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The Eighth International Beer Contest “Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019” will be carried out in Valparaíso, Chile, from August 26th to 31st 2019 within the framework of the event “Copa Cervezas de América”.

All beers that are commercialized in the American continent can participate.

Home-brewed beers are excluded from participating in the contest.

I. Organizers

I.1. The Eighth International Beer Contest “Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019” is organized by Grupo Cervezas de América SpA.

I.2 Organizers will be responsible for all the activities to be carried out within the contest’s framework, such as: judge tasting days, award ceremony, handing out diplomas and delivering feedback through tasting notes.

I.3 Organizers will be in charge of call for entries, which will be opened and carried out through diverse information media and social networks. Only they can receive entry payments from participants, as well as payments concerning other activities.

I.4 Reliability and Independence are the principles that govern the organization of “Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019” contest. Organizers are certain that the success and sustainability of this event can only be achieved through these values.

II. Participants

II.1 Beer producers and sellers from all over the world, without regards to production site, that commercialize their beer in any country in the American continent can participate in the contest. Participants must meet the following requirements:

II.1.A The beer participating is commercialized (has been sold to the consumer) before august 31st 2019 in any country in the American continent.

II.1.B Prior payment of registration for each beer entry.

II.1.C Registration and notification of all information requested by the organizers through the website, such as beer style, its vital characteristics (IBU, alcoholic strength), etc.

II.2 Home-brewed beers are excluded from participating in the contest.

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II.3 It is required for all participants to fulfill the conditions of this regulation document, on the contrary, organizers reserve the right to exclude the beers that don't meet the requirements of these terms and conditions. It is suggested that all participants carefully read the terms and conditions before filling out the entry form available on www.copacervezasdeamerica.com.

II.4 Participants declare to have all legal faculties needed to register each beer. They also declare to know the terms and conditions and to obey each one of the obligations here stated.

III. Jury

III.1 the jury of the Eighth International Beer Contest "Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019" will be made up by at least seventy (70) people of renowned experience in the field and related areas.

III.2 At least half (50%) of the members of the jury are foreign, and the remaining members are local. All members of the jury hold important careers and wide prestige and recognition as beer judges. Jury names and their background will be published on www.copacervezasdeamerica.com.

III.3 Felipe Pizarro has been appointed as Judge Director. He, together with the organizers, will be in charge of coordinating the judges and will make decisions regarding the inclusion or exclusion of the beers that do not meet the requirements established in the terms and conditions. In the case of a possible disagreement amongst the team, Mr. Pizarro will resolve the situation according to his judgement.

III.4 All members of the jury will have the right to vote during the beer evaluation process, with the exception of the Judge Director, who will only be allowed to vote in the case described under the point III.3 of this article.

III.5 The judges' roles will be defined by the organizers together with the Judge Director. For instance, choosing the head judge for each panel or any other particular role they should carry out.

III.6 No judge can assess the sub-category (style) in which he/she has registered beer samples, or in the case he/she has any relation to the participants. If this happens, the organizers and Judge Director will reassign the judge to a new evaluation panel.

III.7 Organizers can name deputy judges in the case any of the initial members cannot perform his/her role, including Judge Director.

III.8 The judge committee will sample and grade beers under competition according to international standards and considering the style they belong to. Final scores are to be determined by judges. The organization reserves the right to introduce statistical adjustments to scores according to data dispersion and an appropriate statistical model to be defined. There will be no appeal whatsoever regarding the judge's decisions.

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III.9 The organization reserves the right to change judges and/or decrease, increase or change the proportion between national and international members, as needed.

III.10 Performance of the 2019 Jury

- a) Standardize beer evaluation criteria.
- b) The score given by the jury to each beer is individual and secret.
- c) Evaluation scores and tasting notes will only be given to participants who registered beers. They will not be made public under any circumstances.
- d) Each beer is assessed by a panel of judges of preferably three members. The assessment consists of two stages. During the first, each judge evaluates and grades each beer individually and in secret, and later, judges of the same panel share, deliberate and modulate scores and comments, polishing every beer's individual evaluation. In the second stage, called **mini-best**, the beers with best score in the same style are assessed by a new panel of judges who will select the winner of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
- e) Each beer's score within the same panel cannot obtain a difference higher than 7 points between each judge's score. In case the difference is larger, judges must deliberate to adjust their scores.
- f) In case any doubts arise concerning a specific beer (type, technical parameters, or others), the Judge Director will decide whether the sample is changed, excluded, changed to a new category or any other relevant decision.

