



The Gin Cooperative Awards 2023

Media Pack

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Welcome

Awards programmes should add value to the brands who enter and provide a platform for celebrating and showcasing the entries, connecting consumers and industry, and creating unique opportunities to highlight the winners. Also, most spirits are judged by judges working in the spirits industry or broader supply chain.

Of course, this brings expertise, experience, and insight, providing priceless value to any judging panel. But for us, it also raised several questions. How is gin drunk? What are the demographics for gin drinkers? What would we like to see if we were to do an awards programme for Scottish Gin? What makes an award-winning Scottish Gin? And most importantly, what are the elements of gin that are often, if not always, overlooked?

With several well-established gin and spirits awards and new awards programmes appearing all the time, we wanted to create an awards programme for Scottish Gin that looked at the qualities of the Scottish Gin category from a different angle. The Gin Cooperative Awards recognise the spirit in the bottle and the time and investment that goes into how Scottish Gin is presented, looking closer at how gin is enjoyed and purchased.

Most gin is drunk with a mixer or as part of a cocktail. For many gin drinkers, the idea of drinking gin neat isn't how they would normally drink and experience gin. And yet most spirits competitions look only at the spirit neat. The Gin Cooperative Awards will look at three criteria. How does it taste neat? How does it stand up in a gin and tonic? How does the bottle look?

Our awards programme, now in its second year, is about fairness and transparency, including our judging panel. The Gin Cooperative Awards judging panel is made up of judges from three key sectors - Industry, Community, Consumer; to provide a cross-section of the people who work with gin, write about gin and drink gin.

We've invested our time and resources to create an awards programme and judging panel that we believe can help provide the producers and brands who enter with further valuable feedback about the liquid in the bottle but also the packaging, scored by a judging panel that will provide a real-world set of results.

The Gin Cooperative Awards programme delivers value for money for the producers and brands taking part. An awards programme created to help showcase Scottish Gin with a considered, unique approach to how gin is judged based on how it is consumed. An awards programme created by a business established to help further and promote the global reputation of Scottish Gin.

Natalie and Martin Reid, The Gin Cooperative

What is a Scottish Gin?

Scotland's rich history of distilling whisky and world-class food production has great global value and appeal. Using this distinction of a gin being a 'Scottish Gin' carries weight for the brand and an expectation that you are buying something good. A product crafted with care, skill and heart, made in Scotland.

The term Scottish Gin however has no legal definition nor does it have any geographical protection. The result is that anyone can make a gin anywhere in the world and claim it is a Scottish Gin. We believe this is wrong. We believe it's disrespectful to the businesses and brands who actually produce a gin in Scotland. At best, it's misleading marketing and at worst it's fraudulent behaviour when it comes to consumers.

It's fundamental to us as a business that transparency and honesty underpin all Scottish Gin's production and marketing; it's what drove us to establish The Gin Cooperative in December 2017.

Some might argue that there's no such thing as a Scottish Gin unless it's 100% made from all Scottish botanicals and uses a base spirit that's been created using Scottish grains by a distillery in Scotland.

But as there's no legal definition of what makes a Scottish Gin a 'Scottish Gin', we built The Gin Cooperative and its membership around some simple principles. Principles widely agreed across the Scottish Gin category by most, if not all of Scotland's gin producers and brand owners, that 'Scottish Gin' should be made in Scotland.

The Gin Cooperative's definition of a Scottish Gin is:

- Distil, rectify or cold compound a neutral spirit to create your gin in Scotland
- Business based in Scotland
- Believe in Scottish Gin as a gin category

These are the guiding principles we've used since day one to help with classifying and clarifying which Scottish Gins appear on our website and which brands are eligible to be part of our membership.

All Scottish Gins that meet The Gin Cooperative's definition of a Scottish Gin are eligible for entry, including members and non-members of The Gin Cooperative. All Scottish Gins entered in our awards programme will be checked to ensure they meet our criteria. The Gin Cooperative reserves the right to reject entries that do not meet our specific criteria.

Judging Panel



Overview

We've carefully hand picked a diverse and exciting range of judges that make up our judging panel.

To ensure complete impartiality, no Scottish distillers or gin brand owners will be involved with the judging.

A selection of judges from across the industry, community and consumer categories hold some formal qualifications including WSET.



Industry Judges

Industry judges come from various backgrounds, including on-trade, off-trade, hospitality, food and tourism.

Industry judges will all have a level of insight and understanding of the production of gin and spirits, along with an understanding of the spirits supply chain, marketing and sales.



