

# Enter the Cup

## Official Rules, Regulations & FAQ

### For the Errl Cup & 710 Degree Cup

#### Important Information

- Entry Deadline is 45 days before the event, late entries cannot be accepted.
- You must fully complete and submit an entry form with your entries to avoid being rejected.
- Errl Cup automatically secret shops each dispensary that cultivate/extract their own products for flower in our Errl Cup event and concentrate in our 710 Degree Cup event. When secret shopping, we rotate between Indica, Sativa, or Hybrid types at each dispensary. We ask the dispensary's budtenders to choose the best "top shelf" product for your secret shopped entry.
- All judging is conducted by state licensed Medical Marijuana patients. Entries are collected and distributed under the legal frameworks of Arizona's Medical Marijuana Program.

#### Dispensary Categories:

Indica Flowers	Indica Concentrate	CBD Flower	Topical
Sativa Flowers	Sativa Concentrate	CBD Concentrate	Vape Pen
Hybrid Flowers	Hybrid Concentrate	CBD Edible	Non-Solvent (Hash/Rosin)
Distillate	Sauce	Isolate	Sweet Edible
Derivative	Beverage	Tincture	Savory Edible
Hand Crafted Product			

#### Patient Categories:

Indica Flowers	Indica Concentrate	Edible	Distillate
Sativa Flowers	Sativa Concentrate	CBD	Non-Solvent (Hash/Rosin)
Hybrid Flowers	Hybrid Concentrate		

## Flowers:

#### Category Description

The flower category encompasses Indica, Sativa and Hybrid strains. We limit the Sativa and Indica flower entries to genetic lineages that are greater than 70 percent in either species. Competitors are required to properly categorize their entries. We reserve the right to re-categorize an entry that does not fit. You may be required to submit genetic lineage (back to grandparents) if you have an unknown strain. Hybrids can include any combination of Indica or Sativa below 70 percent (60/40, 50/50 and so on).

#### Competition Packaging Details

Your (12)-gram entry should be placed in one sealed jar. The Jar must clearly state the name of the strain, type (I/S/H), category and company name. This should be done **ONLY ONCE** on the exterior of the jar that holds your entry. **(Do not cover the lid with your label)**

Your (2) gram laboratory sample must be separately packaged in two, one gram UNLABELED packages. Both one gram samples must be sealed and placed into a larger package where only the outside bears the strain, type, category and company name.

**\*All lab samples must have no identifying marks.**

### Judging and Scoring Info

The seven categories to be scored from by each Judge are as follows: **Visual; Presence of seeds; Aroma; Taste; flush/Burn/Purity; Strength and Correct Effect.** Test Results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid levels will be measured and scored.

## Concentrates, Sauce, Isolate, Distillate & Non-Solvent Hash:

### Category Description

The concentrate category encompasses; oils, waxes, crumbles, live resin, budders, shatters and any other concentrate not classified below.

The sauce category encompasses; diamonds, sauce, terp sauce and mixtures of terpenes/isolate.

The isolate Category encompasses; any cannabinoid isolation of 98% and higher.

The distillate category encompasses; any concentrate made by distillation.

The non-Solvent category encompasses; hash, kief, rosin, creams and dry sieves.

“Solvent-Free” products do NOT go in the non-solvent category. Water is the only solvent allowed in non-solvent, no distillation or fractionation. We reserve the right to re-categorize an entry that does not fit. You may be required to submit genetic lineage (back to grandparents) if you have an unknown strain. Hybrids can include any combination of Indica or Sativa below 70 percent (60/40, 50/50 and so on). (These categories are combined for the patient class and four Cups are awarded under Concentrate: Indica, Sativa, Hybrid and Non-Solvent)

### Competition Packaging Details

Your (6.5)-gram entry should be placed entirely in one jar or folded securely in one parchment and placed in one container or one airtight bag. Each container must clearly state the name of the strain, type (I/S/H), category and company name. This should be done ONLY ONCE on the exterior of the container that holds your entry. (Do not cover the lid with your label)

Your (0.5) gram laboratory sample must be separately packaged in one UNLABELED package.

The sample must be sealed and placed into a larger package where only the outside bears the strain, type, category and company name.

\*All lab samples must have no identifying marks.

