



## 2021 WBrC Summary of Rule Changes

2020 Rule	2021 Rule	Reason for Change	Impact on Competition Bodies
1.5.1. COVID-19 Addendums			
N/A	All Rules and Regulations are subject to change based on local and venue health and safety requirements or guidelines. World Coffee Events will share any Rules and Regulations changes via email ahead of the competition. These changes may include, but are not limited to: changes to table sizes or layouts; material of provided vessels or cups; limits on coaches or helpers in the competitor preparation and practice rooms; mask or glove mandates; schedule changes for sanitation; etc.	<b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b>	Competition Bodies will abide by local health and safety regulations.

## 2. Competition Summary

<p>D. [...] a head judge will be present, and will taste the cups served. The head judge will evaluate uniformity of cups served, and overall workflow. These items will count towards the final score.</p>	<p>D. [...] a head judge will be present, and will taste <b>a sample from</b> the cups served during the <b>Compulsory round</b>. During the <b>Compulsory round</b> the head judge will evaluate sensory uniformity of cups served. During the <b>Open Service round</b> the head judge will not taste the cups served. The head judge will evaluate overall workflow and technical uniformity in <b>Open Service</b>. These items will count towards the final score.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> A sample of coffee will be taken from each Compulsory cup before sensory judge aroma evaluation begins.  Head Judges will not taste during Open Service.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies will abide by local health and safety regulations.  <i>Highly recommended for CBs to take up this rule for 2021.</i></p>
<p>M. TDS measurements will be taken of each served beverage (for competitor reference)."</p>	<p><del>M. TDS measurements will be taken of each served beverage (for competitor reference)."</del></p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Remove TDS measurements to reduce contact time.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies will abide by local health and safety regulations.</p>

## 3.1. Compulsory Service

<p>C. One 250g bag of the whole-bean coffee will be provided right before each competitor's official practice time, and one 250g bag of the whole-bean coffee will be provided at the stage right before each competitor's setup time starts."</p>	<p>C. One <b>350g</b> bag of the whole-bean coffee will be provided right before each competitor's official practice time." <del>and one 250g bag of the whole-bean coffee will be provided at the stage right before each competitor's setup time starts.</del></p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Combining Compulsory practice and competition time for fewer contact hours and less sanitizing.  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>
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### 3.4. The Beverage

<p>D. Each of the three beverages should be between 120 and 375 ml. If a beverage served is found to be less than 120 ml or more than 375 ml, that particular beverage (cup) will be disqualified and receive no score.”</p>	<p>D. <b>For Open Service</b>, each of the three beverages should be between 120 and 375 ml. If a beverage served is found to be less than 120 ml or more than 375 ml, that particular beverage (cup) will be disqualified and receive no score. <b>For Compulsory Service</b>, each of the three beverages should be between 180 and 375 ml. If a beverage served is found to be less than 180 ml or more than 375 ml, that particular beverage (cup) will be disqualified and receive no score.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Raising the minimum service to 180 ml for Compulsory Service so there is more coffee for the Head Judge to sample.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p> <p><i>Highly recommended for CBs to take up this rule for 2021.</i></p>
<p>E. It is not necessary to serve the entire quantity of beverage produced during the coffee preparation. However, each sensory judge must be finally served at least 120 mL of the beverage to evaluate.”</p>	<p>E. It is not necessary to serve the entire quantity of beverage produced during the coffee preparation. However, each sensory judge must be finally served at least <b>120 ml for Open Service and 180 ml for Compulsory Service</b> of the beverage to evaluate.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Raising the minimum service to 180 ml for Compulsory Service so there is more coffee for the Head Judge to sample.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p> <p><i>Highly recommended for CBs to take up this rule for 2021.</i></p>

3.9. Service Vessel

<p>F. The competition will supply a Standardized Service Vessel with a volume between 150 to 235 ml.</p>	<p>F. The competition will supply a Standardized Service Vessel with a volume between <b>200 and 300</b> ml.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Increase size of vessel to accommodate change to minimum Compulsory Service beverage size.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p> <p><i>Highly recommended for CBs to take up this rule for 2021.</i></p>
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3.10. TDS

