



Regulation

**INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPETITION  
A I P O D ' A R G E N T O  
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**COMPETING CATEGORIES**

**PDO/PGI Extra Virgin Olive Oil (Italian and International)**

**Biological Extra Virgin Olive Oil – from Biological Agriculture (Italian and International)**

**SINGLE VARIETY Extra Virgin Olive Oil (Italian and International)**

**Extra Virgin Olive Oil 100% ITALIAN**

**Extra Virgin Olive Oil INTERNATIONAL**

**Extra Virgin Olive Oil FLAVORED (Italian and International)**

**EVOO TOP WINNERS Prize (Italian and International)**

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**Art. 1 – Organization and Purpose**

The A.I.P.O. - The Interregional Olive Producers Association of Verona - with the partnership and the same purposes of intent of the Editorial Group "L'Informatore Agrario" of Verona, organizes, between February and March 2021, the 17th International Oil Competition "AIPO D'ARGENTO" and, at the same time, the 5th Edition of the "EVOO TOP WINNERS" Award.

The initiative - hereinafter identified with the term "Competition" and / or "Event" and / or "Initiative" - has the aim of enhancing, through rigorous, impartial, evaluation analysis of a highly-rated, professional panel and with proven international experience, the best oil production in the Mediterranean area in order to enhance highly quality Italian and international extra virgin olive oils, promoting their consumption.

Objective that, through a stimulating comparison, contributes to the affirmation of higher and qualifying levels of entrepreneurial culture of the entire international olive system both in the management of the olive grove, and in the collection, in the pressing of the olives, of the quality levels of the oils produced beyond that in their proper management and conservation.

**Art. 2 – Sponsoring bodies**

The competition is held under the high patronage of the Ministry of Agricultural, Forestry and Food Policies of the Italian Republic.

The evaluations of the samples by the Jury shall be carried out by adopting the C.O.I. (International Olive Oil Council).

The legal representatives of the Ministry and / or others, if any, sponsoring bodies and institutions, shall be, by right, part of the Event Guarantee Committee which can be convened, in case of need and / or to resolve any disputes, by the Chairman of AIPO and chaired by the same.

**Art. 3 – Admission papers to the competition**

Only extra virgin olive oils produced and marketed by the following subjects shall be admitted to the 18th "AIPO D'ARGENTO" International Oil Competition:

- a) olive growers producing oil on their own and marketed under their own label;
- b) oil mill, cooperative oil mills, producer organizations, producer associations;
- c) owners of companies and / or bottling companies - packers - dealers, subjected to any control or certification system, holders, in their area of competence, of product ready for release for consumption.

**Producers and / or mills that do not meet the requirements of points a), b), c) of this regulation are excluded from the Competition (paragraph 1 art. 3).**

All companies that meet the requirements and document, unequivocally and under their own responsibility, that the sample (s) of extra virgin olive oil presented has/have been produced in quantity not less than 150 kg, can participate in the Competition. **Therefore, all samples of companies not in compliance with the provisions of this regulation and those not in compliance with the required documentation (art.6) and / or the payment of secretarial fees due shall be categorically excluded.**

**Art. 4 – Admission papers to Evoo Top Winners Prize**

Only extra virgin olive oils produced and marketed by the following subjects shall be admitted to the 5th edition of the Evoo Top Winners:

- a) olive growers producing oil on their own and marketed under their own label;
- b) oil mill, cooperative oil mills, producer organizations, producer associations;
- c) owners of companies and / or bottling companies - packers - dealers, subjected to any control or certification system, holders, in their area of competence, of product ready for release for consumption.

**Producers and / or mills that do not meet the requirements of points a), b), c) of this regulation are excluded from the competition (paragraph 1 art. 4).**

All companies that meet the requirements and document, unequivocally and under their own responsibility, that the sample (s) of extra virgin olive oil presented has/have been produced in quantity not less than 150 kg, can participate in the Competition

Participation is reserved exclusively to the companies referred to in paragraph 1 points a), b), c), who in the years 2019 and 2020 participated in the "Aipo d'Argento International Competition", winning in one of the categories or, at least, are classified second or to the companies referred to in paragraph 1 points a), b), c), which can unequivocally document (through impeccable certification or self-certification), that they participated in oil competitions, at national and international level, classifying, always in 2019 and 2020 in first and second place;

As proof, an official document is required to certify the achieved ranking or the documented self-certification that shall have legal value in case of dispute.

