



ULTIMATE SPIRITS CHALLENGE

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2020 SPIRITS CLASSIFICATION CODES

If you have any questions or require assistance with completing the form, email info@ultimate-beverage.com or phone +1 (347) 878-6551.

The general categories in which spirits are judged at Ultimate Spirits Challenge are listed below. During judging the tasting flights are further narrowed so that spirits are evaluated like-with-like.

ABSINTHE

Y105. Absinthe

BAIJIU/KAOLIANG

X901. Baijiu/Kaoliang

BITTER/AMARO/APERITIF

L201. Bitter

L203. Amaro

L205. Aperitivo/Aperitif

BRANDY—ARMAGNAC

N639. Blanche

N641. VS/Three Star

N643. VSOP

N645. XO/Hors d'Age

N647. Vintage

BRANDY—CALVADOS

C630. Pays d'Auge Fine/Three Stars

C632. Pays d'Auge Vieux/Reserve

C634. Pays d'Auge VO/VSOP/Vieille Reserve

C636. Pays d'Auge Extra/Napoleon/Hors d'Age/Age Inconnu

C638. Pays d'Auge Vintage

C640. Domfrontais

C642. AOC (any age designation)

BRANDY—COGNAC

D670. VS/Three Stars

D672. VSOP

D674. XO/Napoleon/Extra

D676. Vintage

D678. Flavored (Non-liqueur)

BRANDY—GRAPPA/MARC/EAU-DE-VIE/ AGUARDIENTE/FLAVORED

M600. Grappa—Italy

M601. Grappa—World (Non-Italy)

M603. Marc—France (Grapes)

M605. Eau-de-Vie/Fruit Brandy—World
(Stone fruits, berries, flowers—non-Calvados)

M607. Grape Brandy—Europe (non-Cognac, non-Armagnac)

M609. Grape Brandy—North America

M611. Grape Brandy—World
(Non-Europe, non-North America)

M613. Other Brandy—World

M615. Aguardiente—World

M617. Flavored Brandy—World (Non-Cognac)

BRANDY—PISCO

M617. Pisco—Peru

M619. Pisco—Chile

BRANDY—SPAIN

M621. Brandy de Jerez

M623. Other Spanish Brandy (non-Brandy de Jerez)

GIN/GENEVER

G300. Gin

G302. Old Tom Style

G304. Navy Strength (57% abv or above)

G306. Barrel Mated

G308. Flavored

G310. Genever (All ages)

LIQUEURS

L102. Pastis

L104. Aniseed (for example, Sambuca)

L106. Berry and Fruit Liqueurs
(All berries, cherry, apple, peach, pear, banana, etc.)

L108. Citrus Fruit (orange/triple sec, limoncello, etc.)

L110. Coffee

L112. Nut (Almond, walnut, hazelnut, etc.)

L114. Chocolate

L116. Cream/Dairy

L118. Mint/Herb/Spice/Botanical

L120. Whiskey

L122. Other

L124. Schnapps

L126. Sloe Gin

MEZCAL/BACANORA/SOTOL

A400. Espadin

A402. Arroqueno

A404. Tobala

A406. Pechuga

A408. Madrecuixe

A410. Tepeztate

A412. Other Agave

A414. Multiple Agaves

A420. Sotol

A422. Bacanora

MISCELLANEOUS SPIRITS

J900. Brandy-based Spirits (Any nation)

J902. NGS-based Spirits

J904. Arrack

J906. Ouzo

J908. Aquavit

J910. Raki

J912. Nog

J914. Applejack



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- J916. Cachaça (Un-aged)
- J918. Cachaça (Aged)
- J920. Other Agave-based Spirits (Non-Mexico)
- J922. Low/No Alcohol Spirits & Other Spirits

NON-ALCOHOL MIXERS/TONICS/SODAS/SELTZERS

- B103. Mixers: Non-Alcohol Club Soda/Tonic/Ginger Beer/Ginger Ale, Seltzer, et cetera
- B105. Non-Alcohol Cocktail Mixes (Powder or liquid)

READY-TO-DRINK COCKTAILS/HARD/ SPIKED SELTZERS, COFFEE, ETC.

