



Regulations of the 8th Worldcup of Beersommeliers

Conducting the preliminary rounds (Heats)

1. Beer Style Test (45 minutes)

- Each participant receives 10 beers poured into glasses (Rastal Basic Stange 0.1 L)
- The beer style must be assigned correctly in a selection list
- The participant receives 10 points for each correctly defined beer style
- Help for this task: a choice of 30 possibilities

2. Off Flavor Test (45 minutes)

- Each participant receives 10 typical beer flavors in plastic cups
- Flavors used: <https://doemens.org/en/flavourstandards/>
- Beer used: Spaten Hell
- The beer flavor must be defined in each case
- The participant receives 10 points for each correctly defined beer flavor
- Assistance for this task: Choice of 40 possible flavors

3. Multiple Choice Test with 20 questions (45 minutes)

- Each participant receives a MC test with 10 questions

The MC test is available in the following languages:

- **German**
- **English**
- **Portuguese**
- **Italian**
- **Spanish**
- **French**

- The participant receives one point for each correct answer
- The MC test will only be used in the event of a possible tie to determine the 10 best qualifiers. Should there still be a tie, the better result one of the tasting sessions will decide. Still a tie, we have to draw lots.



Regulations and qualification for the Final:

The finalists' presentations will be translated into English by simultaneous interpreters for the audience and the jury. Due to the limited possibilities of translation, only the following languages are permitted for the final:

- **German**
- **English**
- **Portuguese**
- **Italian**

When registering, each participant must indicate which of the above languages he/she will choose if he/she takes part in the Final and the Semi-Final.

Based on the experiences from the previous Worldcups, a new rule comes into effect, which gives the international participants from all over the world better opportunities to get to the final and tries to compensate for any language barriers:

1. From the three preliminary rounds, the 7 best-placed participants qualify directly for the Semi-final
2. In addition, the best-placed participant from each group of the following language selected for the presentation qualifies for the presentation

- **English**
- **Portuguese**
- **Italian**

Implementation of the Semi-finals (knockout round)

1. The 10 best according to the format of the preliminary rounds are qualified for the semi-finals (knockout round)
2. There are always 2 participants competing against each other (the 1st place against the 10th place, the 2nd place against the 9th place, etc...)
3. The participants are brought on stage one by one
4. Both participants receive the identical beer poured on stage in a tasting glass
5. **The participants know nothing about the beer**
6. The participants have time to describe the beer according to the jury evaluation scheme below

- a. **Sensory description of the beer with mention of the beer style** → **60 %**
- b. **Performance** → **40 %**

The 5 winners and the best "Lucky Loser" are qualified for the final.



Conducting the final

- 6 participants qualify for the Final
- There are 6 beers ready on the stage
- Each beer (face down) has a number
- Each finalist must draw a ticket
- The ticket number determines the order of the participants and the beer
- Each participant is brought onto the stage individually
- On the stage, the participant reveals his beer
- Competitors must pour their own beers on stage
- The jury was already poured the beer in advance
- The participants have time to present the beer to the audience according to the following weighting scheme

- a. Background or story(s) about the beer → 22%**
- b. Sensory description of the beer → 22%**
- c. Possible food pairing and other combinations → 22%**
- d. Performance and Biersommelier Skills → 40%**