<p>A. A TDS measurement device will be used to measure the total dissolved solids of each brew. B. The TDS measurement protocol will be found in this document. C. TDS measurements will be recorded on each scoresheet as a percentage to two decimal places (hundredths-place, e.g. 1.15%). D. TDS measurements are provided for the competitor's reference only and will not be involved in the scores.</p>	<p><del>A. A TDS measurement device will be used to measure the total dissolved solids of each brew.</del> <del>B. The TDS measurement protocol will be found in this document.</del> <del>C. TDS measurements will be recorded on each scoresheet as a percentage to two decimal places (hundredths-place, e.g. 1.15%).</del> <del>D. TDS measurements are provided for the competitor's reference only and will not be involved in the scores.</del></p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Remove TDS measurements to reduce contact time.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>
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#### 4.2. Open Service Station

A. Judging Table: The judges will be seated side-by-side at a rectangular table (approximately 0.75 to 1.0 meters high, approximately 1.8 meters long, and approximately 0.8 meters wide), facing the competitor and prepared to evaluate the coffees served and competitor presentations.

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Final dimensions and table layout will be shared ahead of the competition depending on social distancing rules.

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#### 6.1. Competitor Orientation Meeting

Prior to the start of the World Brewers Cup, a Competitor Orientation Meeting will take place. This meeting is mandatory for all competitors. During this meeting the Event Manager will make announcements, explain the competition flow, cover the competition schedule, and lead a tour of the stage and backstage areas. This will be an opportunity for competitors to ask questions and/or voice concerns to the Event Manager. If a competitor has not made advance plans with the WCE event organizer and does not attend the orientation meeting, they are subject to disqualification by the presiding

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Competition Bodies may hold their Competitor Orientation Meetings online if necessary.

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6.4.1. Provided Compulsory Service Coffee			
Right before each competitor's official practice time starts, each competitor will receive one 250g bag of the Compulsory Service coffee for practice. And right before each competitor's setup time starts, each competitor will receive one 250g bag of the Compulsory Service coffee for competition"	Right before each competitor's official practice time starts, each competitor will receive one <b>350g</b> bag of the Compulsory Service coffee for practice <b>and competition time</b> . <del>And right before each competitor's setup time starts, each competitor will receive one 250g bag of the Compulsory Service coffee for competition"</del>	<b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Combining Compulsory practice and competition time for fewer contact hours and less sanitizing.  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i>	Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i>
7.2.1. <del>Setup Time</del> <b>Practice Time</b>			
<del>A. Competitors will be assigned a scheduled Setup Time for Compulsory Service. B. Competitors will have eight (8) minutes to setup their station and prepare all relevant items for the Competition Time. Electrical equipment may be setup and plugged in prior to the start of Setup Time but may not be energized (turned on) until Setup Time begins. C. When Setup Time concludes the competitor must cease all active preparation and manipulation of items on the Machine Table and the</del>	A. For Compulsory Service, practice time will be scheduled just prior to each competitor's competition time. Competitors will have 38 minutes of practice/setup time. At the end of the 38 minutes, the timekeeper will start the competition time. There will not be a break in between practice and competition time. Competitors should be prepared to immediately start their competition time at the end of practice time. B. Competitors are not allowed to have assistance from	<b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Combining Compulsory practice and competition time for fewer contact hours and less sanitizing.  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i>	Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i>

<p><del>Competitor Table that will be involved in the coffee service until the Competition Time begins. Competitors may not be holding in their hands anything involved in the coffee service after the Setup Time concludes, with the one exception of a timer.</del></p> <p><del>D. Competitors should account for the fact that the time between the end of Setup Time and beginning of Competition Time may and shall vary.</del></p>	<p>coaches, helpers, or any other individuals during Compulsory Service practice time.</p>		
<p>7.2.2. Begin Competition Time</p>			
<p>A. Competitors will be scheduled on an alternating and staggered timetable. After their eight (8) minutes Setup Time the competitor will start their competition time by announcing this to the timekeeper. The competitor should verify that the timekeeper is prepared to start the timer.</p>	<p>A. Competitors will be scheduled on a timetable in groups of 3-4 competitors. After their 38 minutes practice time the competition time will begin. There will be no stop in timing between practice time and competition time. The competition time will continue fluidly on from the practice time. The competitor should verify that the timekeeper is prepared to start the timer.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Combining Compulsory practice and competition time for fewer contact hours and less sanitizing.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.</p> <p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>
<p>7.3.2. Begin Competition Time</p>			
<p>Competitors will be assigned a scheduled Open Service competition time. After their five</p>	<p>Competitors will be assigned a scheduled Open Service competition time. After their five</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Reduction of the number of volunteers on stage.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022</p>

