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TOKYO WHISKY & SPIRITS COMPETITION 2020

▼ About the competition

With refined palate, profound knowledge and devotion of Japanese industry experts, the goal of this TOKYO WHISKY & SPIRITS COMPETITION is to select, award and promote the world's finest whisky and spirits of all.

TOKYO WHISKY & SPIRITS COMPETITION (TWSC) is the very first worldwide whisky and spirits competition to be held in Japan. We got 527 entries from all over the world at TWSC2019. Of these, 271 items were awarded.

Recently, whisky and liquors are attracting more attention than ever. Especially from 2016 to 2017, nearly 20 distilleries have appeared across the country and it is said to be the "Dawn of the Japanese craft distilleries." This phenomenon is not unique to Japan as the trend of craft distilleries started from Scotland and is now expanding not only to Ireland, Europe, America, Canada, but also to Taiwan, India and other Asian countries as well.

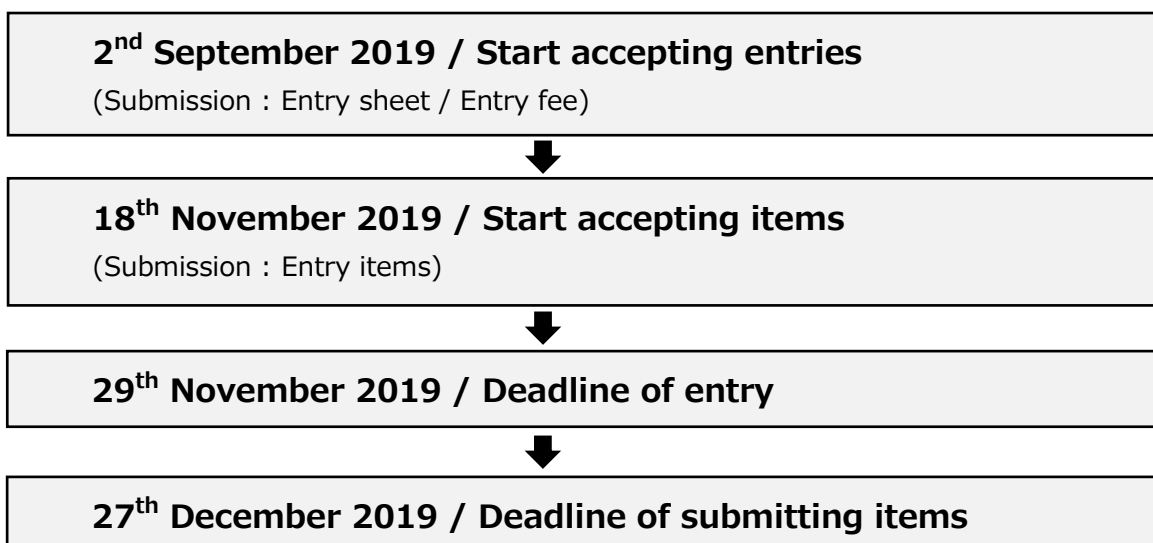
In Japan you can taste all the various whisky and spirits imported from around the world. We also make our own high-quality Japanese whisky and spirits which have won numerous awards in the competitions held in Britain or the United States. "Japanese whisky" and "Japanese spirits" is now recognized as one significant category.

