

## 1. PARTICIPANTS

- Each cocktail should be prepared in the following manner: short or long drink. Shots are NOT permitted.
- Competitors agree to showcase their recipes during a live competition in front of judges and spectators.
- Diplomático Rum and its distributors, reserve the right to use the cocktail recipe created for any heat of the tournament in its publications and marketing materials during and following the conclusion of the tournament.
- Competitors may be photographed, recorded, and featured in real time during the event through Diplomático Rums' website and social media channels. Competitors grant Diplomático Rum and event organizers the right to the images and understand that they may be used in future marketing materials.

## 2. INGREDIENTS

- All cocktail recipes must have at least 30ml (1oz) of one of Diplomático's premium line of rums (Añejo, Reserva, Blanco and/or Reserva Exclusiva), no other rums will be allowed in the competition.
- Ingredients may be served measured or free pour.

## 3. ABOUT THE COCKTAIL RECIPE

- The entire recipe should be expressed in measurements or amount of drops used. Other ingredients, such as fruits, garnishments, etc., should be specified. For example: "Lime Juice" is unacceptable. The exact amount should be expressed.

## 4. COCKTAILS AND PREPARATION DURING THE EVENT

- All cocktails should be prepared in front of and in plain view of the judges.
- The cocktail should be mixed: with a shaker, mixing glass, a bar spoon, or in a blender.
- The only materials provided by event organizers besides Diplomático Rums will be ice (cubed and crushed).
- All participants should bring their own glassware.
- Competitors should be prepared to make four (4) cocktails.
- Participants who use inadequate techniques or promote unhygienic standards will be disqualified immediately and will be removed from the competition. Their cocktails will not be evaluated by the judges.

## 5. DECORATIONS

- Decorative items should be edible.
- The decorations should be prepared only during the allotted time for cocktail preparation. Otherwise the glassware should remain free of any elements.

## 6. COCKTAIL NAMES

- It is prohibited to present a cocktail with names that are considered vulgar, offensive, or sexual or sexual in nature or with words associated with narcotics or other illegal substances. Other names that will not be permitted include those that are degrading towards people, organizations, political affiliations, ethnic and/or religious groups.

## 7. EVALUATION

- The final decision from the judges is exclusively theirs and is non-negotiable.
- The organizers reserve the right to select the panel of judges for each round and change them at their discretion before or during the competition as deemed necessary.
- In addition, during each round participants will have the opportunity to talk about their cocktail during their presentation. Judges will evaluate participants based on the rules for “technique and presentation,” fluidity of the discourse, information management over the ingredients utilized and the reason for use, stage presence, etc.
- The result will be based 100% on the criteria of the judges’ panel selected by Diplomático Rum. The judges selected have met Diplomático’s high standards and understand the competition.
- The judges will evaluate 3 main subjects:

### TECHNIQUE AND PRESENTATION:

- a. Misse en place.
- b. Precision in bartender’s work.
- c. Cocktail’s presentation uniformity.
- d. Prior corkage.
- e. Simplicity of the recipe.
- f. Manners.

### COCKTAIL’S LOOK AND DECORATION:

- a. Neatness.
- b. Previous glass chill.
- c. General Appearance.
- d. Color.
- e. Garnish.

### ORGANOLEPTIC SUBJECTS:

- a. Aroma.
- b. Taste.
- c. Texture.
- d. Look.
- e. Balance.

## 8. RESPONSIBILITIES

- Competitors should be aware that all materials including clothing, working utensils and additional materials that belong to you should be picked up immediately following your participation.
- As the judges are evaluating and scoring the cocktail, the bartender will be responsible for cleaning up and organizing the space for the next bartender.
- Competitors should be cordial and friendly towards other competitors. Any participant that demonstrates the opposite and/or aggressive behavior towards their competitors will be disqualified and removed from the event.