\*Ensure you place your entire 6.5 gram entry in one container/syringe/parchment or jar to avoid loss and smaller judge samples.

### Judging and Scoring Info

The seven categories to be scored from by each Judge are as follows: **Visual; Foreign Material; Aroma; Taste; Flush/Burn/Purity; Strength and Correct Effect.**

Test Results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid levels will be measured and scored.

## CBD Entries:

### Category Description

The CBD category encompasses any flower, concentrate or edibles that meet the minimum CBD percentage required to compete.

Samples entered in the CBD flowers category require a minimum of 5% CBD to compete.

Samples entered in the CBD concentrates category require a minimum of 25% CBD to compete.

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Samples entered in the CBD edibles require a minimum ratio of 1:1. Once qualified for CBD competition, all samples will be turned over to our judges who are selected specifically because they have ailments which are treated with CBD medicine. **(These categories are combined for the patient class and one Cup is awarded under CBD.)**

### Competition Packaging Details

The CBD categories vary between concentrates, flowers and edibles therefore laboratory and sample requirements vary. Please see “Competition Packaging Details” in each of their respective areas for details on how you should prepare your entries.

### Judging and Scoring Info

The eight categories to be scored from by each Judge are as follows: **Visual; Foreign Objects; Aroma; Taste; Burn/Flush/After Taste; Symptomatic Efficiency; Product Labeling** \*edibles only; **Correct Effect**. Test Results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid levels are measured and scored with more points being awarded for CBD vs THC.

**\*Participants MUST clearly label exactly the total MG of cannabis infused in any edible product.**

## Edibles Sweet, Edibles Savory, Beverages, Tinctures:

### Category Description

The Edibles Sweet & Savory categories encompasses any infused product that is eaten including food and baked goods. The Beverage category encompasses any infused product that is drank including syrups, powdered drinks, sodas & juices. The Tincture category encompasses any Infused Tinctures. **(These categories are combined for the patient class and is only one Cup is awarded under Edible)**

### Competition Packaging Details

Your (10)-individually packaged entries should be placed in one sealed container. The container must clearly state the name of the strain, type (I/S/H), category and company name. This should be done **ONLY ONCE** on the exterior of the container that holds your entry. We ask that if your edible requires refrigeration that you bring it in a cooler. The Edibles category is not blind testing but open label. This is due to the fact that dosing is an important component in the scoring of this category. We employ laboratory testing in the Edibles category, but this requires proper dosage labeling on all Edible entries so that the lab can confirm the dosage and the judge can ensure taking a single serving size. **(Do not cover the lid with your label)**

**\*Your laboratory sample will be taken from one of your ten sealed entries.**

**\*Do include original packaging, labeling, ingredients, dosing and serving size on each of the 10 entries.**

### Judging and Scoring Info

The seven categories to be scored from by each Judge are as follows: **Visual; Aroma; Taste; Product Labeling; Originality; Strength; and Correct Effect**. Test Results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid and THC-A levels are measured and scored. The more THC-A in the product, the less points it will receive.

**\*Participants MUST clearly label exactly the total MG of cannabis infused in each product.**

## Topical: (Dispensary Only)

### Category Description

The Topical category encompasses any cream, salve, lotion, butter, soap, bath bomb, balm, chap stick, sun screen, and the like.

### Competition Packaging Details

Your (10) - individually packaged entries should be placed in one large sealed container. The container must clearly state the name of the strain, type (I/S/H), category and company name. This should be done **ONLY ONCE** on the exterior of the container that holds your entry. Note the Topical category is not blind testing but open label. We do this because some products require labeling and directions for proper laboratory testing, patient testing and single serving sizes. **(Do not cover the lid with your label)**

**\*Your laboratory sample will be taken from one of your ten sealed entries.**

**\*Do include original packaging, labeling, dosing and serving size on each of the 10 entries.**

### Judging and Scoring Info

The six categories to be scored from by each Judge are as follows: **Visual; Foreign Objects; Aroma; Consistency; Symptomatic Efficiency; Product Labeling.** Test Results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid levels are measured and scored.

**\*Participants MUST clearly label exactly the total MG of cannabis infused in each product.**

## Vape Pen Cartridge Entries: (Dispensary Only)

### Category Description

This category encompasses pre-filled vape pen cartridges only. Competitors in this category are required to submit (10) - pre-filled oil cartridges and 10 pens/ batteries. Competitors may not enter vape pens that require the manual loading of concentrate.