IV. Entry and costs

IV.1 Entries will be done through the electronic form available on www.copacervezasdeamerica.com, which must be completely filled out and sent through the website. Each participant will receive an entry copy via e-mail.

IV.2 The following information will be requested: brewery name, registered name, tax ID, address, country, Master Brewer's name, contact person, contact phone number, contact e-mail, payment method, and name, category and commercial logo of each registered beer.

IV.3 Organizers reserve the right to request additional information in case there is an incomplete form, or to exclude forms that do not contain all the information requested, all of which could exclude from the contest participants whose forms that do not meet the requirements.

IV.4 Entry cost for the Eighth International Contest "Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019" is the following:

- First entry (beer label): US \$120.00 (one hundred and twenty US dollars for payments outside of Chile) or CL \$66,000+VAT (sixty six thousand Chilean pesos plus VAT for payments made in Chile).

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- Second and subsequent entries (beer labels): US\$100.00 per label (one hundred US dollars for payments outside of Chile), or CL\$55,000+VAT per label (fifty five thousand Chilean pesos plus VAT for payments done in Chile).

Entry cost must be paid at the moment of registration of labels (beers) on the same webpage.

IV.5 The entry payment must be done through one of the following payment methods:

- Chile: Webpay, Credit Card or Wire Transfer.
- Outside Chile: Credit Card.

IV.6 Copa Cervezas de America could not be carried out without the support from our sponsors. The organization acknowledges that the contact details of the participating breweries as well as the contact information of the conference attendees are private. In order to provide greater value and benefits to the companies that sponsor Copa Cervezas de America, the participating brewery accepts that the organizers may share their contact details only with the sponsor companies of Copa Cervezas de America 2019 that are in the categories “Co-organizer”, “Silver Sponsor” and “Bronze Sponsor”, and may not share any information with any other company or person not member of the organization.

IV.7 Entries will be open until Friday, June 28th 2019 or until maximum capacity (2300 beers) is reached.

IV.8 The entry of beers will give each registered brewery a discount to the Brewer’s Conference (Conferencia de Cerveceros) and Award ceremony, both organized by the “Grupo Cervezas de América SpA”. For this, once the entry for the Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019 is done, a single discount code will be sent to the contact e-mail provided during registration. This discount is not valid for early bird tickets available and may not be combine with other discounts.

40% Discount* for registering at least one beer in:

- 3-day Conference Pack
 - Full Valparaiso Beer Week Pack
 - Conference – only August 29th
 - Conference – only August 30th
 - Conference – only August 31st
- (* discount valid on maximum 5 entrances)

Discounts for the Award Party and Ceremony.

- 1 to 4 beer entries : 2 free entrances to de Award Party
- 5 or more beer entries : 3 free entrances to de Award Party

V. Assessment

V.1 The label assessment will take place in Valparaíso, in a specific location that will be duly informed.

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V.2 Terms and conditions used by the Eighth International Contest “Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019” jury will be the style definition established in the “BJCP Style Guidelines, 2015 Edition”, published on the website www.copacervezasdeamerica.com

V.3 All bottles will be previously classified with a single identification number (also called “entrance number” or “entry number”) and a style code according to the information provided in the entry.

V.4 All beers are tasted blindly, being particularly careful in covering up labels than can be identifiable. Judges only know the entry number and BJCP sub-category code.

V.5 Only when the assessment of all beers is complete, will the Judge Director and his advisory team have the responsibility of identifying the names of each label according to the number previously assigned for the blind tasting. It will be the Judge Director’s responsibility to completely hide each bottle’s label to guarantee other judges will not recognize the label or brand under assessment.

V.6 The tasting notes and score sheet meets the following purposes:

- Promote the delivery of information and tasting notes from judges to provide the brewer with a higher quality feedback.
- Respect the Beer Judge Certification Program principles for beer sensory assessment, according to the defined styles.
- Speed up the delivery of tasting notes so that they reach the brewer quickly and are legible and rich in content as well.

