file, maintain and extract of such records as are required to demonstrate the truth and accuracy of all information stated in the Exhibitor's Application for Entry.
- (d) Each Exhibitor hereby consents to an Auditor, in the conduct of an Audit, to enter, with reasonable notice, the Exhibitor's premises as nominated and inspect all product, books, electronic and hard copy records thereon, or to request relevant documentation electronically for the purpose of verifying the authenticity of any information stated in the Exhibitor's Application for Entry.
- (e) An Exhibitor undergoing a distilled spirits Audit must permit the Auditor to take from the Exhibitor's premises up to two (2) samples (at no extra charge) taken at random from the stock on hand of any Exhibit for comparison with the original Exhibit.
- (f) The RAS may also obtain retail samples sourced from the marketplace to compare with the original Exhibit. A random sample of all entries will be targeted for this type of audit in 2024.
- (g) The RAS reserves the right to audit Exhibits within twelve (12) months following the Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show.

If the Exhibitor fails to comply with these provisions, or as a result of the Audit, any discrepancy is disclosed, or a sample taken is not identical with the original Exhibit, the RAS may:

- (a) cancel any Award won by the Exhibitor;
- (b) disqualify the Exhibitor from further Exhibition for such period as the RAS considers appropriate;
- (c) publish to such persons, as the RAS considers appropriate, the fact of any such cancellation and/or disqualification in respect of the Exhibit and the Exhibitor.

The RAS may publish in any medium the results of any such inspection or analysis. Neither the Exhibitor nor any other Person shall have any claim against the RAS or against any Councillor, member, employee, agent or representative in respect of any matter published as contemplated by paragraph (c) of this Special Regulation 26.

27. POWER TO CANCEL OR ALTER

The RAS may, without assigning a reason:

- (a) Alter the Closing Date of Entry for the Competition;
- (b) Remove any Exhibit from Sydney Showground or cause any Exhibit to be removed from Sydney Showground;
- (c) Alter the conditions of the Competition, including but not exclusive to the judging conditions and process followed;
- (d) Rule that an Exhibit or Exhibitor may not compete or is ineligible to compete;
- (e) Alter the date, time or place on or at which the judging or Awards Presentation is scheduled to take place;
- (f) Alter a Judge scheduled to Judge the Event.

Notification of change will be listed on <https://www.rasnsw.com.au/distilled-spirits>

Whilst every effort will be made to release results on the date indicated, the RAS reserves the right to:

- (a) Defer announcing results until the Chair of Judges' report is finalised;
- (b) Cancel the Event

The rights set out above apply notwithstanding:

- (a) The RAS' acceptance of an entry;
- (b) Inclusion of an entry in the Results Catalogue;
- (c) The issue of any other document.

28. WORKPLACE SURVEILLANCE ACT

RAS operates surveillance cameras from Sydney Showground Security and these are located in and around facilities requiring security monitoring for the safety or security of individuals or property. RAS also has access to Sydney Olympic Park security cameras and vice versa. Please note that security camera monitoring is continuous and ongoing and it is deemed that a person, by entering the Showground, consents to this photographing, filming or taping. RAS strictly complies with the Workplace Surveillance Act 2005.

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CLASS LISTING

GIN

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
1	Gin – Classic	London Dry, cannot be coloured or artificial. Juniper must be the predominate botanical. Minimum 37% ABV.
2	Gin – Contemporary	Aromatic, use of botanicals to be more dominant than juniper. Minimum 37% ABV.
3	Gin – Old Tom	Sweeter and predominantly juniper to replicate 'Old Tom' style. Minimum 37% ABV.
4	Gin – Navy	Must identify style on Application for Entry. Minimum 57% ABV.
5	Gin – Barrel Aged	Matured in cask or wooden cask. Minimum 37% ABV.
6	Gin – Fruit	Must be Australian grown fruit. Fruit and wine/grapes permitted. Minimum 37% ABV.
7	Gin – Other	Gin not eligible in any other Gin Class. Must identify style on Application for Entry. Minimum 37% ABV.

VODKA

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
8	Vodka – Classic	Unflavoured and neutral in style.
9	Vodka – Flavour Distilled	Flavoured in the distillation process.
10	Vodka – Flavour Infused	Flavoured after the distillation process
11	Vodka – Other	Vodka not other eligible in any other Vodka Class. Must identify style on Application for Entry.