- B107. Ready-To-Drink Cocktails (Cans or bottles)
- B109. Hard/Spiked Seltzers, Coffee, etc.

RUM/RHUM

- R502. Rhum/Rum Agricole
- R504. White/Silver
- R506. Gold/Dark
- R508. Aged (5+ years)
- R510. Over-Proof (Over 51% abv)
- R512. Clairin (Haiti)
- R514. Molasses and Sugarcane Juice Blend
- R516. Spiced
- R518. Flavored (Any base)
- R520. Other Sugarcane Juice Spirits

SHOCHU/SOJU

- X900. Shochu/Soju

TEQUILA

- T100. Blanco/Silver/Platinum 100% Agave
- T102. Joven 100% Agave
- T104. Reposado 100% Agave
- T106. Añejo 100% Agave
- T108. Cristalino 100% Agave
- T110. Extra Añejo 100% Agave
- T112. Mixto
- T114. Flavored (All flavors/any base)

VERMOUTH

- Z150. Dry/Extra Dry
- Z153. Sweet
- Z155. Ambre/Bianco/Other

VODKA

- V200. Unflavored Potato
- V202. Unflavored Wheat
- V204. Unflavored Rye
- V206. Unflavored Barley
- V208. Unflavored Corn
- V210. Unflavored Multiple Grain
- V212. Unflavored Sugar Cane
- V214. Unflavored Grape or Fruit Distillate
- V216. Unflavored Sorghum
- V218. Flavored (All flavors/any base)
- V220. Other Vodka

WHISK(E)Y—WHISKY/CANADA

- S790. Blended

- S792. Single Grain/Single Malt
- S794. Single Barrel/Small Batch
- S796. Rye

WHISK(E)Y—WHISKEY/IRELAND

- E740. Blended
- E742. Single Malt
- E744. Single Pot Still
- E746. Single Grain
- E748. Poitin/Poteen

WHISK(E)Y—WHISKY/SCOTLAND

- W701. Blended
- W703. Blended Malt
- W705. Single Grain
- W707. Blended Grain
- W709. Speyside Single Malt
- W711. Islay Single Malt
- W713. Lowland Single Malt
- W715. Island Single Malt (Skye/Orkneys/Jura/Arran/Mull)
- W717. Highland Single Malt (Non-Speyside)
- W719. Campbeltown Single Malt
- W721. Independent Merchant Bottling (Single Malt/Blended)

WHISK(E)Y—WHISKEY/UNITED STATES

- P771. Moonshine/White Dog/Unaged Grain Spirits (Any state)
- P773. Rye (Any state/any age)
- P775. Straight/Non-Straight/Small Batch Bourbon (Any state/aged less than 5 years)
- P777. Straight/Non-Straight/Small Batch Bourbon (Any state/aged 5+ years)
- P779. Bottled-in-Bond Bourbon (50% abv - any state/any age)
- P781. Bottled-in-Bond Rye (50% abv - any state/any age)
- P783. Blended/Multi-Grain (Any state/any age)
- P785. Single Barrel (Any style/any state/any age)
- P787. Wheat (Any state/any age)
- P789. Single Grain (Any state/any age)
- P791. Single Malt (Any state/any age)
- P793. American/Experimental/Other (Any state/any age)

WHISK(E)Y—WORLD

- H900. Japanese Blended
- H902. Japanese Single Grain
- H904. Japanese Single Malt
- H906. Japanese Column Still
- H908. Taiwanese Blended
- H910. Taiwanese Single Malt
- H912. Indian Blended
- H914. Indian Single Malt
- H916. French Blended
- H918. French Single Malt
- H920. Wales/England Blended
- H922. Wales/England Single Malt
- H924. Australia Blended
- H926. Australia Single Malt
- H928. Other—World

WHISK(E)Y—FLAVORED

- Q941. Flavored—World