V.7 The assessment scale goes from 0 to 50 points.

VI. Categories and Subcategories

VI.1 According to the definition given by “BJCP Style Guidelines, 2015 Edition” and the new provisional styles defined by the BJCP in <https://dev.bjcp.org/provisional-styles/>, the following categories and subcategories are established for the Eighth International Beer Contest “Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019”.

VI.2 Organizers will register the judge’s evaluations during the tasting day, and a confidential report named “Tasting Notes” will be handed out to each participant over a maximum of ten work days from the end of the contest. All questions can be made to the following e-mail address: copa@gca.beer

VI.3 The jury will have complete authority to disqualify or remove a beer that does not adjust to the category it is participating in. This will be done in case its properties do not match the technical parameters established in the category definition published in www.copacervezasdeamerica.com, namely the “BJCP, Style Guidelines, 2015 edition”.

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Beer and Mead Categories:

1. STANDARD AMERICAN BEER	11. BRITISH BITTER	21B. Specialty IPA	28. AMERICAN WILD ALE
1A. American Light Lager	11A. Ordinary Bitter	Specialty IPA: Belgian IPA	28A. Brett Beer
1B. American Lager	11B. Best Bitter	Specialty IPA: Black IPA	28B. Mixed-Fermentation Sour Beer
1C. Cream Ale	11C. Strong Bitter	Specialty IPA: Brown IPA	28C. Wild Specialty Beer
1D. American Wheat Beer	12. PALE COMMONWEALTH BEER	Specialty IPA: New England IPA	29. FRUIT BEER
2. INTERNATIONAL LAGER	12A. British Golden Ale	Specialty IPA: Red IPA	29A. Fruit Beer
2A. International Pale Lager	12B. Australian Sparkling Ale	Specialty IPA: Rye IPA	29B. Fruit and Spice Beer
2B. International Amber Lager	12C. English IPA	Specialty IPA: White IPA	29C. Specialty Fruit Beer
2C. International Dark Lager	13. BROWN BRITISH BEER	Specialty IPA: Other IPA	30. SPICED BEER
3. CZECH LAGER	13A. Dark Mild	22. STRONG AMERICAN ALE	30A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
3A. Czech Pale Lager	13B. British Brown Ale	22A. Double IPA	30B. Autumn Seasonal Beer
3B. Czech Premium Pale Lager	13C. English Porter	22B. American Strong Ale	30C. Winter Seasonal Beer
3C. Czech Amber Lager	14. SCOTTISH ALE	22C. American Barleywine	31. ALTERNATIVE FERMENTABLES BEER
3D. Czech Dark Lager	14A. Scottish Light	22D. Wheatwine	31A. Alternative Grain Beer
4. PALE MALTY EUROPEAN LAGER	14B. Scottish Heavy	23. EUROPEAN SOUR ALE	31B. Alternative Sugar Beer
4A. Munich Helles	14C. Scottish Export	23A. Berliner Weisse	32. SMOKED BEER
4B. Festbier	15. IRISH BEER	23B. Flanders Red Ale	32A. Classic Style Smoked Beer
4C. Helles Bock	15A. Irish Red Ale	23C. Oud Bruin	32B. Specialty Smoked Beer
5. PALE BITTER EUROPEAN BEER	15B. Irish Stout	23D. Lambic	33. WOOD BEER
5A. German Leichtbier	15C. Irish Extra Stout	23E. Gueuze	33A. Wood-Aged Beer
5B. Kölsch	16. DARK BRITISH BEER	23F. Fruit Lambic	33B. Specialty Wood-Aged Beer
5C. German Helles Exportbier	16A. Sweet Stout	24. BELGIAN ALE	34. SPECIALTY BEER
5D. German Pils	16B. Oatmeal Stout	24A. Witbier	34A. Clone Beer
6. AMBER MALTY EUROPEAN LAGER	16C. Tropical Stout	24B. Belgian Pale Ale	34B. Mixed-Style Beer
6A. Märzen	16D. Foreign Extra Stout	24C. Bière de Garde	34C. Experimental Beer
6B. Rauchbier	17. STRONG BRITISH ALE	25. STRONG BELGIAN ALE	INTERNATIONAL BEER STYLES
6C. Dunkles Bock	17A. British Strong Ale	25A. Belgian Blond Ale	X1. Dorada Pampeana
7. AMBER BITTER EUROPEAN BEER	17A. British Strong Ale: Burton Ale	25B. Saison	X2. IPA Argenta
7A. Vienna Lager	17B. Old Ale	25C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale	X3. Italian Grape Ale
7B. Altbier	17C. Wee Heavy	26. TRAPPIST ALE	X4. Catherina Sour
7C. Kellerbier	17D. English Barleywine	26A. Trappist Single	X5. New Zealand Pilsner
Kellerbier: Pale Kellerbier	18. PALE AMERICAN ALE	26B. Belgian Dubbel	MEAD o Hidromiel
Kellerbier: Amber Kellerbier	18A. Blonde Ale	26C. Belgian Tripel	M1A. Dry Mead
8. DARK EUROPEAN LAGER	18B. American Pale Ale	26D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale	M1B. Semi-Sweet Mead
8A. Munich Dunkel	19. AMBER AND BROWN AMERICAN BEER	27. HISTORICAL BEER	M1C. Sweet Mead
8B. Schwarzbier	19A. American Amber Ale	Historical Beer: Gose	M2A. Cysler
9. STRONG EUROPEAN BEER	19B. California Common	Historical Beer: Kentucky Common	M2B. Pyment..
9A. Doppelbock	19C. American Brown Ale	Historical Beer: Lichtenhainer	M2C. Berry Mead
9B. Eisbock	20. AMERICAN PORTER AND STOUT	Historical Beer: London Brown Ale	M2D. Stone Fruit Mead
9C. Baltic Porter	20A. American Porter	Historical Beer: Piwo Grodziskie	M2E. Melomel
10. GERMAN WHEAT BEER	20B. American Stout	Historical Beer: Pre-Prohibition Lager	M3A. Fruit and Spice Mead
10A. Weissbier	20C. Imperial Stout	Historical Beer: Pre-Prohibition Porter	M3B. Spice, Herb or Vegetable Mead
10B. Dunkles Weissbier	21. IPA	Historical Beer: Roggenbier	M4A. Braggot
10C. Weizenbock	21A. American IPA	Historical Beer: Sahti	M4B. Historical Mead
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V.II Samples

