# World **Coffee** Events



## **Event Hosting Guidelines**

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#### **About World Coffee Events**

World Coffee Events (WCE) is a company founded that was founded by the Speciality Coffee Association of Europe (SCAE) and the Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA), who have now unified to become the Specialty Coffee Association. WCE is a management group whose mission is to develop events that engage the specialty coffee community and promote coffee excellence. WCE currently manages these events:

World Barista Championship (www.worldbaristachampionship.org)
World Cup Tasters Championship (www.worldcuptasters.org)

World Latte Art Championship (www.worldlatteart.org)

World Coffee in Good Spirits Championship (www.worldcoffeeingoodspirits.org)

World Brewers Cup (www.worldbrewerscup.org)

World Coffee Roasting Championship (www.worldcoffeeroasting.org)

Cezve/Ibrik Championship (www.ibrikchampionship.org)

These events often take place in conjunction with the annual conference and exhibitions that are hosted by the SCA. However each year, there is the possibility that some of these events may be available to be hosted by a third party.

WCE is managed by a Managing Director who oversees the development and production of these events and year-round activities. The organizational structure involves an Advisory Board, committees, and subcommittees.

#### Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Advisory Board of World Coffee Events invites proposals for the 2018:

World Cup Tasters Championship

World Latte Art Championship

World Coffee in Good Spirits Championship

World Brewers Cup

World Coffee Roasting Championship

Cezve/Ibrik Championship

#### And 2019:

World Barista Championship

World Cup Tasters Championship

World Brewers Cup

World Coffee Roasting Championship

Cezve/Ibrik Championship

Interested parties should submit a proposal indicating they can meet the specific financial and logistical requirements outlined in this document. Please submit proposals according to the details in the Submission section of this document.

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#### The World Latte Art Championship

The World Latte Art Championship highlights artistic expression in a competition platform that challenges the barista in an on-demand performance. Classic milk and espresso drinks are topped with designs of the barista's creation, with emphasis on taste, replication and creativity.

This event is a multi-day competition that involves competitors, judges, and volunteers from countries around the world. The audience will experience how visual presentation can be an interesting part of specialty coffee. This competition rewards baristas who are skilled in presenting visually appealing beverages in a fun and exciting live performance.

#### **Event Structure**

The competition takes place over 3 or 4 days and is organized into a preliminary round, a semi-final round and a final round. One competitor from each country competes in the preliminary round. The top-scoring (12) twelve competitors will compete in the semi-final round. Then, the top-scoring (6) six competitors will compete in the final round. The person with the highest scores will become the next World Latte Art Champion. (Please note that this is only a summary description of the event and that detailed structure and rules for this competition are set forth in and controlled by the Official Rules and Regulations.)

## Floor Layout

The WLAC event can be produced with a variety of floor plan layouts, provided they include these main areas: Workshop (Judges Calibration) Area, Stage and seating area, Scorekeeping room, Office and Storage, Judges Area, Competitors Practice Area, Preparation Area and Clean Up area, Art Bar/Espresso Bar, Merchandise Stand, and Brew Bar. Each of these areas must be provided at no cost to the WCE in the hosting proposal.

- The Workshop Area can be built either on the floor or provided as a separate area in the facility. I will need to include a room that will hold up to 50 people in a classroom style arrangement with tables and chairs, a projector and room for at least 4 practice stations, and at least two additional deliberation rooms (minimum 9 square meters each). This area will need to be available at least 2 full days before the start of the event and will not be used during the competition (see details in the Event Schedule section).
- The Stage and seating Area is approximately 360 square meters, designed with a barrier from the seating area. The audience seating around the stage area should include a minimum of 300 seats.
- The Scorekeeping room, Office and storage area combined should be a minimum of 36 square meters and positioned directly behind or adjacent to the Stage Area.
- The Judges Area should be a minimum of 32 square meters with room for tables and chairs, and divided into at least two deliberation rooms and one judge lounge.
- The Competitor Practice Area, Preparation Area and Clean Up area are to be built next to each other directly behind the Stage Area. The total area should be large enough to place one table for each competitor, 2 large wash stations and 4 practice stations identical to the stage set-up (an approximate minimum of 312 square meters).
- The Art Bar/Espresso Bar space is approximately 48 square meters.
- The Merchandise Stand needs to be a minimum of 12 square meters. The venue must allow the sale of commemorative WCE branded items in the facility.
- The Brew Bar is approximately 9m x 9m

The total floor plan should also include room for any special areas for live media coverage, internet, audio/visual stations and/or related activity areas that might be designed for the event, and designated space for WCE event sponsors.