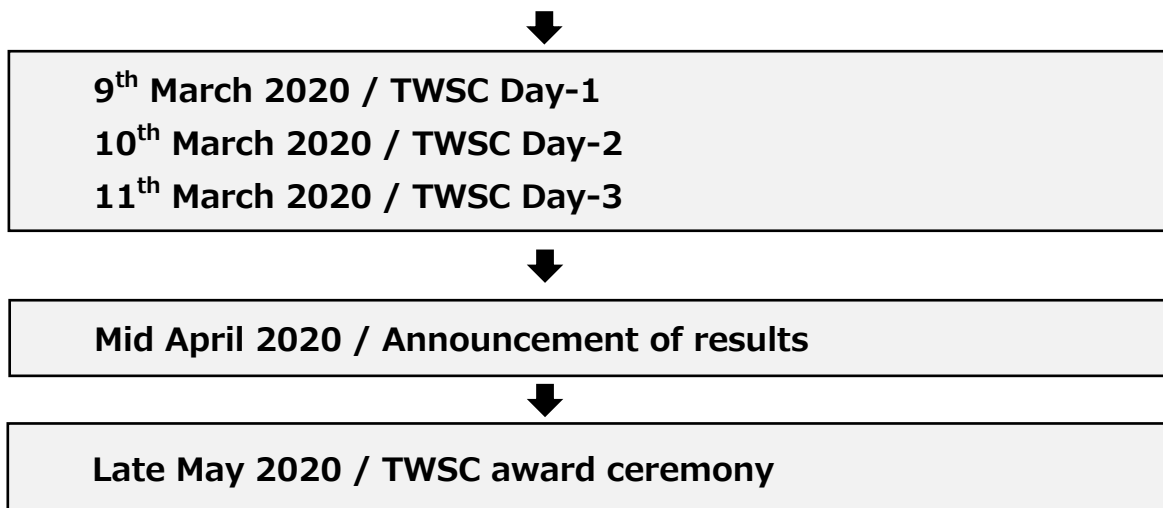
▼ Overview

■Date	9th of March, 2020 (Monday)	12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	10th of March, 2020 (Tuesday)	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
	11th of March, 2020 (Wednesday)	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
■Venue	EBiS 303 Event Hall Ebisu Subaru Building 3rd floor, 1-20-8, Ebisu, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, 150-0013, Japan (4-minute walk from JR Ebisu Station)	
■Organizer	Tokyo Whisky & Spirits Competition Executive Committee	
■Chairman of the executive committee	Mamoru Tsuchiya / Japan Whisky Research Centre CEO, Whisky Writer, Whisky journalist	
■Member of the executive committee (As of August 2019)	•Seiichi Koshimizu / Chief Blender Emeritus of Suntory Spirits Limited •Ken Hayakawa / Former chief blender of Fuji Gotemba Distillery •Hiroshi Shibuya / Lawyer & Judicial scrivener •Yasuyuki Nakai / Miniature bottle collector •Takako Maki / BAISOKU Corporation. CEO •Ikuma Hayashi / Japan Tequila Association Chairman •Shinobu Ebisawa / R.U.M Japan Chairman •Masayuki Itonaga / Japan SpaceWeather Association Director •Akiko Tomoda / Women's association for Japanese SAKE & WINE lovers Chairman	

- Rumiko Honma / Fermier S.A. CEO
 - Takeshi Nose / Editor, Concept Blue Inc. CEO
 - Sanae Hirata / Potluck International Co., Ltd. CEO
 - Kunihiro Harada / Japan Whisky Research Centre Member
 - Rintaro Umenai / Traveledata Ltd. CEO
 - Zen Shirane / Photographer, Carnival critic
- Judges About 200 judges in total.
The judges consist of experts who are involved in the whisky and spirits industry in Japan including bar owners, bartenders, makers, retailers, importers and journalists.
- Winners receive Extensive coverage on TWSC official website
International, regional and national coverage targeting whisky consumers and trade buyers
- Operation Japan Whisky Research Centre
<http://scotchclub.org/>
- Support (As of August 2019) Japan Tequila Association
R.U.M Japan
Japan Vodka Association
Association Japonaise de Cognac
Women's association for Japanese SAKE & WINE lovers
Japan Spirits & Liquors Makers Association
Japan Wine and Spirits Importers' Association
U.S. Agricultural Trade Office, American Embassy
Welsh Government Japan Representative Office
Embassy of Canada
Embassy of the Republic of Armenia
Department for Agriculture, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Embassy of Ireland
Embassy of Jamaica
Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office
Scottish Development International
- HP <http://www.tokyowhiskyspiritscompetition.jp/>

▼ Schedules





▼ How to entry

Please download the entry sheet from the official website, complete all the forms and submit it by e-mail. After submitting the sheet, with the payment, the entry procedure will be completed.

1. Download the entry sheet (Excel data) from the official website.
2. Please fill out the entry sheet, and send it by e-mail. (twsc@scotchclub.org)
Entry period: From 2nd September 2019 to 29th November 2019
4. We will send you an invoice by e-mail within 5 business days.
5. Please make the payment of the entry fee within two weeks.
Bank transfer fee and the shipping cost is not included in the amount below.
Please burden this at your expense.