**\*If you are entering multiple Vape Pens you only need to provide 10 batteries total as the judges can swap out the cartridges. (Assuming they all use the same battery)**

### Competition Packaging Details

Your (10) - individually packaged entries should be placed in one sealed container. The container must clearly state the name of the strain, type (I/S/H), category and company name. This should be done **ONLY ONCE** on the exterior of the container that holds your entry. Note this category is not blind testing but open label. This is due to the fact that labeling and dosing is an important component in the scoring of this category additionally cartridge products often bear the manufacturer or company name, not to mention some pens are very distinct and identifiable. As such, all vapes and batteries need be in their retail packaging. Lastly, additives such as PG, VG or Non-Cannabis flavoring are not allowed in the Vape Pen Cartridge category.

**\*Your laboratory sample will be taken from one of your ten sealed entries.**

**\*Do include original packaging, labeling and dosing on each of the 10 entries.**

### Judging and Scoring Info

The seven categories to be scored from by each Judge are as follows: **Visual; Taste; Burn/Purity; Product Labeling; Ease of Use; Strength; and Correct Effects.** Test results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid levels will be measured and scored.

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## Derivative: (Dispensary Only)

### Category Description

The Derivative category encompasses any infused breath strips, inhalers, capsules, suppositories and pills.

### Competition Packaging Details

Your (10) - individually packaged entries should be placed in one sealed container. The container must clearly state the name of the strain, type (I/S/H), category and company name. This should be done **ONLY ONCE** on the exterior of the container that holds your entry. Note the derivative category is not blind testing but open label. We do this because some products require labeling and directions for proper laboratory testing, patient testing and single serving sizes. **(Do not cover the lid with your label)**

**\*Your laboratory sample will be taken from one of your ten sealed entries.**

**\*Do include original packaging, labeling, dosing and serving size on each of the 10 entries.**

### Judging and Scoring Info

The seven categories to be scored from by each Judge are as follows: **Visual; Taste; Product Labeling; Originality; Ease of Use; Strength and Correct Effect.** Test Results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid levels are measured and scored.

**\*Participants MUST clearly label exactly the total MG of cannabis infused in each product.**

## Hand Crafted Product Entries: (Dispensary Only)

### Category Description

Hand Crafted Products (HCP's) category encompasses, but is not limited to, products such as caviar, moon rocks, tarantula joints, hash bombs, thai sticks or Cannabis terpenes.

### Competition Packaging Details

Your (9) entries should be un-labeled and placed in one sealed container. The container must clearly state the name of the strain, type (I/S/H), category and company name. This should be done **ONLY ONCE** on the exterior of the container that holds your entry. **(Do not cover the lid with your label)**

Your (1) laboratory sample must be separately packaged in one UNLABELED package. The sample must be sealed and placed into a larger package where only the outside bears the strain, type, category and company name.

**\*All lab samples must have no identifying marks.**

### Judging and Scoring Info

The seven categories to be scored from by each Judge are as follows: **Visual; Foreign Material; Aroma; Taste; Flush/Burn/Purity; Strength; and Originality.** Test Results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid levels will be measured and scored.

## Disqualifying Factors:

Since no guidelines for testing Cannabis have been established in the State of Arizona, we are taking our standards from levels that we consider acceptable from the State of Colorado, Washington & Nevada. Any failing entries will be disqualified from winning or placing in the event. Any disqualified entries and its fee's will not be returned.

- **Colony Forming Unit (CFU) counts:** CFU testing is conducted on all flower entries. Entries with CFU over 10,000 will be disqualified.
- **Residual Solvents (PPM):** PPM testing is conducted on all concentrate entries. Entries with over 5,000 PPM will be disqualified.
- **Plant Growth Regulators (PGR):** PGR testing is conducted on all flower entries. Entries with any detected PGR's will be disqualified.
- **Pesticides:** Pesticide testing is conducted on all flower entries. Entries with any detected pesticides will be disqualified.
- **Mold:** Mold testing is conducted on all entries. Entries with any detected mold will be disqualified.