#### **Event Schedule**

The preliminary event schedule depicts when each area will need to be complete, and the activities that will need to be conducted every day.

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#### - 3-day event case:

Area	Preparation day 1	Preparation day 2	Preparation day 3	Show day 1	Show day 2	Show day 3
Workshop area	Build complete by 12pm	Judges Calibration, day 1	Judges Calibration, day 2	-	-	-
Stage and seating area	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	Competitor practice	Competition: preliminary round	Competition: semi-final round	Competition: final-round
Scorekeeping, office and storage rooms	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	Competitor practice	Competition: preliminary round	Competition: semi-final round	Competition: final-round
Judges room	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	Competitor practice	Competition: preliminary round	Competition: semi-final round	Competition: final-round
Competitor practice, preparation and clean up areas	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	Competitor practice	Competition: preliminary round	Competition: semi-final round	Competition: final-round
Art Bar/Espresso Bar	Build	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	Competition: preliminary round & Espresso bar open	Espresso bar open	Espresso bar open
Merchandise Stand	Build	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	Merchandise stand open	Merchandise stand open	Merchandise stand open
Brew Bar	Build	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	Brew bar open	Brew bar open	Brew bar open

## **Facilities/Utilities**

The facilities should include water/drain and power in all areas, as listed in the Event Supply List and Facility Memos. The facility must have access to wired high-speed internet connections at a minimum of 18Mbps for internet coverage. All these utilities need to be provided by the host, at no cost to the WCE.

## Water and Milk

The venue must allow the use of sponsored water, water filtration and milk to be brought in for the event. If a surcharge is required then the host must cover the fees.

#### Build

The host is responsible for planning the designated areas described under "Floor Layout." All walls, tables, chairs, furnishings, and services are to be provided by the host, as described in the Event Supply List and Facilities Memos. WCE will review and approve all such production elements for final approval. WCE may hire and/or pay for any extra needed support in the case of any additional space, extra production, or build features that are not described in the Event Supply List or Facilities Memos by 2 months prior to the event date.

#### Audio / Visual

An Audio/Visual crew selected and hired by WCE will have exclusive access to produce live video footage and sound for the duration of the competition. WCE will own all rights to any intellectual property from the event, including recordings and broadcast of the live footage.

#### **Sponsorship**

The host and WCE will work closely to plan the sponsorship recognition areas of the trade show, as well as online promotions, to avoid conflicts or confusion with event sponsorships and the recognition areas for the event sponsors. The host will not have any right or responsibility to sell sponsorships for WCE. WCE will maintain all rights to manage all sponsorships, recognition, and signage related to the areas identified in the "Floor Layout" or related to the competition brand. The host will only be responsible for the sponsorship pertaining to its trade show.

#### Themes and Signage

WCE will design an artistic theme for the event and carry out some direct promotions leading up to the event. WCE will design and approve the main artwork for the event stage signage. The host will cover the costs of printing, rigging, hanging and any special placement of these signs on the exterior and interior of the facility and around areas of event activity as directed by WCE. WCE must approve any

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designs or text produced by or for the host that relate to the event theme or mention the event.

#### **Additional Resources**

WCE will require access to the facility two days prior to the start of the competition for production build, workshops, or meetings. The facility should be ready for these activities and equipped with the items as required on the Event Supply List and Facility Memos, and as described in the Event Schedule section. The host will be required to provide staff to set-up, break down, and clean the area on a daily and asneeded basis. WCE may also require an additional 1-2 rooms for meetings and/or reasonable additional floor space for specific event features. The final layout to be determined a minimum of 6 months prior to the event date.