<p>(5) minutes Setup Time the competitor will start their competition time by announcing this to the timekeeper. The competitor should verify that the timekeeper is prepared to start the timer.</p>	<p>(5) minutes Setup Time the competitor will start their competition time by announcing this to the <b>stage manager or assigned volunteer</b>. The competitor should verify that the <b>head judge</b> is prepared to start the timer.</p>	<p><i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>	<p>season.  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>
<p>12. Debrief</p>			
<p>Following the awards ceremony, competitors will have an opportunity to review their scoresheets with the judges on-site by the schedule announced by the event organizer. Competitors will not be allowed to keep their original scoresheets before the WCE event manager scan the copy of the scoresheets.”</p>	<p>Following the <b>competition</b>, competitors will have an opportunity to review their scoresheets with the judges <b>online</b> by the schedule announced by the event organizer. Competitors will not be allowed to keep their original scoresheets before the WCE event manager scans the copy of the scoresheets.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b>  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>	<p>Competition Bodies may hold their Competitor Debrief online if necessary.  <i>This change will be reevaluated for the 2022 season.</i></p>
<p>15. Cup Evaluation Protocol</p>			
<p>A. As soon as the coffee beverage is finally served, the judge should evaluate the Aroma component. It is important to evaluate this as quickly as possible because the intensity of aroma will decline as the beverage temperature declines.</p>	<p>A. As soon as the coffee beverage is finally served, the judges evaluate the Aroma component. <b>During the Compulsory round, the head judge will take a sample of the coffee with a pipette for head judge evaluation before evaluating the aroma. This sample must be taken before the aroma is evaluated.</b> It is</p>	<p>Sample will be taken for the head judge to taste during compulsory before the aroma is evaluated by the sensory judge.</p>	<p>Competition Bodies will abide by local health and safety regulations.  <i>Highly recommended for CBs to take up this rule for 2021.</i></p>



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B. A small sample will be taken to measure TDS (see TDS measurement section below).	<del>B. "A small sample will be taken to measure TDS (see TDS measurement section below).</del>	<b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b> Remove TDS measurements to reduce contact time.	Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.
<b>17.3. Technical Uniformity</b>			
N/A	Technical Uniformity Head judge will evaluate the technical uniformity of three (3) cups brewed for each judge. The head judge will evaluate the consistency of the brewing process including coffee to water ratio, grind size, operation of the brewing device and kettles, filtration material, time, temperature and turbulence.	<b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b>  Head Judges will now evaluate Technical Uniformity during Open Service.	Competition Bodies will abide by local health and safety regulations.  <i>Highly recommended for CBs to take up this rule for 2021.</i>
<b>17.4. Compulsory Head Judges Scoresheet Components</b>			
N/A		<b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b>  Head Judges will now evaluate Sensory Uniformity during Compulsory Service.	Competition Bodies will abide by local health and safety regulations.

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17.3- 17.5. Sensory Uniformity			
Head judge will evaluate sensory uniformity of three cups served to each judge. After TDS sample is taken, the head judge will taste each cup by the Cup evaluation protocol (see Cup evaluation protocol section above). And the head judge will evaluate how the taste components are consistent with each other cup through time, except for Aroma.	Head judge will evaluate Sensory Uniformity of three cups served to each judge <b>during the Compulsory round. After a sample is taken by the sensory judge, the head judge will taste the sample.</b> And the head judge will evaluate how the taste components are consistent with each other cup through time, except for Aroma.	<b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b>  Head Judges only tasting for Sensory Uniformity during the Compulsory round.	Competition Bodies will abide by local health and safety regulations.  <i>Highly recommended for CBs to take up this rule for 2021.</i>
18. TDS Measurement			
18.1-18.3	<del>18.1-18.3</del>	<b>COVID-19 Precautions.</b>	Competition Bodies may take up these changes for the 2021 season or wait until the 2022 season.