



THE 1ST EDITION OF

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CZECH BREW BATTLE
2026

COMPETITION RULES & INFORMATION



ENTRY & PLAYER PACKAGE

All competitors are referred to as **Players**.

Each Player receives:



1 SOLO dripper



SOLO Daily filter papers

SOLO HiFlux filter papers

This ensures every Player has access to the same tools and can fully explore different brewing approaches during the competition.





COMPETITION OVERVIEW



SOLO Brew Battle is a brewing competition focused purely on the quality of the cup. The competition emphasizes brewing skill, consistency, and creativity while keeping the format fast, fair, and exciting.

There are no presentations and no speeches. Players simply brew and serve the coffee. Judges evaluate the coffee silently and submit their ranking.

The competition is designed for up to 40 Players and consists of 4 rounds, each featuring a different coffee.

There is no training time with the coffee. Coffee bags are available on stage, fully labeled, allowing Players to make quick decisions and ensuring equal opportunity—even for last-minute participants.





COMPETITION PROGRESSION



ROUND 1

Up to 40 Players (heats of 3-4)

→ Top 16 advance

ROUND 2

Up to 16 Players (heats of 3-4)

→ Top 8 advance

ROUND 3 (Semi-final)

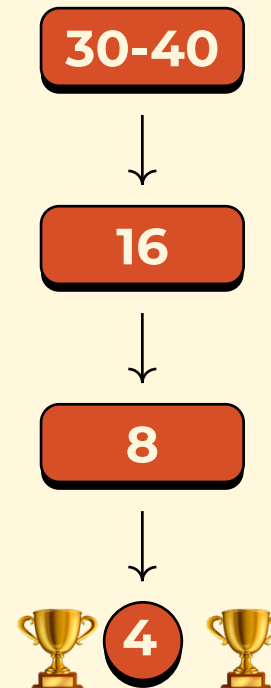
8 Players (heats of 3-4)

→ Top 4 advance

FINAL

4 Players compete for podium

EXAMPLE PROGRESSION






COFFEE PER ROUND

 **ROUND 1**
Single Lot 1

 **ROUND 2**
Single Lot 2

 **ROUND 3**
Blend Round
Players receive 3 coffees and must create a blend
(includes Lot 1 & Lot 2).

 **FINAL**
Geisha Lot





JUDGING SYSTEM – SOLO POKER



JUDGES SETUP

- 5–10 judges total
- 3 judges per heat
- Judges rotate (max 4 consecutive rounds)
- One judge overlaps between rounds for calibration consistency

CALIBRATION

(30 MIN TOTAL)

- Introduction to SOLO Poker system
- Judges align on preferences and defects
- Practice round with 4 coffees
- Open discussion and recalibration



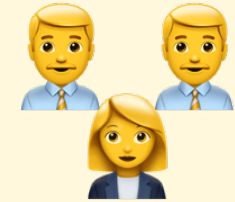
JUDGING A HEAT



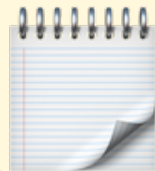
Cups are served blind (marked underneath)



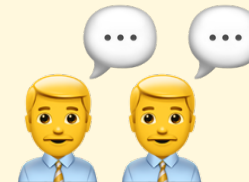
Judges taste side by side in silence. Judges have 4 minutes to evaluate



Judges assign rankings using SOLO Poker cards. Cards are revealed simultaneously



After submission, scores are calculated. Results are sent to live leaderboard



Judges may discuss afterward



SOLO JUDGING POKER

RANKING SYSTEM

Each heat is evaluated by 3 judges.

Judges rank cups using Poker cards:

- A (Ace) = 1st place
- K (King) = 2nd place
- Q (Queen) = 3rd place
- J (Jack) = 4th place

3-cup heat: A, K, Q

4-cup heat: A, K, Q, J

Each card must be used exactly once per heat.

SCORING SYSTEM

Cards convert into points:

- A=4points
- K = 2.5 points
- Q=1point
- J=0points

Total score = sum of points from all 3 judges





TIE-BREAK SYSTEM

If Players have the same total score:

- Higher number of **A cards** wins
- If tied → higher number of **K cards**
- If tied → higher number of **Q cards**
- If still tied → **re-taste of tied cups only**

Final step:

