



USVI Culinary Team Bartender Competition Rules & Guidelines

1. A recipe for drinks to be entered in the rum, vodka and non-alcoholic categories must be submitted at the time of application, together with a picture no later than **Friday, March 6th**
2. The combined total score from all three categories will be used in selecting the winner.
3. Additional points may be added, at the discretion of the Judges, to those bartenders using any of the following classic Mixology techniques: stirring, shaking, straining, muddling, building, layering and/or flaming. No such additional points will be awarded for blending.
4. Based on the number of entries, there will be a final judging. The competitor receiving the combined highest score will be selected as the winner.
5. Normal bar equipment and glass will be provided for the competition. If a competitor requires anything unique they must provide it themselves. Any competitor bringing a particular ingredient must agree to place it in the community bar, for use by all.
6. Bartenders will operate from a banquet table or portable bar.
7. Contestants will draw for start times.
8. Each bartender will be given five (5) minutes to prepare his/her drinks for the judges.
 - a. Bartenders must prepare two (2) glasses of their cocktail (s).
 - b. Maximum use of six ingredients, including dashes, drops and herbs; homemade and blended ingredients do not count as one
9. Garnishes may not be prepared in advance and garnish must be edible.
10. If a final round is necessary, finalists will be allowed twenty (20) minutes to review the contents of a mystery bar, design a drink and write recipe; and ten (10) minutes to produce the drink for the judges, including the garnish.
11. **Judges decisions are final.**

Disclaimer

The Hotel & Tourism Association reserves the right to modify the rules and guidelines for this competition. The Association reserves the right to reproduce, publish or broadcast any recipe entered in the competition.

CRITERIA:

Competitors must agree to the following before entering the competition. No exceptions will be made:

1. Must be 21 years of age or older
2. Must be available for all team practices
3. Must be available for inter-island travel when necessary. May require an overnight stay.
4. Must be available for a minimum of 5 days to travel to competition.
5. Must be comfortable with public speaking