

**International Table Olives Competition ‘TABLE OLIVES TROPHY’  
TABLE OLIVES QUALITY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

**COMPETITION REGULATION**

**Aiming** to highlight, promote, and disseminate the high quality of table olives, **Thessaloniki International Fair ‘TIF-HELEXPO’**, in partnership with and with the support of the **‘FILAIOS’ Friends of Olive Oil & Olives Association**, are organising the **‘TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022’** Table Olives Quality International Competition

**1. Competition process**

The examined samples will be evaluated based on:

A) Visual characteristics, such as: flesh blemishes, stone remains, destroyed fruits, badly filled, abnormal colour, flesh abnormalities, dehydrated fruits, stalks present, etc. The samples will be scored positively on a scale from 0-100. The specific category will contribute 30% to the final score.

B) Textural – kinesthetic characteristics, such as: firmness, crunchiness, fibrousness. The samples will be scored positively on a scale from 0-100. The specific category will contribute 30% to the final score.

C) Gustatory characteristics, such as: saltiness, acidity, bitterness. The samples will be scored positively on a scale from 0-100. The specific category will contribute 40% to the final score.

At the same time, the samples will be evaluated as to the defect predominantly perceived (DPP), in accordance to the organoleptic table olive evaluation titled Method for the sensory analysis of table olives (COI/OT/MO/Doc No 2) of the International Olive Council.

## 2. Prize Categories

All the winning samples must be in the extra/fancy category and must achieve a value as regards the defect predominantly perceived (DPP) of 2 or less.

- A) **PLATINUM TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022**, the samples that achieve a final score of 96-100
- B) **GOLD TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022**, the samples that achieve a final score of 91-95
- C) **SILVER TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022**, the samples that achieve a final score of 86-90
- D) **BRONZE TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022**, the samples that achieve a final score of 81-85

## 3. Purposes of the Competition

The main purposes of the Competition are:

- A) To attempt to inform those active in olive cultivation, processing, standardisation, and retail sale, who are lawfully selling their standardised product, to preserve and improve the quality of their brand product, by promoting the use of high-quality table olives throughout the range of their sectors of use and consumption.
- B) To promote the knowledge of the particular value and of the healthy/nutritional aspects of table olives as an element of the Mediterranean diet to new younger consumers (schools), to professional chefs, cooks, artisans, with an emphasis on gastronomy & culinary art schools and restaurants in Greece and internationally.
- C) To promote the diversity of varieties and of the high quality of table olives produced with the aim of advancing the knowledge of their tasting differences.

## 4. Participation in the Competition

**Any variety of high-quality table olives from any olive producing country in the world** is eligible to participate in the '**TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022**' Competition. The necessary condition for the participation is the correct preparation and submission of the application within the deadline **Only** standardised table olives that are legally sold in retail stores are allowed to participate in the Competition.

The categories in which the table olives will compete will be in accordance with the commercial types of the International Olive Council - IOC, and, more specifically:

- **green olives processed in alkaline solutions**
- **natural green olives**
- **natural ripe black olives**
- **natural dehydrated or wrinkled or shrunk olives**
- **olives darkened by oxidation in brine**
- **olive mixes – other cases**

Samples of cases (a) through (d) may include olives in all their forms, such as whole, stoned, sliced, split, cracked, stuffed, flavoured with herbs, etc., while the samples of case (e) may include all products that do not fall under any of the previous cases, such as olive paste, bruschetta, mixed various olives, etc.

## **5. Competition Participation Process**

Those active in olive production, trading, standardising, and cooperatives wishing to participate in the Competition, must send the types of extra and first category table olives, along with the corresponding participation applications, by 15/2/22 to the Secretariat of the Competition (15<sup>A</sup> Xenofontos Street, GR-10557, Athens, 2103238092, info@olive-trophies.gr ή info@filaios.org.)

Every type/packaging of table olives participating must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) A fully and soundly completed **participation application**, typed or filled in by hand using clearly legible capitals. Illegible or incorrectly completed applications shall not be taken into consideration.
- b) Every type/packaging of olive oil participating must be sent in **4 (four) containers of up to 500gr, sealed, and with a regular label.**
- c) A copy of the proof of payment for participation in the Competition (participation cost **€200/participation + 24% VAT, namely €248.00**). For every sample after the first sample, €180.00 + 24% VAT, in total €223.20

The amount due in each case may be paid in cash or deposited to the following bank account with the indication: **“IOOC OLIVE OIL TROPHY 2022”**  
FILAIOS - FRIENDS OF OLIVE OIL ASSOCIATION

- ALPHA BANK, IBAN GR64 0140 1200 1200 0200 2009 914
- PIRAEUS BANK, IBAN GR67 0172 0490 0050 4910 1254 205

All of the above will be submitted in a separate sealed envelope to be delivered with all other participant details. To seamlessly expedite participation, it is recommended that copies of the documents are sent via e-mail to [info@olive-trophies.gr](mailto:info@olive-trophies.gr). Any participation that does not comply with the Regulations of the Competition shall be rejected.

