2024 MALAYSIA BREWERS CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

WBrC 2024 Rule	MBrC National Adoption	Other Information
1. Conditions of Participation		
1.1 Organisation The World Brewers Cup Championship (WBrC) is a program of World Coffee Events, LTD (WCE). **1.2 Rights** All intellectual property related to the World Brewers Cup Championship, including these Official Rules and Regulations and the format of the competition, are the property of World Coffee Events, LTD. No part of this document may be used or reproduced without the expressed permission of World Coffee Events, LTD. **1.3.4 Nationality** **A**. Competitors must hold a valid passport from the place they represent or documentation substantiating 24 months of residency, employment or scholastic	**1.1 Organisation** The Malaysia Brewers Cup Championship (MBrC) is a program of Malaysia Speciality Coffee Association (MSCA). **1.2 Rights** All intellectual property related to the Malaysia Brewers Cup Championship, including these Official Rules and Regulations and the format of the competition, are the property of MSCA. No part of this document may be used or reproduced without the expressed permission of MSCA. **1.3.4 Nationality** **A.** The Malaysia Brewers Cup Championship (MBrC) is open to Malaysia citizens, aged 18 years and above. All competitors must be Malaysia	

enrolment, some portion of which must have been within 12 months preceding the qualifying Competition Body competition. **1.4 Conflicts of Interest** **1.4.1. Judging** **A**. Competitors may not judge in any sanctioned WBrC competition (world, Competition Body, regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's WBrC Event. Judges may not compete in any sanctioned WBrC competition (world, Competition Body or regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's WBrC Event. **B.** WBrC judges must not coach and judge at a WBrC event. If a registered judge has coached or provided feedback to any competitor in any capacity (either as the primary coach, supporting coach, or consultant) they must declare that conflict of interest prior to the event and during calibration. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest may result in the disqualification of the competitor. Once the competition event has begun or judges have started their calibration	permanent residents, residing and working in Malaysia at least **Twenty-Four (24)** months. Competitors must hold a MALAYSIAN passport with valid documentation substantiating 24 months of residency, employment, or scholastic enrolment. **1.4 Conflicts of Interest** **1.4.1. Judging** **A**. Competitors may not judge in any sanctioned national MBrC competition in their own country, prior to the conclusion of that year's national MBrC Event. Judges may not compete in any sanctioned national MBrC competition (world, Competition Body or regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's national MBrC Event. **B.** MBrC judges must not coach and judge at a MBrC event. If a registered judge has coached or provided feedback to any competitor in any capacity (either as the primary coach, supporting coach, or consultant) they must declare that conflict of interest prior to the event and during calibration. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest may result in the	**** Added for clarity. No formal differences to current practice.**

(whichever is earlier), no communication or consultation in any form can take place between judges and competitors for the duration of the competition. Failure to comply during the event will result in the disqualification of the competitor and the removal of the judge from judging the competition. **1.4.2 Calibration Baristas** **A**. Competitors who participate as a calibration barista in a judge calibration for this competition are not eligible to compete in a sanctioned event until the completion of the competition year. This applies to both Competition Body WCE Sanctioned events as well as the World Competition. **1.5 Other Conflicts of Interest** WCE encourages any potential conflicts of interest to be declared at the soonest opportunity, certainly prior to the commencement of any competition by competitor, judge and/or event organizer. Failure to declare a potential conflict in advance of a sanctioned event could result in disqualification from events for an individual, or WCE removing endorsement for an event and its results	disqualification of the competitor. Once the competition event has begun or judges have started their calibration (whichever is earlier), no communication or consultation in any form can take place between judges and competitors for the duration of the competition. Failure to comply during the event will result in the disqualification of the competitor and the removal of the judge from judging the competition. **1.4.2 Calibration Baristas** **A**. Competitors who participate as a calibration barista in the judge calibration or judge workshop for this competition are not eligible to compete in a sanctioned event until the completion of the competition year. This applies to both Competition Body WCE Sanctioned events as well as the World Competition. **1.5 Other Conflicts of Interest** MSCA encourages any potential conflicts of interest to be declared at the soonest opportunity, certainly prior to the commencement of any competition by competitor, judge and/or event organizer. Failure to declare a potential conflict in advance of a sanctioned event could	