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**Therefore, all samples of companies not in compliance with the provisions of this regulation and those not in compliance with the required documentation (art.6) and / or the payment of secretarial fees due shall be categorically excluded.**

**Art. 5 – Categories and subcategories**

Each sample presented shall be regularly registered in the 17th edition of the Competition and inserted automatically, anonymously, by an authoritative Technical Commission set up for this purpose, in one of the following categories:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) Extra virgin olive oil | <b>PDO/PGI</b>          | <b>(Italian and international)</b> |
| 2) Extra virgin olive oil | <b>BIOLOGICAL</b>       | <b>(Italian and international)</b> |
| 3) Extra virgin olive oil | <b>SINGLE VARIETY</b>   | <b>(Italian and international)</b> |
| 4) Extra virgin olive oil | <b>100% ITALIAN</b>     |                                    |
| 5) Extra virgin olive oil | <b>INTERNATIONAL</b>    |                                    |
| 6) 6th Edition            | <b>EVOO TOP WINNERS</b> | <b>(Italian and international)</b> |
| 7) Extra virgin olive oil | <b>FLAVORED</b>         | <b>(Italian and international)</b> |

For the categories 1) 2) 3) 4) 5) e 6) each sample shall be inserted as required by the following art. 9 in one of the following subgroups:

- a) **Light Fruity**
- b) **Medium Fruity**
- c) **Intense Fruity**

For the category 7) each sample shall be inserted as required by the following art. 9 in one of the following subgroups:

- a) **spices** (kind: nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon, pepper, turmeric)
- b) **citrus fruits** (kind: lemon, lime, orange, tangerine, cedar, grapefruit)
- c) **vegetables/fresh herbs** (kind: green pepper, chili pepper, dill, thyme, peppermint, chive, basil, eucalyptus, rosemary, marjoram, laureal, tomato). As for the pepper flavored oils, they will be analyzed separately by the appropriate tasting commission.

**Art. 6 – Forms, submission and participation costs**

For each registered sample, the competing Company must fulfill the following commitments:

- a) **send by courier and / or "priority" postal package, no later than 06 APRIL 2021**, to the Organizing Secretariat (AIPO, Viale del Lavoro 52, 37135 Verona • Tel. +39 045 8678260), no. 3 packaged and labeled bottles of 500 ml. + n. 1 additional bottle for each other category to which the company intends to register the same product (example: if you intend to participate with the same type of extra virgin olive oil in the PDO / PGI, Organic categories, 2 samples will be considered therefore 4 bottles must be sent, or if you intend to participate with the same type of extra virgin olive oil in the PDO / PGI, Organic and 100% Italian categories, 3 samples will be considered therefore 5 bottles must be sent , and so on....), properly packaged (in order to avoid breakage or anything else that could damage the product).
- b) Each carton must compulsorily carry the following inscription on the outside: **"NON-COMMERCIAL SAMPLE participating in the 18th edition of the" AIPO D 'ARGENTO 2021 "International Oil Competition.**
- c) **send number 1 labels if paper, with any back-labels, identical to those of the registered sample, or alternatively sent to the email info@aipoverona.it (jpg, pdf format), necessary for the realization of the traditional Sample Catalog and of the Companies participating in the Competition.**
- d) **Publication that will be disclosed, primarily through the official website of the Competition (www.aipodargento.it) and / or through a selected mailing, to the world of catering.**
- e) The Organization (AIPO) also reserves the right to use part of the samples received in its annual, intense, didactic and promotional activity, or through public tasting sections during which they will be proposed, with adequate didactic-illustrative moments of the its characteristics, organized jointly with public institutions and / or organizations.
- f) **Application form**, drawn up in block letters and / or legible writing, signed by the legal manager of the Company and / or Oil Mill, and / or Cooperative and / or competitor, Italian or foreign, compulsorily accompanied by a VAT number and corporate Tax Code. A commitment that must also be fulfilled for those who intend to participate in the EVOO TOP WINNERS, also in combination with the Aipo d'Argento. The Organizers, after receiving the application (s), will be able to carry out a check, also via email, in order to verify and / or modify the company data. All in order to avoid any errors in entering the Competition database.