## **6. Submission of applications and samples**

The deadline for the submission of participation applications and samples for the **TABLE OLIVE TROPHY 2022** Competition is on **Monday, March 28, 2022. Documents and samples are sent to the Secretariat of the Competition (15A Xenofontos Street, GR-10557, Athens, 2103238092, [info@olive-trophies.gr](mailto:info@olive-trophies.gr) ή [info@filaios.org](mailto:info@filaios.org).)**

The submission and selection of table olives for participation in the Competition shall take place using samples based on the harvesting period (olive production period).

The organising committee does accept entries after the application submission deadline and is not responsible for the total or partial loss of participation materials, physico-chemical or organoleptic alterations of the samples due to temperature changes, or potential breakage of bottles (or any other problem) during transportation. Shipping costs and any other costs related with transport are payable by the participant or companies. Once the Secretariat of the Competition receives the samples and upon presentation of the samples to the jury, the Organising Committee is responsible for keeping their order and full integrity.

## **7. Evaluation process**

The table olive samples that will eventually participate in the competition will be submitted anonymously and properly coded for a blind organoleptic tasting by a committee, consisting of a head-taster President and the tasters-judges, Members of the organoleptic committee. The Committee shall use a suitable evaluation form based on the International Olive Council's 'Method Sensory Analysis of Table Olives' (COI/OT/MO No 1/Rev. 2) officially recognised table olive organoleptic evaluation method, rating each sample with a separate and final total grade,

on a scale of 1-11. Depending on the total number of samples to be evaluated, the head of the team may break up the committee into subgroups and appoint one coordinator for each subgroup.

The table olives will be evaluated in a dedicated room. The anonymous table olive samples being evaluated will be presented gradually and in random order to the organoleptic committee, which will work in closed sessions, using the method of a special evaluation form, in order to evaluate the organoleptic profile of the samples. As mentioned, the jury will consist of the President of the panel (a person with knowledge and long experience in the organoleptic tasting and quality control of table olives), as well as experienced table olive tasters, suitably trained in accordance with national and international standards.

The score of each sample shall be calculated based on the scores assigned by the Members of the jury. One representative of the Organising/Coordination Committee will oversee the official tasks of the organoleptic Panel, ensuring the smooth and fair conduct of the proceedings. To protect the prestige of all participating processors/companies, individual scores for all samples shall not be published. Competition participants may request relevant scores for the samples they have submitted from the Secretariat of the event.

## **8. Organising & Organoleptic Committee**

The Organising Committee consists of a team of individuals of the Event, headed by the President or a representative of the event, who shall appoint the President of the organoleptic committee, and who, in turn, shall select and work with the Members of the organoleptic committee. Respectful of the composition of the committee, its decisions are final and irrevocable. Anyone with any relationship - employment with the competing companies may not participate as a Member.

## 9. Winner awards

The results of the awards will be published in the newspapers and will be promoted

via Press Releases and media announcements. The Secretariat of the Competition will carry out the publication and promotion to the media of the award results of ***TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022*** via nationwide radio stations and television channels and the printed media, with the aim of making public and promoting the awarded companies and the institution.

All participants will be informed in a timely manner by the Competition Secretariat regarding the date on which they will receive their awards.

The producers, traders, standardisers, and cooperatives to receive Competition awards shall have the right to advertise this distinction to their consumers.

**PARTICIPATION APPLICATION**  
**TABLE OLIVES QUALITY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**  
**'TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022'**

I the undersigned.....  
as lawful representative of the company.....  
TIN.....Address.....  
Tel.           No:.....           Mobile           Tel.           No:.....  
E-mail:..... Website:.....

that standardises/trades the branded product with table olives of a commercial type, in accordance with the Regulation of the International Olive Council:

- green olives processed in alkaline solutions
- natural green olives
- natural ripe (black) olives
- natural dehydrated or wrinkled or shrunk olives
- olives darkened by oxidation in brine and
- olive mixes – other cases.

Describe the product (e.g. green olives stuffed with almonds, green olive bruschetta, black olive paste, etc.) ..... with the trade name....., hereby,



**1. Request** to participate with the above trade name, in the **'TABLE OLIVES TROPHY 2022'** Quality Competition organised by the Thessaloniki International Fair in partnership with 'FILOLAOS' Friends of Olive Oil & Olives Association.

**2. I declare that:**

a) I accept in their entirety the terms, conditions, and operating procedures of the Competition and I forfeit all rights as regards decisions for the holding and results of the Competition.

b) I have a homogeneous batch in the quantity of ..... pieces of the sample with which I shall participate in the Competition, a quantity which I commit to keep until the announcement of the Competition results.

c) I consent to the use of data that concerns my company for the purposes of the Competition, in the framework of promoting and disseminating information within the EU and internationally.

**3. I submit** regarding the trade name in question and the prize category:

**Four (4) packages** of ..... gr each of the branded standardised product.

Location: .....

Date: .....

(Company stamp/ Signature)