



## 2023 WHISKEY COMPETITION

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Heartland Whiskey Competition (Sanctioned by American Craft Spirits Association)

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August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 @ Still 630 Distillery, St. Louis MO

*Registration Deadline: Midnight, Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*Receiving Deadline: Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

### Welcome

We're pleased you are considering submitting your spirits in this **4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Heartland Whiskey** competition.

Corn growers in 21 states are again delighted to acknowledge the importance of this crop to production of spirits in the heartland states, and beyond. Further, it specifically honors the role corn plays in the craft spirits industry as it relates to the production of fine craft WHISKEY.

You know that too. And, now is your time to SHINE.

### Participating States

Although any producer of craft whiskey can participate, these states as active participants will have a “Best of State” presented at the awards assembly: CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, MARYLAND, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NEW YORK, NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO, OREGON, PENNSYLVANIA, TEXAS, TENNESSEE, WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN

**Your Spirits will be blind tasted and evaluated by a panel of distinguished professionals**

Whiskey categories that will evaluate include:

- Straight Whiskey
  - Bourbon Whiskey
  - Corn Whiskey
  - Blended Whiskey
  - Four Grain Whiskey (Corn Plus 3)
  - Bottled-in-Bond Whiskey
  - Rye Whiskey (Corn Mash)
  - RTDs (“Whiskey Base” Ready to Drink-MUST include CORN)
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- Judges: The judging panels are a spirited mix of highly-regarded professionals within the spirits industry. No judge with a vested interest in any specific category of spirit will judge.

**Medalists**

**Medalists** will be announced late summer, 2023.

**NOTES:**

- **ALL** products must have a valid COLA from TTB. We reserve the right to request a copy of your COLA should there be a question as to an individual submission. Each spirit must have received formal approval for the “fanciful name” with a corresponding COLA by the date of judging or that spirit will be ineligible for evaluation.

- You must identify whether your spirit is *Third Party* (made using a base spirit distilled off-site) or *Made from Scratch* (distilled on premise). You may classify a spirit as *other* or with some specific identifier. If your product is a blend of *Third Party* distillate and *Made from Scratch* distillate, please classify this as *other* and note the blend. The Judging Board reserves the right to re-classify a submitted spirit based on its professional judgment.

### ***PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS***

#### **ENTRY FEE:**

**\$175.00 per entry (ACSA Members)**

**\$195.00 per entry for non-ACSA producers**

Payment can be made by credit or debit card at time of registration of spirits.

### ***SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS***

Please send two 750 ml bottles (or the equivalent) of each spirit entered.

#### **SPIRIT SHIPMENTS MUST BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Stumpy's Spirits Distillery  
Laura and Adam Stumpf  
1727 Centerville Rd  
Columbia, IL 62236**

#### **SHIPMENTS MUST BE MARKED: "SAMPLES FOR LAB USE ONLY"**

Please use a rubber band to attach a copy of your confirmation to each of the bottles entered. This will ensure that we inventory your entry accurately. Please

**DO NOT** use Styrofoam peanuts for packing your spirits.

Use Fed Ex or UPS for shipping. **DO NOT USE the U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.**

### ***DISCLAIMER***

All products submitted will be considered property of the Heartland Whiskey Competition. The Judging Board retains the right not to award a medal, if, in its professional consensus, no medal is deserved in a specific category. Neither the Heartland Whiskey Competition, ACSA, Stumpy's Spirits Distillery nor Still 630 will accept responsibility for entries damaged or lost in shipment.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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