



Annual North American Tea Conference Gold Medal Tea Competition Rules

The competition will judge teas from the same origin against each other in order to award a “Gold Medal.” Teas will be judged by origin regardless of production type or grade.

The number of origins open for entrants is limitless and shall be decided solely by the submitter’s producer.

Any and ALL origins entered will be judged!

It is up to you, the participating producer, to decide what style of manufacture your entry should be; we will not segregate these and will be judging purely on the “Best Cup per Origin” basis.

Judges Panel:

The panel will comprise of tasters, chosen from our membership experts.

Sample preparation:

See preparation instruction for full details. Teas will be marked according to type, not by origin (eg. greens with greens etc.).

Categories to be judged:

- White
- Green
- Oolong
- Black
- Purple **NEW**
- Primary processed scented tea (not post-production flavoured) **NEW**
- Herbals/Infusions (primary processed raw material, not blends) **NEW**

Characteristics judged: (Camellia-Sinensis)

Leaf: Dry leaf style and quality vs. depiction of the grade as displayed on the sample packet. An example would be a sample of BOP marked as SFTGOP would be punitively scored.

Infused Leaf: Brightness (where appropriate), evenness and aroma

Liquor: Flavor, appropriate mouth feel, Balance and thickness and overall impact and quality.

All teas will be tasted without milk. Milk may be added by the judges prior to scoring on selective types.

Characteristics judged: (Herbals/Infusions)

Liquor: Flavor, appropriate mouth feel, Balance and overall impact and quality.

Characteristics will be scored from 1-10 with 10 being the highest. The combined scores will determine the winner.

Entrance Samples and Fees:

Each submission is required to be submitted to the address below by **August 22nd 2022** and must be accompanied by the completed registration form, registration fee of \$250 CDN Dollar per initial sample. Additional samples will be \$85 CDN per sample.

Payable to:

**Tea and Herbal Association of Canada
25 Adelaide St. East (Suite 207)
Toronto, ON M5C 3A1
Tel: 416-510-8647**

Wire Transfer Information:

**Bank of Montreal, FCP Flagship
First Canadian Place
P.O. Box 3
Toronto, ON M5X 1A3
Tel: (416) 867-5230
Fax: (416) 867-2744
Transit # 00022
Account # 1285-973
Institution #: 001
Swift Code: BOFMCAM2**

Your tea should be sent in 2 packages: 1 of 50 grams and another of 200 grams. Each and must be clearly marked with the following label:

“North American Tea Conference Tea Competition”	
Company:	_____
Origin:	_____
Region:	_____
Tea Type:	_____
Estate Name:	_____
Grade:	_____
Date of Manufacture:	_____
Invoice/Chop (optional):	_____

Packaging should be airtight and ensure against cross-contamination. We strongly advise that you take every precaution to ensure your samples arrive in a timely manner.

Deadline for Submission is August 22nd 2022