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- g) **Oil sheet** of each sample entered together with the company file, both of which have been filled in in all their parts, in a legible way, otherwise it may be required to send the data on a specific computer program upon request to be included in the application form.
- h) **Deposit receipt** of the secretarial rights to be made by bank transfer, made out to the Interregional Olive Producers Association - A.I.P.O. (Intesa San Paolo - Verona Branch, Vicolo Ghiaia n.9 IBAN: IT35A0306918463100000003934 - SWIFT BIC BCITITMM) and / or to be sent together with the application form (under penalty of exclusion from the Competition). If the participating company decides to make the payment in cash, it must take place at the same time as the application is submitted, attaching the amount to the documentation, in a sealed and waterproofed envelope, inserted inside the packaging containing the sample (s) registered. In this case, the participating company will be issued a regular receipt.
- i) **the amount of the participation fee is set as it follows:**

N. SAMPLES	AMOUNT OF THE PARTICIPATION FEE
1	€ 75,00 (VAT included)
2	€130,00 (VAT included)
3	€ 185,00 (VAT included)
4	€ 240,00 (VAT included)
5	€ 295,00 (VAT included)
6	€ 350,00 (VAT included)
7	€ 405,00 (VAT included)
8	€ 460,00 (VAT included)
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For samples that come from foreign countries, VAT will not be separated as it is a service rendered in Italy.

***The sample (s) without, even partially, the required documentation will not be admitted to the competition and payments other than those made by bank transfer and / or in cash will not be accepted.***

**Art. 7 – Reasons for exclusion**

The technical-organizational secretariat of the Competition declines all responsibility for:

- any late arrival of samples compared to the date indicated in art. 6 of this regulation;
- total or partial loss of samples during transport;
- any chemical-physical and organoleptic alterations of the samples due to temperature excursions;
- other anomalies suffered by the sample (s) during transport.

**The costs of shipping, customs clearance and subsequent transport to the place of destination of the package with the sample (s) are always borne by the participating companies.**

**Failure to comply with these provisions may be grounds for exclusion of the sample (s) from the Competition.**

The Company cannot request the refund of the paid registration fee; the shipment and, even less, the sample (s) sent.

**Samples shipped carriage paid by the recipient will be refused and not returned.**

**Art. 8 – Reception and anonymization**

From the reception to the beginning of the sensory analyzes, the Organization will take care of the correct storage, in an appropriate environment and temperature, of the sample (s) before submitting it (them) to the examination of the tasting Panel.

Each sample will be adequately anonymized (by means of a double anonymization process) and, in turn, marked with a double recognition code, kept in a sealed envelope by the person responsible for managing the event.

The head of the Organization is at the same time responsible for the correctness and transparency of each operational phase: from the preparatory stage up to the end of the competition.

In fulfilling his duties, the person responsible for managing the competition may benefit, at his own unquestionable judgment, from the collaboration of staff of his own trust and proven professionalism.

For the entire duration of the Competition, the same will be responsible for compliance with the formal and substantial aspects of the Regulation and the operating procedures of the Competition as well as the correct behavior of the individual members of the tasting commission.

It will also be the sole guarantor of the reception, storage and anonymisation procedures, of the samples as well as of the verification of the evaluation sheets, their correct compilation and the subsequent realization and approval of the partial and / or final rankings of the Competition.



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**Art. 9 – Evaluation process**

The analysis activities of the samples entered in the Competition will be divided into categories 1) 2) 3) 4) 5) and 6) referred to in art. 5 in 4 stages.

**1st Phase:** each sample will be preliminarily subjected by the Competition Secretariat to chemical analysis to evaluate its belonging to the category of extra virgin olive oil, a document that will subsequently be transferred, free of charge, to the participating Company, always and only if in good standing with the payment of Secretarial fees.

**2nd Phase:** the Tasting Committee (and/or Panel), coordinated by the panel leader and the organizational manager of the Competition, shall proceed with the screening of the oils received, providing for the elimination of the samples with olfactory / gustatory discrepancies and their inclusion in the category and / or subcategory of belonging.

**3rd Phase:** the Tasting Panel, coordinated by the panel leader and the organizational manager of the Competition, shall proceed with the screening of the oils received, providing for the elimination of the samples with olfactory / gustatory discrepancies and their inclusion in the category and / or subcategory of belonging.

**4th Phase:** the Committee, always with the coordination of the panel leader and the organizational manager of the Competition, shall proceed to evaluate the oil samples that will have obtained the best score in the 3rd phase.

The Panel shall consist of 8 tasters regularly enrolled in the appropriate Register and part of the Official Tasting Committee of AIPO, officially recognized by the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies. The method of evaluation of the samples is that adopted (Coi model) commonly in similar international competitions.

