

WCE Judges Training FAQ Sheet:

WCE is interested in facilitating and promoting judge training opportunities at all levels. The following information helps answer the most common questions:

Q: What is an N-B-W?

A: A National Body Workshop (NBW) is the judge training and calibration that takes place prior to a National Competition (not including Regionals). An NBW is taught onsite by a WCE Rep and their time is considered volunteer (no fee). The NB must cover travel, lodging and meal expenses for the WCE Rep who is there to oversee the competition and lead the NBW.

Q: Can NBWs happen at other times?

A: No, the NBW is exclusive to the National Competition.

Q: Does completing an NBW mean I am a Nationally Certified Judge?

A: No. WCE only formally and officially recognizes World-Level Judge Certifications. Although National Bodies can implement their own National Judge Recognition system, WCE Reps cannot officially conduct National Judge Certifications. Further, an NBW is not formally considered a National Judge Certification. This allows National Bodies the freedom to set their own recognition criterion.

Q: What if I want to host a judges training opportunity (workshop), aside from the NBW?

A: There are a few options:

Option #1: Independently contract an instructor. Contractors can set their own rates. WCE official materials are **not** authorized for use, and this is not recognized as an event supported by WCE.

Q: Can I contract a WCE Rep?

A: Yes. However, they will not function as a WCE Rep, and they can set their own rate for their time.

Option #2: Host a WCEP

Q: What does W-C-E-P stand for?

A: It is the World Competitions Educational Program (WCEP)

Q: What is it?

A: The WCEP was developed by World Coffee Events to provide competition training, in regards to understanding competition from a judging perspective. Instructional modules cover Rules & Regulations, score sheets, judges' stage behavior, and focus on the competencies required of a world-level judge, that are tested in WCE's Judge Certification. Taking the WCEP can help in learning judging skills, understanding how competitions are scored, and improving overall competition knowledge.

Each competition has its own set of WCEP classes that are modular in design.

The WCEP is licensed exclusively to SCAA and SCAE, who help coordinate these events, and set up registration.

Q: Do I need to contact SCAA or SCAE?

A: Yes! SCAE, SCAA, or WCE is happy to guide you through the initial process. The benefit of hosting an official WCEP is that the material has been prepared by WCE in order to prepare judges to participate at the national and world level. In addition, the program counts as 1-year of the 2-year NB judging experience, which is a requirement before taking Judge Certification Test to try to qualify to be a WCE Judge.

Q: What is the cost?

A: The WCEP pricing is determined by SCAA and SCAE.

Q: What are the benefits of hosting a WCEP?

A:

- Program is open to ALL interested parties (competitors, judges, etc)
- Program goes deep into learning and practicing skills and competencies required of an official judge
- In-depth review of the current competition rules and regulations and score sheets
- Program can be tailored to the competition needs of attendees
- Program counts as one year of the 2-year NB judging experience, which is required to be eligible to take the Judge Certification Test in order to qualify as a WCE Judge.

Q: What modules are available:

A:

UNIVERSAL MODULES: These modules are applicable to multiple competitions and teach universal skills. (Please note that classroom times are doubled, if a translator is required).

UNV C1 Deliberation	60-90 minutes	Classroom only
UNV D1 Barista Debriefing	60-90 minutes	Classroom only
UNV T1 Scoresheet— Technical Judge	45 minutes	Classroom only
UNV T2 Stage Behavior— Technical Judge	2 ½ hours	Baristas & competition stations

TOTAL UNV MODULES:

6 hrs 25 min

WBC (Sensory) MODULES

WBC S1 Scoresheet	45 min	Classroom only
WBC S2 Stage Behavior	2 ½ hours	Barista & competition stations

WBC S3 Sensory Skills Application	3 hours	Baristas & competition stations
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TOTAL WBC (SENSORY MODULES):
6 hrs 30 min

WLAC V1 Visual Scoresheet & Stage Behavior	2 ½ hours	Classroom only
WLAC V2 Visual Calibration	2 ½ hours	Classroom only

TOTAL WLAC MODULES:
5 hrs

WBrC S1 Stage Behavior	2 hours	Baristas & Competition Stations
WBrC S2 Scoresheet & Calibration	3 hours	Baristas & Competition Stations

TOTAL WBrC MODULES:
5 hrs

Q: I am interested in hosting a WCEP. I would like more information. Who can I contact?

A: Contact info@worldcoffeeevents.org