that do not follow these guidelines. Questions regarding conflicts of interest, or clarification of the above policy should be directed to **info@worldcoffeeevents.org** **1.5 Enforcement of Rules and Regulations** The WBrC will employ these Rules & Regulations throughout the competition. If a competitor violates 1 or more of these Rules & Regulations, they may be automatically disqualified from the competition, except when the Rules designate a specific enforcement or consequence. If a judge or competition organizer causes the violation of one or more of these Rules, a competitor may submit an appeal, according to the process detailed in the "Appeals at the World Brewers Cup Championship" or "Appeals at a Competition Body Event" sections. **1.8.3 Competitor Questions** All competitors are personally responsible for reading and understanding current WBrC Rules & Regulations and score sheets, without exception. All WBrC documents are	result in disqualification from events for an individual, or MBrC removing endorsement for and event and its results that do not follow these guidelines. Questions regarding conflicts of interest, or clarification of the above policy should be directed to **secretariat@msca.org.my** **1.5 Enforcement of Rules and Regulations** The MBrC will employ these Rules and Regulations throughout the competition. If a competitor violates one or more of these rules and regulations, they may be automatically disqualified from the competition, except when the rules designate a specific enforcement or consequence. If a judge or competition organizer causes the violation of one or more of these rules, a competitor may submit an appeal, according to the process detailed in the section "Competitor Protest and Appeals". **1.8.3 Competitor Questions** All competitors are responsible for comprehensive knowledge of the current MBrC Rules & Regulations and	

available on the www.worldbrewerscup.org. Competitors are encouraged to ask questions prior to arriving at the WBrC. If any competitor is unclear as to the intent of any of the rules and regulations it is their responsibility to clarify that position with the Rules & Regulations Committee prior to the WBrC by contacting compinfo@worldcoffeeevents.org. Competitors will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the official Competitors Meeting held prior to the start of the competition. **1.8.4 Terms and Conditions** Competitors and the World Brewers Cup Champion are visible spokespeople of the World Brewers Cup Championship event and role models of the specialty coffee industry, and as such must: **A**. Permit World Coffee Events Ltd., its stakeholders, agents and representatives to use the competitor's name, image or likeness in any format without charge for any business purpose, including but not limited to marketing promotion.	scoresheets, without exception. All MBrC documents are available on www.msca.org.my. Competitors are encouraged to ask questions prior to arriving at the MBrC. If any competitor is unclear as to the intent of any of the rules and regulations it is their responsibility to clarify that position with MSCA by contacting secretariat@msca.org.my. Competitors will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the official Competitors Meeting held prior to the start of the competition. **1.8.4 Terms and Conditions** Competitors and the Brewers Cup Championship Champion are visible spokespeople of the Malaysia Brewers Cup Championship event and role models of the specialty coffee industry, and as such must: **A**. Permit Malaysia Specialty Coffee Association (MSCA), its stakeholders, agents, and representatives to use the competitor's name, image, or likeness in any format without charge for any business purpose, including but not limited to marketing promotion.	

B.Read and abide by the Competitor Code of Conduct document found on the WBrC website. **C**. Read and abide by the Champion Code of Conduct document found on the WBrC website.	**B**. Read and abide by the Competitor Code of Conduct document found on the MBrC website. **C**. Read and abide by the Champion Code of Conduct document found on the MBrC website.	
2. Competition Summary		
The competition is divided into 3 rounds: Round One, Semi-Finals, and Finals Round. **A.** Round One consists of 1 component called “Open Service.” The Semi-Final Round consists of 1 component called “Compulsory Service.” The Finals Round consists of 1 Open Service presentation per competitor.	The competition is divided into **3 rounds**: Round One, Semi-Finals, and Finals Round. **A.** Round One consists of 1 component called “Open Service.” The Semi-Final Round consists of 2 components called “Compulsory Service” and “Open Service”. The Finals Round consists of 1 Open Service presentation per competitor. **(** any changes to the arrangement, competitors will be notified accordingly)**	**Preliminary Round** to be held at Penang. (11th-12th January 2023) **Semi-Final and Final** to be held at KLCC Convention Centre. (23-25 May 2023)

