

AWO PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

Rules, Regulations and Eligibility

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Eligibility

1. An AWO club is in “good standing” for competition purposes if their annual dues are paid before January 1st of the competition year.
2. Winemakers who are members of more than one Club must enter through one Club only.
3. Winemakers who are members of a Club AND hold an ACGO provincial license to manufacture or are professional winemakers/brewers are not eligible.
Note: Entries made in a Brew-on-Premise or similar commercial establishment by owners, employees or customers are acceptable.

Judging Regulations

1. If a Club uses AWO certified judges to judge their wines, they are entitled to enter all GOLD and SILVER wines, as long as a winemaker has not entered more than one wine in any class. BRONZE medal wines are not eligible, with the following exception:
Any winemaker who was not awarded **any** GOLD or SILVER medals at the Club competition may enter **one Bronze medal wine only** in a class of their choice.
2. If a Club does not use AWO certified judges to judge their wines, they are entitled to enter one wine only per class.

Ingredients Disclosure

1. Full disclosure of wine ingredients, percentages, year and supplier must be provided for each wine. Failure to provide this information may result in disqualification. It is the winemaker’s responsibility to ensure that each entry is in compliance with the Class Descriptions. **Note:** Entries that do not have full ingredient disclosure will not be considered for AWO Trophies.
2. Wines entered in the AWO Competition must be the same wines that qualified at the Club competition. No substitution of bottles will be allowed without the specific authorization of the Chief Steward.

Containers

Still Wines (all classes) - 750 ml bottles preferred, 500ml also acceptable.

Exception: After Dinner and Icewine Style may be entered in 375 ml.

Closures may be cork, screw-cap or crown cap.

Sparkling Wines – Wines in this class must be submitted in full strength, 750 ml Champagne-type bottles that are intended for sparkling wines with 5-6 atmospheres of pressure. Stoppers with wires, as well as sparkling wine grade crown caps, are acceptable closures. As a guideline, look for bottles that have a punt and weigh between 750-900 grams.

Cider and Perry – Cider and Perry may be entered in sparkling wine bottles (see above) with cork or crown cap, beer bottles with crown caps, plastic bottles with screw caps or cans.

Note: to ensure adequate amounts of wine for judging, do not submit any entry in less than 375 ml size.

General Authority

Clubs are responsible for picking up, or making arrangements for pickup, of all medals, judging sheets and other awards at, or after, the AWO Annual General Meeting/Festival. Please note that materials not picked up will not be mailed out.