ENTRY FEE

1 to 5 entries : ¥ 25,000 + 10% tax for one item 【US \$ 253/€228】

6 to 10 entries : ¥ 23,750 + 10% tax for one item 【US \$ 240/€217】

More than 11 entries : ¥ 22,500 + 10% tax for one item 【US \$ 227/€205】

(US dollars and Euro are based on the exchange rate of 31st July 2019)

6. Please send all the entry items.
Bottle submission period : From 18th November 2019 to 27th December 2019
Required number of each item : 2 bottles (in the case 700ml or 750ml), 3 bottles (in the case 500ml), 6 bottles (in the case 200ml)

*Please send bottles to below address without outer box or can.

Shipping Addresses

Japan Whisky Research Centre
2nd Floor, Hasebe Bldg. #10,
5-23-6 Hiro-o, Shibuya-ku,
Tokyo, 150-0012, JAPAN

When you ship the items, please ensure that all customs, customs clearance and any associated costs have been paid. If these are not completed, we cannot accept your entry or will charge you for all costs incurred.

▼ Entry categories

The following categories are current as of August 2019. This category is subject to change.
(As of August 2019)

No	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
1	Scotch Whisky	Single Malt	Official	No Age Statement
2	Scotch Whisky	Single Malt	Official	12 years and under
3	Scotch Whisky	Single Malt	Official	between 13 and 20 years
4	Scotch Whisky	Single Malt	Official	between 21 and 30 years
5	Scotch Whisky	Single Malt	Official	31 years and over
6	Scotch Whisky	Single Malt	Independent ※	12 years and under
7	Scotch Whisky	Single Malt	Independent ※	between 13 and 20 years
8	Scotch Whisky	Single Malt	Independent ※	21 years and over
9	Scotch Whisky	Blended Malt		No Age Statement
10	Scotch Whisky	Blended Malt		15 years and under
11	Scotch Whisky	Blended Malt		between 16 and 30 years
12	Scotch Whisky	Blended Malt		31 years and over
13	Scotch Whisky	Single Grain	Official	
14	Scotch Whisky	Single Grain	Independent ※	
15	Scotch Whisky	Blended Grain		
16	Scotch Whisky	Blended		No Age Statement
17	Scotch Whisky	Blended		12 years and under
18	Scotch Whisky	Blended		between 13 and 20 years
19	Scotch Whisky	Blended		between 21 and 30 years
20	Scotch Whisky	Blended		31 years and over
21	Japanese Whisky	Single Malt	Official	No Age Statement
22	Japanese Whisky	Single Malt	Official	12 years and under
23	Japanese Whisky	Single Malt	Official	between 13 and 20 years
24	Japanese Whisky	Single Malt	Official	between 21 and 30 years
25	Japanese Whisky	Single Malt	Official	31 years and over
26	Japanese Whisky	Single Malt	Independent ※	No Age Statement
27	Japanese Whisky	Single Malt	Independent ※	15 years and under
28	Japanese Whisky	Single Malt	Independent ※	16 years and over
29	Japanese Whisky	Blended Malt		
30	Japanese Whisky	Single Grain		
31	Japanese Whisky	Blended Grain		
32	Japanese Whisky	Blended		No Age Statement
33	Japanese Whisky	Blended		12 years and under
34	Japanese Whisky	Blended		between 13 and 20 years
35	Japanese Whisky	Blended		between 21 and 30 years
36	Japanese Whisky	Blended		31 years and over

No	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
37	Japanese Newmake Whisky			
38	Japan Made Whisky	Blended Malt		
39	Japan Made Whisky	Blended Grain		
40	Japan Made Whisky	Blended		
41	Irish Whiskey	Pot Still	Official	
42	Irish Whiskey	Pot Still	Independent ※	
43	Irish Whiskey	Single Malt	Official	No Age Statement
44	Irish Whiskey	Single Malt	Official	12 years and under
45	Irish Whiskey	Single Malt	Official	between 13 and 20 years
46	Irish Whiskey	Single Malt	Official	21 years and over
47	Irish Whiskey	Single Malt	Independent ※	
48	Irish Whiskey	Grain		
49	Irish Whiskey	Blended	Official	No Age Statement
50	Irish Whiskey	Blended	Official	Age Statement
51	Irish Whiskey	Blended	Independent ※	No Age Statement
52	Irish Whiskey	Blended	Independent ※	Age Statement
53	American Whiskey	Bourbon		No Age Statement
54	American Whiskey	Bourbon		12 years and under
55	American Whiskey	Bourbon		13 years and over
56	American Whiskey	Tennessee		No Age Statement
57	American Whiskey	Tennessee		12 years and under
58	American Whiskey	Tennessee		13 years and over
59	American Whiskey	Rye		No Age Statement
60	American Whiskey	Rye		12 years and under
61	American Whiskey	Rye		13 years and over
62	American Whiskey	Wheat		
63	American Whiskey	Malt (Single Malt)		
64	American Whiskey	Blended		
65	American Whiskey	Other		
66	Canadian Whisky	Blended		No Age Statement
67	Canadian Whisky	Blended		Age Statement
68	Canadian Whisky	Single Malt	Official	No Age Statement
69	Canadian Whisky	Single Malt	Official	Age Statement
70	Canadian Whisky	Single Malt	Independent ※	
71	World Whisky	Single Malt		No Age Statement
72	World Whisky	Single Malt		12 years and under
73	World Whisky	Single Malt		between 13 and 20 years