3. Standards and Definitions		
3.2 Compulsory Service **C.** Competitors in the Compulsory Service will all use the same whole-bean coffee, the same grinder and water, and the same standardized service vessels as provided by the Brewers Cup competition. One 350g bag of the whole-bean coffee will be provided right before each competitor's official practice time.	**3.2 Compulsory Service** **C.** Competitors in the Compulsory Service will all use the same whole-bean coffee, the same grinder and water, and the same standardized service vessels as provided by the Brewers Cup competition. One 250g bag of the whole-bean coffee will be provided during competitors briefing and another 250g bag right before each competitor on the competition day **(** any changes to the arrangement, competitors will be notified accordingly.)**	**Official Sponsor:** **Official Grinder:** Mazzer ZM Plus by Classic Fine Foods Malaysia **Official Coffee Bean:** TBC **Official Brewing Equipment:** Hario Flow 02 by Tri-up Coffee **Official Brewing Kettle:** Timemore Fish Pro (900ml) **Official Water Boiler:** Marco Ecoboiler T5 by Dankoff Coffee Specialist **Official Water Filtration System**: BRITA by Forest Cloud

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7. Round One Competition (which then known as Preliminary Round) 8. Semi- Finals Round 9. Finals Round		
7.1 Summary **A**. In Round One competitors will present coffee in Open Service.	**7.1 Summary** **A**. In Round One competitors will present coffee in Open Service.	
8.1 Summary **A.** The Semi-Finals Round consists of the top 12 scoring competitors from Round One. **B.** In the Semi-Finals round, the competitors will present coffee via Compulsory Service.	**8.1 Summary** **A.** The Semi-Finals Round consists of the top 12 scoring competitors from Round One. **B.** In the Semi-Finals round, the competitors will present coffee via Compulsory Service and Open Service.	****Preliminary Scores will NOT be carried over into Semi-Finals.** **** Semi-Finals Scores will be carried over to the Finals round.**
9.1 Summary The Final Round consists of the top 6 scoring competitors from the Semi-Final round presenting Open Service presentations to 3 judges. The Compulsory Service scores from semi-finals will be carried over to the Finals round.	**9.1 Summary** The Final Round consists of the top 6 scoring competitors from the Semi-Final round presenting Open Service presentations to 3 judges. The Compulsory Service scores from semi-finals will be carried over to the Finals round.	

6. Competitor Instructions Prior to Preparation Time		
6.1. Competitor Orientation Meeting Prior to the start of the World Brewers Cup, a Competitor Orientation Meeting will take place, either online or in person. This meeting is mandatory for all competitors. During this meeting the stage manager will make announcements, explain the competition flow, cover the competition schedule, and share images of the stage and backstage areas. This will be an opportunity for competitors to ask questions and/or voice concerns to the stage manager and/or presiding head judge. If a competitor has not made advance plans with the WCE event organizer and does not attend the orientation meeting, they are subject to disqualification by the presiding head judges. **6.2. Interpreters** Competitors may bring their own interpreter. When speaking to the competitor the interpreter is only allowed to translate what the emcee or head judge has said. When a competitor	**6.1. Competitor Orientation Meeting** Prior to the start of the Malaysia Brewers Cup Championship, a Competitor Orientation Meeting will take place, either online or in person. This meeting is mandatory for all competitors. During this meeting the stage manager or respective person in charge will make announcements, explain the competition flow, cover the competition schedule, and share images of the stage and backstage areas. This will be an opportunity for competitors to ask questions and/or voice concerns to the stage manager and/or presiding head judge. If a competitor has not made advance plans with the MSCA event organizer and does not attend the orientation meeting, they are subject to disqualification by the presiding head judges. **6.2. Interpreters** Competitors may bring their own interpreter. When speaking to the competitor the interpreter is only allowed to translate what the emcee or head	

speaks, the interpreter is only allowed to translate exactly what the competitor has said. No additional competition time will be allotted with the use of an interpreter. It is the competitor and coach's responsibility to read the Interpreters best practice document that is available from the WBrC website. **6.3. Preparation Practice Room** There will be a staging area designated as the competitors' preparation/practice room. This area will be reserved for the competitors, coaches, volunteers and any WBrC officials. WBrC judges, press/media, competitor's family members and supporters may not be present in this area without consent from the WCE event organizer. WCE preparation/practice room access will be restricted to the competitor, 1 coach, and 1 helper/interpreter, unless otherwise communicated by the stage manager. Competitors will be able to store their equipment, accessories, ingredients, etc. in this room at their own risk. This room will also include a dishwashing station for competitors to use to wash glass and brewing devices. Competitors are responsible for cleaning their own dishes	judge has said. When a competitor speaks, the interpreter is only allowed to translate exactly what the competitor has said. No additional competition time will be allotted with the use of an interpreter. It is the competitor and coach's responsibility to read the Interpreters best practice document that is available from the MSCA website. **6.3. Preparation Practice Room** There will be a staging area designated as the competitors' preparation/practice room. This area will be reserved for the competitors, coaches, volunteers and any MBrC officials. MBrC judges, press/media, competitor's family members and supporters may not be present in this area without consent from the MSCA event organizer. MSCA preparation/practice room access will be restricted to the competitor, 1 coach/helper, and 1 interpreter. Competitors will be able to store their equipment, accessories, ingredients, etc. in this room at their own risk. This room will also include a dishwashing station for competitors to use to wash glass and brewing devices. Competitors are responsible for cleaning their own dishes	**** One competitor is allowed to assist by one coach or one helper, with addition of 1 interpreter if it's necessary.**

