

Enter the Cup

Official Rules, Regulations & FAQ

For the Errl 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 errors and/or being rejected.
- Errl Cup automatically select shops each Licensed Producer that cultivate/extract their own products for flower in our Errl Cup spring event and concentrate in our Errl Cup fall event.
- When select 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 select shopped entry.
- All judging is conducted by state licensed Arizona Medical Marijuana patients & adults 21+.
- Entries are collected and distributed under the legal frameworks of Arizona's Marijuana Program.

DISPENSARY Class Categories: (ARIZONA LICENSED PRODUCERS)

Indoor Flowers Indica	Sun Grown Flowers	Savory Edible
Indoor Flowers Sativa	Pre- Roll	Sweet Edible
Indoor Flowers Hybrid	Infused Pre- Roll	Beverage
Vape Pen Indica	Vape Live Resin Indica	Vape Non-Solvent
Vape Pen Sativa	Vape Live Resin Sativa	Moon Rock
Vape Pen Hybrid	Vape Live Resin Hybrid	
Concentrate Indica	Isolate	Non-Solvent Indica
Concentrate Sativa	Sauce	Non-Solvent Sativa
Concentrate Hybrid	RSO	Non-Solvent Hybrid
Tincture		
Topical		

CBD Categories:

Edible	Topical	Inhalable
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OPEN Class Categories: (ARIZONA ADULTS 21+ & CAREGIVERS)

Indoor Flowers Indica	Sun Grown Flowers	Non-Solvent (Hash/Rosin)
Indoor Flowers Sativa	Edible	
Indoor Flowers Hybrid		

*Note ANY category can expand and contract at any time based on the number of entries in each category. Examples are below but are NOT limited to these scenarios.

- Sun Grown category could expand to Indica, Sativa and Hybrid if enough entries are received to satisfy all three categories with fair competition.
- Vape Live Resin could condense from Indica, Sativa, hybrid down to one category encompassing all Live Resin Vapes if an insufficient number of entries are received to satisfy fair competition.

Flowers:

Category Description

Indoor Flowers encompasses all flowers grown indoors under lights.

Sun Grown Flower encompasses all flowers grown under natural sunlight, assisted light, greenhouse, or light-dep.

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 (14)-gram entry should be placed in one sealed jar. The Jar must clearly state the name of the strain, type (I/S/H/CBD), 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 (1) gram laboratory sample must be separately packaged in a, one-gram UNLABELED package and 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 95% 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 five Cups are awarded under Concentrate: Indica, Sativa, Hybrid, Distillate and Non-Solvent)**

Competition Packaging Details

Your (7)-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/CBD), 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) 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 7 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:

Category Description

The CBD category encompasses any flower, concentrate, vape pen, edible, gummy, tincture, topical, etc that contain at least a 1:1 Ratio of CBD.

Topical category includes any product applied externally. (Topicals, salve, etc)

Edible category includes any product ingested. (Food, Drink, Pills, gummies, etc)

Inhalable category includes any product inhaled. (Vape, flower, concentrate, etc)

Once qualified as CBD, all samples will be turned over to our judges who are selected specifically because they have ailments which are treated with CBD medicine. This category is open to any brand operating in compliance of HEMP & Cannabis laws inside of Arizona.

Competition Packaging Details

Your (10) - individually packaged (Full Size Sample) 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.

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

*** This category is open branded. Your samples should be submitted with the same labeling they would get when going up for sale.**

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/Residue; Symptomatic Efficiency; Product Labeling *edibles only; Correct Effect.** Test Results also influence scores, the 10 major cannabinoid levels are measured and scored. THC to CBD balance is a factor in this category.

***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 encompasses any “sweet” infused product that is eaten.

The Savory categories encompasses any “non-sweet” infused product that is eaten.

The Beverage category encompasses any infused product that is drank including syrups, powdered drinks, sodas & juices.

The Tincture category encompasses any Infused Tinctures that is THC based. **(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/CBD), 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.

Note 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:

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.**

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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:

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 in the same category like “Indica, Sativa, Hybrid Non-Solvent Vape” you only need to provide 10 batteries total as the judges can swap out the cartridges. If you are entering into multiple types of vapes like “Non-Solvent and Live Resin”, you will need 20 batteries to satisfy both judging categories.**

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/CBD), category and company name. This should be done ONLY ONCE on the exterior of the container that holds your entry. Your (1) 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.

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.

***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.

Hand Crafted Product:

Category Description

Hand Crafted Products (HCP's) category is broken down into 3 categories.

Pre-Roll: Pre filled joints made solely of cannabis flower.

Infused Pre-Roll: Pre-Rolls infused with concentrate, terpenes or other enhancing material.

Moon Rock: caviar, moon rocks, hash bombs and the like.

Competition Packaging Details

Your (10) 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

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done ONLY ONCE on the exterior of the container that holds your entry. (Do not cover the lid with your label)

Your (1) 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.

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.

RSO:

Category Description

Rick Simpson Oil or “RSO” category encompasses any concentrate/extract that is designed to be ingested orally. Any state approved solvent can be used in this category, it is not limited to naphtha.

Competition Packaging Details

Your (10) 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) 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.

Judging and Scoring Info

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

Laboratory Testing Requirements:

Starting November 1st 2020, SB1494 went into effect requiring all cannabis products being sold to first successfully pass a battery of tests looking for Microbial Contaminants, Heavy Metals, Residual Solvents, Pesticides, Fungicides, Growth Regulators, Potency and Herbicides. Due to this law change, each sample submitted to compete in the Erri Cup must have accompanying it a complete passing testing report that meets all guidelines of SB1494 – 9 A.A.C. 17. Erri Cup will conduct additional testing on all samples for Cannabinoids and Terpenes and hazards to satisfy the competition requirements.

*You may choose any laboratory licensed by AZDHS to perform the full legal test required by law.

*You must submit a printed report clearly showing details of your passing laboratory test.

*Laboratory reports must be issued within the last 60 days and have matching batch numbers to its submission.

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. 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:

Errl 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

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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 forty 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 & adults 21+ in Arizona. We randomly select our judges from the pool of applicants 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 Errl 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.

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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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