The Panel, at any stage of the planned activities, will express its opinion, independently and in cents.

The final score will be the result of the arithmetic mean of the judgments of each Panel member expressed in cents.

The judgments of the Tasting Commission are incontestable.

At the same time, the Panel will assign, at its own unquestionable judgment to all the champions, who have passed at least the score of 70/100, the symbol of the Drop (golden yellow) according to the following modalities: 1 drop for the samples with a score from 70/100 to 80/100; 2 drops for all those who obtained marks from 81/100 to 89/100; 3 drops for all those with marks above 90/100.

The analysis of the samples entered in the Competition will be divided into category 7) of the flavored extra virgin olive oils referred to in art. 5, a special tasting commission will be established which will evaluate the enrolled samples as long as they are greater than 4 for each subgroup. As for the pepper flavored oils, they will be analyzed separately by the appropriate tasting commission.

**Art. 10 – Prizes – AIPO D'ARGENTO**

The finalist champions of each category and subgroup as per art. 5 paragraph 1 points 1), 2), 3), 4), 5), 7), who have obtained the highest score, will be awarded the **"AIPO D'ARGENTO 2021" Prize**.

Furthermore, special recognition may be issued to all those champions who have obtained the second and third highest points in the final phase of each category and / or sub-category.

**Art. 11 – Prizes - EVOO TOP WINNERS**

The finalist champions of each category and subgroups as per art. 5, comma 1 point 6), who have obtained the highest score, will be awarded the **"EVOO TOP WINNERS Prize"**.

Special recognition may also be issued to all those champions who have obtained the second and third highest points in the final phase of said competition in each category and / or subcategory.

**Art. 12 – Promotion and dissemination**

The registered samples will become part of a further, specific catalog, which will be disclosed by both the AIPO and the editorial group "l'Informatore Agrario", through the website of the organization and the co-organizer, as well as through the tools and means deemed more effective and reliable.

**Art. 13 – Promotional stamp Aipo d'Argento**

The participating companies, whose sample (s) have passed the preparatory selection phase (art.9 phase 1 and 2), and intend to highlight the event in their promotional and marketing activity (in any case following the rules in force in each country), may make a written request (with the appropriate form attached to the application form or by e-mail to the Organizing Secretariat) of the Competition logo illustrated below:

**Azienda Selezionata  
CONCORSO OLEARIO INTERNAZIONALE AIPO D'ARGENTO  
Selected Company  
INTERNATIONAL OLIVE OIL COMPETITION**



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**STAMP**  
(misura 30mm x 30mm)



**COLLAR**

(misura 65mm x 140mm, aperture collo 35/45 mm)



The minimum purchasable stock will be n. 500 stamps at cost, purely by way of reimbursement of expenses of € 0.20 for each cash on delivery (stamp).

The markings will be available only in coils, not divisible, of n. 500 pieces.

**Art. 14 – Evoo Top Winners promotional stamp**

The participating companies, whose sample (s) have passed the preparatory selection phase (art.9 phase 1 and 2), and intend to highlight the event in their promotional and marketing activity (in any case complying with current regulations in each country), may request in writing (on the appropriate form attached to the application form or by email to the Organizing Secretariat) the logo of the Competition illustrated below

**Azienda Selezionata**  
“EVOO TOP WINNERS”  
**Selected Company**  
“EVOO TOP WINNERS”



The minimum purchasable stock will be n. 500 stamps at cost, by way of reimbursement of expenses of € 0.20 for each mark (stamp).

The markis will be available only in coils, not divisible, of n. 500 pieces.

**Art. 15 - Award ceremony**

The announcement of the winners will be the subject of a special event organized jointly by AIPO and the editorial group “L’Informatore Agrario”.

Each winning Company will receive, by email or other means, communication of the time and place where this ceremony will take place.

The awards not collected during the award ceremony will remain available at the Competition Secretariat and can be requested with a request sent by fax and / or e-mail.

The competition secretariat will be able, only upon documented and / or documentable request, to send them at the expense of the recipient.

AIPO declines all responsibility for any loss or non-delivery of the requested qualifications.

The Competition Management Committee reserves the right to modify, in whole or in part, the provisions of this Regulation if it deems it essential for the best performance of the event, its success and in the interest of the participating companies.

For any controversy, the competent forum is that of Verona.