and glassware and keeping track of these items. Runners and event staff are not responsible for breakage or loss of dishes or competitor items.	and glassware and keeping track of these items. Runners and event staff are not responsible for breakage or loss of dishes or competitor items.	
6.4.1. Provided Compulsory Service Coffee Right before each competitor's official practice time starts, each competitor will receive a 350g bag of the Compulsory Service coffee for practice and competition time. See "Standards and Definitions" for more about the provided coffee.	**6.4.1. Provided Compulsory Service Coffee** Right before each competitor's official practice time starts, each competitor will receive a 250g bag of the Compulsory Service coffee for practice and competition time. See "Standards and Definitions" for more about the provided coffee. **(** any changes to the arrangement, competitors will be notified)**	
6.4.2. Brewers Cup Practice Time Competitors will be able to practice brewing with the provided coffee and their own coffee during their scheduled competition day. The WCE event manager will provide details of the Practice Time during the Competitors' Orientation Meeting.	**6.4.2. Brewers Cup Practice Time** Competitors will be able to practice brewing with the provided coffee and their own coffee during their scheduled competition day. The MSCA event manager will provide details of the Practice Time during the Competitors' Orientation Meeting.	

8. Semi-Finals Round		
8.2. Compulsory Service **8.2.1. Practice/Setup Time** Practice/setup time for the Compulsory Service will be scheduled following 1 of the following options: A. Option 1: Competitors will have 38 minutes of practice/setup time. At the end of the 38 minutes, the timekeeper will start the competition time. There will not be a break in between practice and competition time. Competitors should be prepared to immediately start their competition time at the end of practice time. Competitors are not allowed to have assistance from coaches, helpers, or any other individuals during Compulsory Service practice time. B. Option 2: A practice time will be scheduled prior to the setup time. Competitors will then have 8 minutes to setup their station and prepare all relevant items for the Competition Time. Electrical equipment may be setup and plugged in prior to the start of Setup Time but may not be energized (turned on) until Setup Time begins. When Setup	**8.2. Compulsory Service** **8.2.1. Practice/Setup Time** A practice time will be scheduled prior to the setup time. Competitors will have 38 minutes of practice/setup time. At the end of the 38 minutes, the timekeeper will start the competition time. There will not be a break in between practice and competition time. Competitors should be prepared to immediately start their competition time at the end of practice time. Competitors are not allowed to have assistance from coaches, helpers, or any other individuals during Compulsory Service practice time. The scheduled option for Compulsory Service will be communicated to competitors prior to the competition.	****MBrC 2024's Semi-Finals (Compulsory Service) will opt for Option 1.**

Time concludes the competitor must cease all active preparation and manipulation of items on the Machine Table and the Competitor Table that will be involved in the coffee service until the Competition Time begins. Competitors may not be holding in their hands anything involved in the coffee service after the Setup Time concludes, with the one exception of a timer. Competitors should account for the fact that the time between the end of Setup Time and beginning of Competition Time may and shall vary in this scheduling second option. The scheduled option for Compulsory Service will be communicated to competitors prior to the competition.		
18. Appeals at the WBrC/MBrC Championship		
<u>20.1 Judge Related Issues</u> Most scorekeeping questions will be answered during competitor debrief. If a competitor objects to the scores given by one or more judges, the competitor can meet with their head judge during the	**<u>20.1 Judge Related Issues</u>** Most scorekeeping questions will be answered during competitor debrief. If a competitor objects to the scores given by one or more judges, the competitor can meet with their head judge during the	