#### **Date and Location**

The WCE event can be held in conjunction with a coffee or food industry related conference or exhibition. The event should take place between April and November. The event should be located in an official exhibition center or major venue site within the host city.

#### **Public Access & Attendance Fees**

The host's trade show must be open and free to all event competitors, coaches, judges, and volunteers, and the staff of WCE. Free public access into the WCE event is highly recommended.

## **Online Registration**

WCE highly recommends an online registration system for the host trade show. Any registration system should accommodate both advance and on-site registration. WCE also requires access to complimentary passes to give at our discretion (approximately 250 passes).

## **Host City Profile**

The host city should be a major metropolitan city with an international airport (with major airlines) no more than 100 miles from the event site. The host city and surrounding areas should include areas of interest to the event attendees. Public transportation should be readily available as well as lodging within reasonable proximity to the event. A minimum of 3 mid-range service business hotels with capacity greater than 150 rooms each should be situated at no more than 5 miles from the event site.

## **Planning Schedule**

WCE will require a minimum of two (2) in-person, planning meetings that may involve on-site reviews of the event facility. The meetings should be scheduled at approximately 8 months, and 2 months prior to the event. The host will reimburse the airfare and lodging expenses of up to 3 WCE representatives to the host city for the planning meetings (up to 4 days, or total 12 hotel room nights). WCE requires the host to provide an event-planning document, including a timeline, to be submitted with the host bid proposal.

#### Staff Support

WCE will require all event production vendors or contractors to be confirmed no later than 6 months prior to the event date. WCE requires the host to provide a support team to liaise with WCE for the duration of the event planning process. Staff should be available to manage the host's event website, and a contact person should be provided to answer questions related directly to the host's event (exhibitor information, transportation, registration, etc). The host must also provide a minimum of 5 volunteer staff dedicated to specific daily roles to assist the competition for the duration of the event.

## Lodging

The host city should have a variety of lodging options for the event. The host should provide a housing agent service for the event (free of charge), or allow WCE to contract a housing agent directly. The host will coordinate promotion of the event hotels on the host's website. WCE will need an allocation of 24 rooms, paid for by the host, for use by WCE designated guests. The main WCE hotel should be 3-star or more and have access to free high-speed wireless internet. The duration of the guest stays may vary but a maximum of 144 room nights will be paid by the host.

#### **Transportation**

Daily shuttles may need to be provided by the Host from the event hotels to the event, for all the event attendees. The shuttle schedules should coordinate with WCE scheduled activities. Parking and public transportation should be easily accessible to all attendees.

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#### **Promotion of the Conference**

The Host event should be promoted by press releases, social media, fliers, and other marketing materials, leading up to the event. All marketing materials should reflect WCE's participation in the event and are subject to prior written approval by WCE.

#### **Financial Contribution**

The host should be prepared financially to support the facility requirements and build-out of the WCE stage area, rooms, and supplies and all other areas detailed in this document. A more complete breakdown of responsibility can be budgeted according to the WCE Supply List and Facility Memos. The host should be prepared to offer tax-filing support to WCE, when applicable.

## Insurance & Licensing

The Host is responsible to secure and pay for all liability insurance as required by WCE for the event and music or other licensing rights for any activities during the event.

#### **Review Process**

The WCE Advisory Board will review all the submissions for hosting the 2018 World Latte Art Championship Event. Submissions will be reviewed in consideration of the host's experience with conferences and exhibitions and ability to meet the requirements in this document. The host city will be considered for its areas of attraction, receptiveness for the event, and benefit to WCE's global representation and outreach.

#### **Submissions**

All submissions should be sent as PDF documents. The deadline for proposals is June 1, 2017. Please make sure the submissions include the following:

Name of Main Contact
Name of Conference
Executive Summary on the Conference
Proposed Location and Venue
Benefits of partnering with Host Conference
Information and Benefits of Host City
Proposed Budget
Financial Statements
Proposal for Planning Schedule

Please send submissions to proposals@worldcoffeeevents.org before the deadline date.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Please note this competition hosting can be paired with other competitions also managed by WCE. Some terms or requirements can be shared in the case of multiple competitions in one location. Please contact proposals@worldcoffeeevents.org for any inquiries.