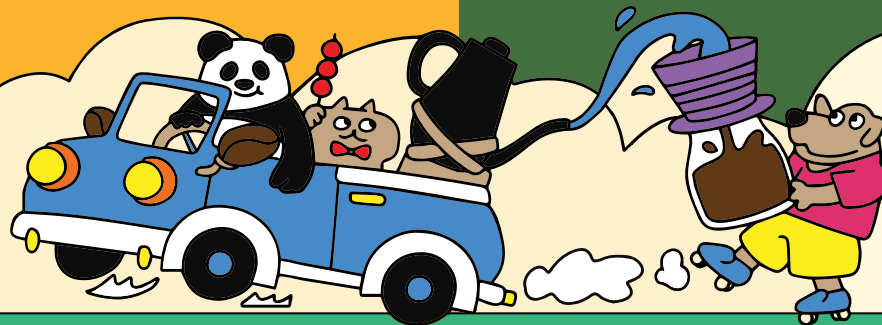
- Each judge selects 1 cup
- Majority vote decides
- Result is final



ADVANCEMENT

Advancement is strictly based on ranking after applying tie-break rules:

- Round 1 → Top 16
- Round 2 → Top 8
- Semi-final → Top 4
- Final → Podium





LIVE LEADERBOARD

After each heat, results are displayed live:

- Player name
- Heat number
- Total score
- Number of A cards
- Number of K cards

Ranking is determined by:

1. Total score
2. Tie-break system



COMPETITION STYLE

Simple. Fast. Pure brewing.

PLAYERS

- Brew
- Serve
- Clean and leave

JUDGES

- Taste
- Rank
- Submit

- ✗ No presentations
- ✗ No judge feedback



BREWING TIME & FLOW



Each round cycle = **15 minutes total**

- Preparation (5 mins)
- Brewing (5 mins)
- Cleaning and rotate (5 mins)

PREPARATION

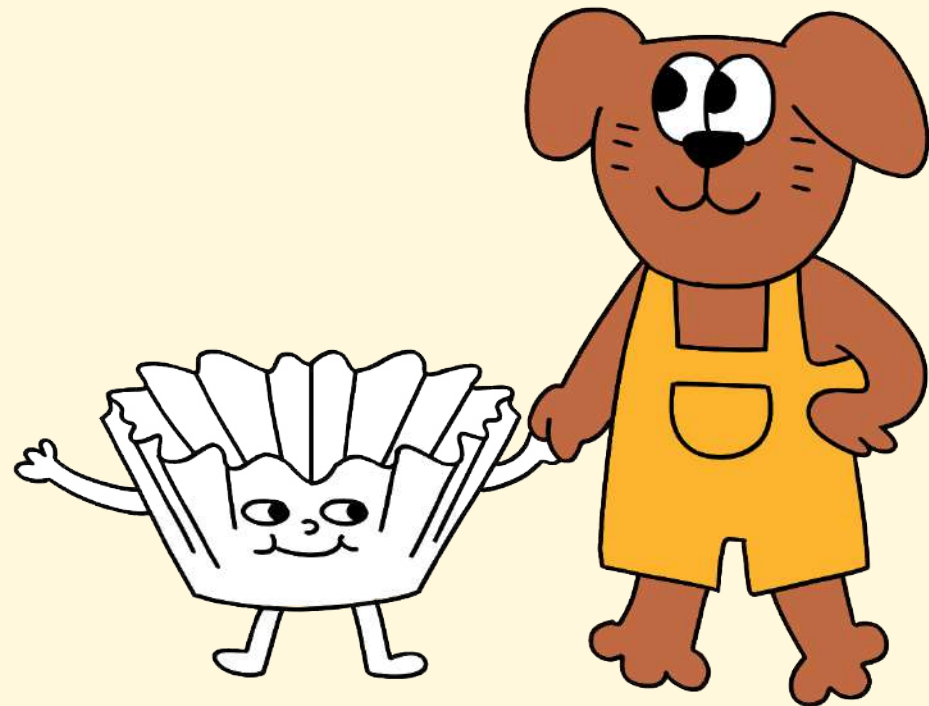
- Analyze coffee
- Set grind size
- Heat water
- No brewing allowed


BREWING

- Brew and serve within 5 min
- Multiple brews allowed
- Must serve in cupping bowls

CLEANING

- 1 min to clean and leave stage
- No breaks between rounds.





BEVERAGE VOLUME

MINIMUM
150 ml





Water

Provided:

- Distilled water
- Aquacode concentrate (1080 ppm)
- Aquacode recipe chart
- TDS meter

Players may adjust mineral composition.



EQUIPMENT

Only SOLO brewers are allowed.

Provided equipment (by Timemore)

-  Grinder
 -  Kettle
 -  Scale
 -  Server
 -  Glassware
 -  Filter
 -  Tray
 -  TDS meter
- (5 sets prepared)



WINNER RECEIVES PRIZES FROM



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