WHISKY

Matured in wooden casks for a minimum of two years.

Sweeteners and flavouring not permitted.

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
12	Whisky – Single Malt	Produced from 100% malted barley. Must be the product of a single distillery.
13	Whisky – Blended	Produced from a combination of malt and/or grain.
14	Whisky – Cask Strength	Minimum 55% ABV.
15	Whisky – Grain	Made predominantly from grains other than malted barley.
16	Whisky – Other	Whisky not eligible in any other Whisky Class. Must identify style on Application for Entry.

CANE SPIRIT

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
17	Cane Spirit	Distilled from cane sugar or molasses.
18	Cane Spirit – Spiced	Less than two years in maturation wooden cask or unaged.

RUM

Matured in wooden casks for a minimum of two years.

Distilled from sugar cane or molasses.

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
19	Rum – White	Clear from colour.
20	Rum – Overproof	General definition of dark rum. Minimum 50% ABV.
21	Rum – Underproof	General definition of dark rum. Maximum 49.9% ABV.
22	Rum – Spiced	General definition of spiced rum.

BRANDY

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
23	Brandy	Minimum age of two years.

LIQUEUR

Minimum 15% ABV.

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
24	Liqueur – Fruit	Must be Australian grown fruit.
25	Liqueur – Cream	Must be Australian dairy cream.
26	Liqueur – Coffee	Dominance of coffee in overall product.
27	Liqueur – Rum	Rum base.
28	Liqueur – Gin	Gin base.
29	Liqueur – Whisky	Whisky base.
30	Liqueur – Other	Liqueur not eligible in any other Liqueur Class e.g. Amaro. Must identify style on Application for Entry.

ALTERNATIVE SPIRIT

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
31	Alternative Spirit	Any distilled spirit that is not eligible for any other Class e.g. agave, schnapps, absinthe, bitters, vermouth, unaged whisky. The base spirit must be Australian and distilled in Australia. Must identify style on Application for Entry.

READY TO DRINK (RTD)

Must have a spirit base and mixer.

Spirit base must be produced and distilled in Australia.

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
32	Ready to Drink – Gin	
33	Ready to Drink – Vodka	
34	Ready to Drink – Whisky	
35	Ready to Drink – Cane Spirit	
36	Ready to Drink – Rum	
37	Ready to Drink – Brandy	
38	Ready to Drink – Liqueur	
39	Ready to Drink – Other	Ready to Drink not eligible in any other Ready to Drink Class. Includes Ready to Drink Exhibits containing multiple spirits.

NON-ALCOHOLIC SPIRIT

Class No.	Class Description	Special Requirements
40	Non-Alcoholic Spirit	Exhibit must be distilled and marketed as a non-alcoholic distilled spirit. Maximum 0.5% ABV. Regardless of style, non-alcoholic distilled spirits Exhibits are to be entered in this Class only.

CHAMPIONSHIPS, TROPHIES AND SPECIAL PRIZES

Champion Traditional Gin

Eligible Class: 1

Champion Contemporary Gin

Eligible Class: 2

Champion Other Gin

Eligible Classes: 3-7

Champion Vodka

Eligible Classes: 8-11

Champion Single Malt Whisky

Eligible Class: 12

Champion Grain or Blend Whisky

Eligible Classes: 13-16

Champion Cane Spirit or Rum

Eligible Classes: 17-22

The JJ McWilliam Memorial Perpetual Trophy for Best Brandy

Eligible Class: 23

Champion Liqueur

Eligible Classes: 24-30

Champion Alternative Spirit

Eligible Class: 31

Champion Ready to Drink

Eligible Classes: 32-39

Champion Non-Alcoholic Spirit

Eligible Class: 40

The Chair of Judges Annual Prize

This Annual Prize is supported by the RAS of NSW. Awarded to the Exhibit that impressed the Chair of Judges the most that did not get an award elsewhere.

Best NSW Distilled Spirit

Eligible Classes: 1-39

Best Distilled Spirit of Show

Winners of the following Champions and Trophies are eligible: Traditional Gin, Contemporary Gin, Other Gin, Vodka, Single Malt Whisky, Grain or Blend Whisky, Cane Spirit or Rum, The JJ McWilliam Memorial Perpetual Trophy for Best Brandy, Liqueur, Alternative Spirit, Ready to Drink.



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