

V60 Brewers Cup 2025 World Rules

1. Competition Format

- The preliminary round will consist of 4 groups, each with 3 competitors (12 participants in total).
- If any competitors are absent, the group round will proceed as planned.
- After the preliminary rounds, second-place finishers from each group will enter a wildcard round to determine 1 additional finalist.
- The final round will include 5 participants: 4 group winners and 1 wildcard winner.
- The competition will proceed in stages, namely: orientation, adjustment time, practice time, competition time, and judging time. Absence at the start of any stage will result in disqualification.

2. Equipment

The following equipment will be provided by the organizers:

[Drippers]

Participants must choose and use one of the following HARIO drippers:

- V60 Clear Plastic Dripper 01/02
- V60 Ceramic Dripper 01/02
- V60 Heatproof Glass Dripper 01/02

- V60 Metal Dripper Black 02
- Immersion Dripper Switch 02 (Glass)
- MUGEN Single-Serve Dripper (Plastic)
- V60 Dripper SUIREN
- Drip Assist (optional)
*Note: Switch and MUGEN may be used together.

[Server]

- V60 Barista Server 600

[Paper]

- V60 Paper Filter White 01/02
- V60 Paper Filter Meteo 01/02

[Scale]

- Coffee Scale Polaris Black

[Kettle]

- Electric Kettle Lyra Black

[Hand Grinder]

- Coffee Grinder PRO

One full set of server, scale, kettle, and hand grinder will be provided per competitor during practice and competition.

[Other Supplies]

- Bean containers, drip trays, tasting cups, paper towels, dusters, waste containers, trash bins (one each)
- Water dispenser

[Permitted Personal Items]

- Only HARIO-brand hand grinders may be brought in.
- Only combs, spoons, and thermometers may be brought in.
- All other personal tools or equipment, even if made by HARIO, are not allowed.

3. Competition Rules

[Preliminary Round]

- **Adjustment Time: 10 min**
 - Participants may adjust their grinder using competition beans.
- **Practice Time: 10 min**
 - Brewing with competition beans is allowed.
 - Dripper must be cleaned by the participant after use.
 - Staff will replace the server.
 - All brewed coffee must be discarded in designated containers.
 - No grinding or placing beans into the grinder during this time.
 - Rinsing, bean picking, weighing, and kettle prep (temperature / volume) are allowed.
 - Kettle will be filled with 800mL of water at 90°C.
- **Competition Time: 6 min**

- Begins after practice ends or once all competitors are ready.
- At least 250mL of coffee must be served in a cup.
- The round ends when the server is fully poured into the cup.
- Judging begins after all competitors finish or once 6 minutes pass.
- Exceeding 6 minutes results in disqualification.
- **Judging Time: 5 min**
 - Blind tasting by 3 judges (no observation during brewing).
 - Judges taste all presented cups.
 - Each judge receives 6 colored balls and selects their top 2 cups:
 - 1st place: 4 balls
 - 2nd place: 2 balls
 - Tie-breakers:
 - Competitor with more 1st-place votes.
 - If still tied, the cup chosen as 1st by the head judge wins.
- **Cleanup Time: 5 min**
 - Staff will assist the cleanup
 - Participants must remove all personal items.

[Wildcard Round]

- Same format and timing as the preliminary round.
- **Judging Time: 5 min**
 - Each judge receives 9 colored balls and selects their top 3:
 - 1st: 5 balls | 2nd: 3 balls | 3rd: 1 ball

- Tie-breaking follows the same rules as the preliminary round.

[Final Round]

- Same format and timing as the preliminary round.
- **Judging Time: 5 min**
 - Each judge receives 6 colored balls and selects their top 3:
 - 1st: 3 balls | 2nd: 2 balls | 3rd: 1 ball
 - Tie-breaking follows the same rules as the preliminary round.

[Coaching]

- Coaching or assistance is not allowed during competition.
- Interpreters are permitted.

4. Coffee Beans

- All participants must use beans provided by the organizers.
- 150g of beans will be provided before each round (prelims and finals).
- These beans are to be used for both practice and competition.
- Beans used for both rounds will be of the same origin.

5. Schedule

Each competitor will participate in a brewing demonstration at the HARIO booth.

Each session (2 hours) includes setup and cleanup:

- **10:30–12:30**
 - Brazil, China, Indonesia, Malaysia

- **12:30–14:30**
 - Japan, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, United Kingdom
- **14:30–16:30**
 - Australia, Canada, Korea, Thailand
- Competitors may bring their own beans. If not, HARIO will provide them.

6. Prizes

- 1st Place: ¥100,000 + Additional Prize
- 2nd Place: ¥50,000 + Additional Prize
- 3rd Place: ¥30,000 + Additional Prize
- 4th–12th Place: Additional Prize only

In the event of disputes, discrepancies, or unforeseen circumstances, all final decisions will be made at the discretion of HARIO.