## New Rules on Entries:

### Stacking the field

A competitor may only win ONE award per category, regardless of how many entries they have in that category. This rule is in place to prevent competitors from “stacking the field” and ensures a level playing field for everyone involved. Because competitors will only be eligible to receive one award per category, the higher of the awards will be awarded and the rest dropped from award consideration. For example, if a competitor places 1st and 3rd in a category, they will win 1st Place only with the 3rd Place entry being dropped and the next highest score moving up into its place.

### Dual Branding

A Competitor may not enter any products under a dual brand. Only one competitor name may be used and awarded. Example: Purple Larry Rosin by AZ Finest Cannabis & AZ Squish King could only be entered as “Purple Larry Rosin by AZ Squish King”.

### Reserve the Right

Errl Cup reserves the rights to refuse, disqualify, bar or otherwise ban any entity or individuals from participating in our Errl Cup competitions for any reason. In order to protect the integrity of the competition and ensure its fairness, safety and security for all. Errl Cup has a zero tolerance policy for any rules violations. When it comes to our Cups, one strike and you're out. Keep it clean & keep it pure.

## Common Category Misplacements:

Chem Dawg is an Indica. OG Kush is an Indica, not a Sativa. Sour Diesel is a Hybrid. A Kush cross is an Indica or Hybrid. All Hazes are Sativa.

If you believe you have a strain that exhibits a mutant phenotype that is expressed in its high or stone, we understand that. But that strain should no longer be called by its original name. Rather, we recommend renaming it to reflect this unusual deviation, such as putting a number after the name or something that denotes it is different from the norm.

Examples include:

Blueberry Muffin (Candyland Pheno)

Grape Ape #13

Kosher Kush Cousin

## The Judging Process:

Errol Cup employs a two-tiered digital (online) score sheet that includes a patient score and lab score. The patient score will account for approximately 75 percent of the total score. This may vary slightly by competition category. This score sheet will be scored by each Judge and will measure his or her professional opinions of each entry. Categories are scored 1-10 by each judge (10 being the highest score). These values are not made public, meaning that both Judges and Competitors are not given the weighted values. The lab score will account for 25 percent of the total score. This may vary slightly by competition category. This data will be evaluated for errors and then uploaded into the system. The results of this score sheet will not be made available to Judges until the day of event. On the final day of judging, we will calculate each Judges score for each entry, and add it to the lab score produced by the uploaded lab data. The system then combines the Judges' score with the lab score giving a final Total Score and thus our winners.

## FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

### How Many Judges Are There?

There are between ten and twenty five judges per category. This depends on entry type and how many categories we run for that particular Cup.

### Who are the judges and how are they selected?

Our Judges are MMJ patients in Arizona. We randomly select our judges from the pool of patients that pre-register with us. We then go to great lengths to screen and ensure that the Judges selected match the category they are judging and that they are extremely dedicated to both the cause and the task of judging.

### How do you ensure the lab accurately tests?

Before we choose a lab we go through a long vetting process. Once a lab is chosen we conduct periodic quality assurance on the lab by sending them all samples with numbers only Errol Cup can identify. We send the lab duplicate of the same sample under different numbers. We also send samples to other labs not affiliated with the event to ensure lab honesty.

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**How many submissions can I enter?**

You may enter as many categories as you like, as many time as you like. However you cannot win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same category. Refer to “Stacking the Field” Rules above for more information.

**What are the rules regarding disqualification?**

Errl Cup reserves the right to disqualify (DQ) entries for any rules violation and in cases where EC deems the entry, or practices of the competitor therein, to be against the spirit of fair competition. Entries that have been adulterated with non-cannabis derived products will be disqualified. Entries that have incidents of mold, bacteria, or pesticides as identified either by the competition committee or our partner labs will be disqualified. If any entry is found to have been tampered with, adulterated or doctored in any way using any synthetic, artificial, or non-cannabis organic substances, that entry will be disqualified. This includes, but is not limited to, any substance that did not originate from the original source materials (cannabis), including additives such as non-cannabis derived terpenes, oils or flavonoids, even when derived from natural or organic sources (such as fruits or flowers). This does NOT apply to entries in the “Edibles” category. These rules are solely in place for the safety and welfare of our judges and the community at large. Errl Cup does not offer refunds in the rare event of a disqualification.



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