No	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
74	World Whisky	Single Malt		21 years and over
75	World Whisky	Blended		No Age Statement
76	World Whisky	Blended		15 years and under
77	World Whisky	Blended		16 years and over
78	Cognac			VS
79	Cognac			VSOP
80	Cognac			XO
81	Cognac			between 2 and 9 years
82	Cognac			between 10 and 19 years
83	Cognac			between 20 and 29 years
84	Armagnac			30 years and over
85	Armagnac			VS
86	Armagnac			VSOP
87	Armagnac			XO
88	Armagnac			between 2 and 9 years
89	Armagnac			between 10 and 19 years
90	Armagnac			between 20 and 29 years
91	Armagnac			30 years and over
92	Calvados			
93	Brandy	Grapes		
94	Brandy	Other fruit		
95	Rum	White	Traditional	
96	Rum	White	Agricole, etc. ✖	
97	Rum	Gold	Traditional	
98	Rum	Gold	Agricole, etc. ✖	
99	Rum	Dark	Standard	
100	Rum	Dark • Aged	Traditional	between 3 and 8 years
101	Rum	Dark • Aged	Agricole, etc. ✖	between 3 and 8 years
102	Rum	Dark • Aged	Traditional	between 9 and 15 years
103	Rum	Dark • Aged	Agricole, etc. ✖	between 9 and 15 years
104	Rum	Dark • Aged	Traditional	16 years and over
105	Rum	Dark • Aged	Agricole, etc. ✖	16 years and over
106	Rum	Dark • Aged	Solera	
107	Rum	Independent ✖		
108	Rum	Limited		
109	Rum	Flavored , Spiced		
110	Tequila	100%Agave	Blanco	
111	Tequila	100%Agave	Reposado	

No	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
112	Tequila	100%Agave	Anejo	
113	Tequila	100%Agave	Extra Anejo	
114	Tequila	100%Agave	Clear Anejo	
115	Tequila		Blanco	
116	Tequila		Reposado	
117	Tequila	Other Agave Spirits		
118	Gin	England, Wales		
119	Gin	Scotland		
120	Gin	Ireland		
121	Gin	Europe		
122	Gin	Japanese		
123	Gin	Asia		
124	Gin	North, Central and South America		
125	Gin	Oceania		
126	Gin	Africa		
127	Gin	Other (Old Tom , Sloe)		
128	Vodka	Pure Vodka(Standard)		
129	Vodka	Flavored Vodka, Colored Vodka		
130	Other spirits			

※ Notices

"Independent" refers to

1,the bottle which is originally bottled by Independent bottlers who purchases whisky or spirits from distilleries.

2,the private bottle which is not in the official products lineup.

"Agricole,etc." refers to rum which is made from 100% sugar cane juice or Hi test molasses or brown sugar (Not including molasses).

▼ Notice

- Once the entry is completed, you cannot cancel it. Also the entry fees are not refundable.
- In principle, if the competition is cancelled due to natural disaster we cannot refund the entry fees nor return the entry items.
- If the same item is submitted by more than one applicant, the entry fee cannot be refunded. In that case, the results are announced to all applicants.
- If the entry category is unknown or the applied category considered different than the actual product, the organizer will select or reselect the category.
- For the picture of the awarded item, the photo taken by the organizer will be used.
- If the entry items are broken during the delivery. We will ask you to resend the items.

▼ Contact us

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