

RULES & DETAILS

1 FIVE INGREDIENTS

Contestants may use up to five ingredients (including garnish) to create a unique original cocktail based on a known classic. One compound syrup or cordial is permitted as a single ingredient as long as it is comprised of four ingredients or less.

2 THREE IDENTICAL COCKTAILS

Contestants must bring adequate supplies for three identical cocktails. Contestants must bring their own ingredients, work utensils and glassware.

3 TWO ROUNDS

The contest will be in two rounds. All first-round submissions will be blind and finalists chosen by committee. The top 5 submissions will be chosen to attend the finals at the Mid-America Restaurant Expo & Conference taking place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on September 26, 2022.

4 JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging criteria will be based on: Flavor Profile (component balance and drinkability), Connection to Original Cocktail and Base Spirit (tells a modern story), Creativity & Originality (appearance, name, component mix), Speed & Ease of Build.

5 ORIENTATION

Finalists will be required to attend orientation meeting at the Great Columbus Convention Center at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022.

6 REFRIGERATION SPACE

Overnight refrigeration space available at the convention center for contestants' ingredients. Email sgross@ohiorestaurant.org for more info.

7 INSPECTION

All coolers and products are subject to inspection.

8 21+ YEARS OLD

Contestants must be 21+ years of age and currently work as a bartender, manage a bar program, or work in industry alcohol education.

9 COMPLIANCE

Mixed Up contestants must be in compliance with Expo rules and regulations. Violators may be subject to disqualification.

MIXED Up



OBJECTIVE

Create a modern interpretation of a classic cocktail using five ingredients or less. Contestants will be asked to identify the known classic they are basing their cocktail on and explain how their interpretation is a fresh or modern take on the original.

PRIZES

First Prize: \$500 Cash Prize, trophy, and swag bag

Second Prize: Award Plaque and swag bag

Third Prize: Award Plaque and swag bag

FINALISTS

All finalists will have their cocktail made available for tasting by attendees of the Mid-America Restaurant Expo & Conference.

Decisions of Mixed Up judging panel are final in all aspects of this competition. Teams are required to follow health & safety guidelines according to the Ohio Department of Health and ServSafe regulations.