VII.1 Participants must send their samples in properly identified bottles, cans or other containers.

VII.2 The sample amount will vary depending on container size:

- **Containers of 300 cc (10,1 oz) or less:** 8 units
- **Containers from 301 cc (10,2 oz) to 499 cc (16,8 oz):** 6 units
- **Containers from 500 cc (16,9 oz) to 700 cc (23,7 oz):** 4 units
- **Containers over 701 cc (23,8 oz):** 3 units

VII.3 Samples must be sent once the entry is confirmed and an entry number is assigned for each beer. The entry number will be informed to each participant once the registration process is complete. Each beer must be identified with its assigned “Entry Number”.

VII.4 In order to establish equal conditions for all participants, the sample reception dates are the same for all countries and sample reception centers.

Sample reception will be held from June 24th to July 12th 2019.

This deadline will not be postponed. Samples that are not received on the stated period will be excluded from the contest. **There will be no refund for entries whose samples do not reach the contest.**

VII.5 Sample Identification

Samples that are sent must be properly identified. Each beer must clearly point out its entry number and the BJCP subcategory “code” under which it was registered. Any kind of label or identifier located on the bottle neck must be removed.

VII.6 Procedure for Dispatch and Reception of Samples

In the website www.copacervezasdeamerica.com you will find the procedures for dispatch and reception of samples according to each participant country. Each participant is responsible for downloading, reading and fulfilling the complete procedure to ensure an appropriate delivery and sample reception.

VII.7 Sample Reception Centers

To facilitate sample deliveries from foreign countries the organizers are preparing a domestic beer reception center in different countries to make a consolidated dispatch that allows to:

- 1) Decrease dispatch costs for participants from these countries.
- 2) Decrease the risk of beer samples of breaking or smashing.
- 3) Improve sample storage and shipment conditions.

VII.8 When a sample reception center is available, organizers will be fully responsible for samples from the moment of reception. In case a local sample reception center is not available, organizers will be responsible for them either from the moment they are notified by customs authorities of their arrival to Chile, or from their official reception in Chile.