competitor debriefing to explain their protest. If the head judge is unavailable, the competitor may discuss with the Judge Operations Lead onsite. If the issue is not solved, the competitor may protest in writing to WCE (see Appeals below). This will be reviewed by judge leadership and the WCE Competition Operations Committee. They will make a decision on-site and a representative of the WCE Competition Operations Committee will inform the competitor of the decision. If in the unlikely event that the head judge or any other WBrC personnel discovers or suspects potential dishonest behavior by a WBrC judge during a competitor's evaluation, then the following will apply: • The head judge will request the return of all applicable score sheets from the official score keeper. • The head judge will meet with the WBrC judge(s), WCE Staff, and WCE Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) to evaluate the situation. • The WCE Staff and WCE Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) will then rule	competitor debriefing to explain their protest. If the head judge is unavailable, the competitor may discuss with the Judge Operations Lead onsite. If the issue is not solved, the competitor may protest in writing to MSCA (see Appeals below). This will be reviewed by judge leadership and the MSCA Competition Operations Committee. They will make a decision on-site and a representative of the MSCA Competition Operations Committee / WCE Representative will inform the competitor of the decision. If in the unlikely event that the head judge or any other MBrC personnel discovers or suspects potential dishonest behavior by a MBrC judge during a competitor's evaluation, then the following will apply: • The head judge will request the return of all applicable score sheets from the official score keeper. • The head judge will meet with the MBrC judge(s), MSCA Staff, Volunteer (if applicable) and MSCA Competition Operation Committee Chair(s) to evaluate the situation. • The MSCA Staff and MSCA Competition Operation Committee	

upon the matter in a closed meeting. • If the matter of dishonesty is extensive, the WCE Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) has the power to rule that the WBrC judge will be excluded from judging in any future WBrC sanctioned competitions.	Chair(s) will then rule upon the matter in a closed meeting. • If the matter of dishonesty is extensive, MSCA Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) has the power to rule that the MBrC judge will be excluded from judging in any future MBrC sanctioned competitions.	
20.2 Competitor Related Issues If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding the WBrC during the competition, the competitor should contact the WBrC event organizer. The event organizer will then determine whether the issue can be resolved on-site at the WBrC, or whether the issue will require a written appeal following the WBrC. If the WBrC event organizer decides that the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site at the WBrC, the WBrC event organizer will contact the involved party or parties to ensure fair representation. The competitor's issue and/or protest will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the WBrC event	**20.2 Competitor Related Issues** If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding the MBrC during the competition, the competitor should contact the MBrC event organizer. The event organizer will then determine whether the issue can be resolved on-site at the MBrC, or whether the issue will require a written appeal following the MBrC. If the MBrC event organizer decides that the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site at the MBrC, the MBrC event organizer will contact the involved party or parties to ensure fair representation. The competitor's issue and/or protest will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the MBrC event	

organizer and the designated onsite representative of the WCE Judge Operations Lead. The WBrC event organizer will inform the competitor of the decision. **<u>20.3 Appeals</u>** If a person does not agree with a decision, they may appeal the decision in writing to the WCE Competition Operations Committee. All decisions made by the committee are final. The appeal letter must include the following: • Name • Date • A clear and concise statement of the complaint • Date and time references (if applicable) • Comments and suggested solution • Party/Parties involved • Contact information Any written protests/appeals omitting this information will not be considered. All	organizer and the designated onsite representative of the WCE Judge Operations Lead. The MBrC event organizer will inform the competitor of the decision. **<u>20.3 Appeals</u>** If a person does not agree with a decision, they may appeal the decision in writing to the MSCA Competition Operations Committee. All decisions made by the committee are final. The appeal letter must include the following: • Name • Date • A clear and concise statement of the complaint • Date and time references (if applicable) • Comments and suggested solution • Party/Parties involved • Contact information Any written protests/appeals omitting this information will not be considered. All	

persons must submit their written complaint or appeal to the WBrC event manager via email to info@worldcoffeeevents.org within 24 hours of the incident. **20.4 Appeals Reviewed by the Competition Strategic Committee** The WCE Competition Strategic Committee will review written complaints or appeals and endeavor to respond as soon as possible. Please note that the final resolution will be delivered within 30 days of receipt. The WCE Competition Strategic Committee will contact the person in writing via email with final rulings.	persons must submit their written complaint or appeal to the Malaysia Specialty Coffee Association (MSCA) via email to secretariat@msca.org.my within **24 hours of the incident.** **20.4 Appeals Reviewed by MSCA Committee** The MSCA Committee will review written complaints or appeals and endeavor to respond as soon as possible. Please note that the final resolution will be delivered within 30 days of receipt. The MSCA Committee will contact the person in writing via email with final rulings.	