

World **Coffee** Events



World Cup Tasters Championship

Event Hosting Guidelines

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About World Coffee Events

World Coffee Events (WCE) is a company founded by the Speciality Coffee Association of Europe (SCAE) and the Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA), now merged into one global association recognized as the Specialty Coffee Association (SCA). The WCE is an event production organization 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 sub-committees.

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.

World Cup Tasters Championship

World Cup Tasters Championship (WCTC) awards the professional coffee cupper who demonstrates speed, skill, and accuracy in distinguishing the taste differences in specialty coffees. This event is a multi-day competition that involves competitors and volunteers from countries/regions around the world. The annual championship is live-streamed to a global audience online.

Event Structure

Coffees of the world have many distinct taste characteristics and in this competition format the objective is for the cupper to discriminate between the different coffees. Three cups are placed in a triangle, with 2 cups being identical coffees and one cup being a different coffee. Using skills of smell, taste, attention and experience, the cupper will identify the odd cup in the triangle as quickly as they can. A total of 8 triangles are placed in each round. The top 8 competitors with the most correct answers and the fastest time proceed to the next Semi-Finals round. Then the top 4 will compete again in the Finals round to determine the next World Cup Tasters 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 WCTC event area involves a stage with four competition stations, grandstands or large audience seating and competition support areas. Each year the layout may vary depending on the venue location. The overall approximate area needed is 600 square meters.

General minimum requirements are:

- Stage Area is approximately 20 x 10 meters (not counting the grandstand seating), designed with a barrier from the seating area.
- Seating size and configuration may vary by location. A minimum of 200 seats is required.
- Brewing Preparation Room is approximately 4m x 10m or large enough to hold 10 brewing counters and prep tables and chairs, and a clean-up area that has 2 large wash stations, all positioned directly behind the Stage.
- Office and storage area combined is approximately 9 square meters and positioned behind or adjacent to the Stage Area.
- Merchandise Store is approximately 6m x 3m. The venue must allow the sale of commemorative WCE branded items in the facility.
- WCE Bar or Demo Area 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 or media.

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.

- 3-day event case:

Area	Preparation day 1	Preparation day 2	Show day 1	Show day 2	Show day 3
Stage area	Build complete by 12pm	Equipment installation and triangulation	Competition: preliminary round	Competition: quarter final round	Competition: semi-final round & final round
Seating area	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation and triangulation	Competition: preliminary round	Competition: quarter final round	Competition: semi-final round & final round
Brewing preparation room	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation and triangulation	Competition: preliminary round	Competition: quarter final round	Competition: semi-final round & final round
Office and	Build complete	Equipment	Competition:	Competition:	Competition:

storage area	by EOD	installation and triangulation	preliminary round	quarter final round	semi-final round & final round
Merchandise Store	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	Merchandise stand open	Merchandise stand open	Merchandise stand open
WCE Bar or Demo Area	Build complete by EOD	Equipment installation	WCE bar open	WCE bar open	WCE bar open

* A 4-day event schedule can also be coordinated depending on the show hours.

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 Coffee

The venue must allow the use of sponsored water and coffee 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. The WCE 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. The 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 the WCE event or the event area. WCE will manage all sponsorships related to its event. 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 the WCE. The WCE must approve any 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 three 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 as-needed basis. The 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 the WCE. Free public access into the WCE event is highly recommended.

Online Registration

The 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 2 mid-range service business hotels with capacity greater than 100 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). The 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 2 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. The WCE will need an allocation of 20 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 internet. The duration of the guest stays may vary but a maximum of 120 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.

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 and 2019 World Cup Tasters 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 the 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.

** 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.