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VII.9 Participants are responsible for fulfilling the sample delivery and reception procedure from their respective countries, as well as shipment costs and correct sample packaging. Suitable precautions must be taken for packaging and transportation.

VII.10 Organizers will be responsible for the correct storage of samples. However, it will be the participant's responsibility to point out if it is necessary to keep the beer sample stored under special conditions.

VII.11 The availability of a local sample reception center, its cost, shipping address, required conditions and delivery procedure will be promptly informed through the website www.copacervezasdeamerica.com

V.III Awards

VIII.1 Awards will be Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for all winners in each different style in which they participate, as well as a Medal Certificate "Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019".

VIII.2 Winning a medal in the "Copa Cervezas de América GCA 2019" contest will be determined by performing a **mini-best** for each style or sub-category. All beers that meet the following criteria will classify into the **mini-best**

- a) Hold a minimum score of 32 points
- b) Hold top 5 score in each style or sub-category
- c) In case there are less than five beers (or none) with equal or higher points than the minimum established in VIII.2.a, only the ones with equal or higher score than the minimum will classify into **mini-best**, with the possibility of the sub-category being declared void and awarding less medals or none.
- d) In the case that the 5th position classifying into **mini-best** is a tie, all beers that are tied will classify into mini-best

VIII.3. The organization will appoint the judges that make up the **mini-best** judging panels. The judges in each **mini-best** panel will award one Gold, one Silver and one Bronze medal for each sub-category. Only in exceptional cases will the panel be permitted to not award a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal. This exception must be expressly authorized by the Director Judge.

VIII.4 The organization must group sub-categories of similar styles in order to have a minimum of 20 beers for performing each **mini-best** and awarding medals. This grouping will be made after registrations are closed and prior to the competition. The final definition of the styles or subcategories eligible for medals will be announced before the competition.

VIII.5 Organizers reserve the right to modify the medal allocation system in case there are too many ties and/or results with abnormal dispersion.

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VIII.6 Awards will be handed out to the beer representative appointed on the entry form. In case the representative is absent, the award will be available for collection by the representatives at the organizer's offices. The organizers will prepare, coordinate and help with the delivery of the awards, provided the shipment or courier cost is paid by the participant.

VIII.7 Best of Show

Best Beer of the Americas: Given to the best beer produced in the American continent. To determine the winner of each category, a new blind tasting will be carried out among the highest scoring beers in each of their styles, by a panel of the most experienced judges present in the contest.

Best Beer by Country: When a country has more than 100 beers participating in the competition, the Best Beer Award will be given to the beer that receives the highest evaluation score.

VIII.8 Winner Brewery Award: in 2019 we have introduced a score method to choose the winner brewery of the competition:

- Gold Medal = 9 points
- Silver Medal = 3 points
- Bronze Medal = 1 points

Americas Brewery Winner: Given to the brewery of the American continent that reached the highest score in the sum of all the medals obtained. In case of a tie, the amount of gold medals will be considered. In case of a second tie, the amount of silver medals will be considered, and in case of a third tie, the amount of bronze medals will be taken into consideration.

Country Brewery Winner: Award given to all countries that have more than 100 beers in competition. It will be given to the brewery that sums the highest score from all medals obtained. In case of a tie, the amount of gold medals will be considered. In case of a second tie, the amount of silver medals will be considered, and in case of a third tie, the amount of bronze medals will be taken into consideration.

VIII.9 Not every category will necessarily obtain medals. This will be decided according to scores and amount of labels per category.

IX. Award Ceremony/Party

IX.1 The award party will take place on Saturday, August 31st 2019 at 21:00, at a location chosen by the organizers that will be promptly informed to all participants.

IX.2 Entry payment to the contest gives the participant the right to tickets to attend the award party, in relation to the number of registered beers:

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- 1 to 4 beer entries : 2 free entrances to de Award Party
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In case more tickets are required, these will be sold beforehand. The award ceremony has limited capacity. Tickets will be sold via www.copacervezasdeamerica.com.

IX.3 Organizers reserve the right to invite whoever they consider relevant to the award ceremony, with no cost for the guest.

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