Community Judges

Community judges come from the online communities for gin, food, travel and hospitality, including reviewers, bloggers, content creators and amateur mixologists.

Community judges are all passionate individuals who are active online and use their blogs, websites and social media channels to showcase and talk about gin and their areas of expertise.



Consumer Judges

Consumer judges cover a wide range of gin drinkers, from collectors to gin drinkers who have recently discovered gin.

Consumer judges have been carefully selected based on data we have collected through our content and website.

Judging Process

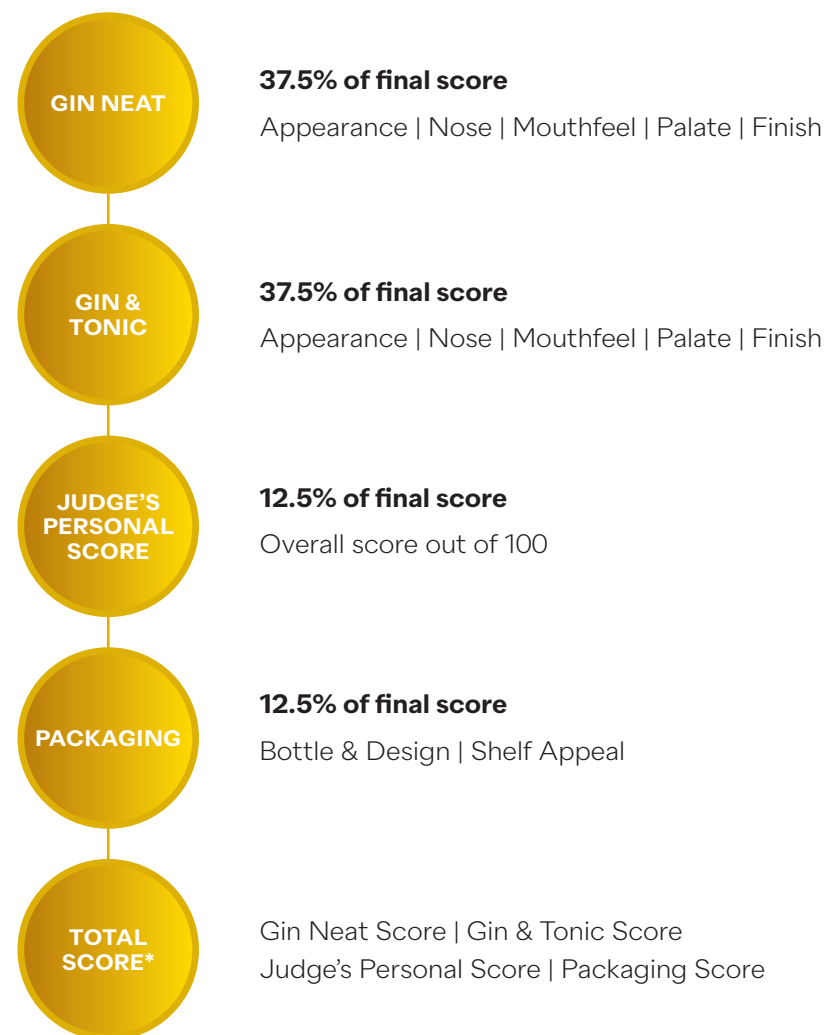
Judges will be provided with a detailed Judges Guide that will cover the scoring process and provide in-sight about how best to judge each element of the sample. The top three highest scores in each gin category will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. The scorecards will also be used to determine a number of other awards including Best Scottish Gin and Best Scottish Gin and Tonic.

Taste Score

- Every entry will be judged blind, other than an indicator of category and approximate ABV.
- Every entry will be judged by a minimum of 9 separate judges - 3 industry judges, 3 consumer judges, 3 community judges.
- Entries will be scored neat and as a gin and tonic, judged on appearance, nose, palate, mouthfeel and finish.
- Judges will also provide a personal judge's score out of 100.

Packaging Score

- Packaging will be scored based on the bottle, design and shelf appeal.
- A “drink and judge responsibly” message will be communicated to all judges throughout the judging process.



*The only awards which will deviate from these score elements are Scottish Gin Packaging, which is awarded on the packaging score only and Scottish Gin & Tonic, which is awarded on the gin and tonic score only.

Award Categories

Primary award categories:



**LONDON DRY
SCOTTISH GIN**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**DISTILLED
SCOTTISH GIN**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**OLD TOM
SCOTTISH GIN**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**CASK AGED
SCOTTISH GIN**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**NAVY STRENGTH
SCOTTISH GIN**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**FLAVOURED
SCOTTISH GIN**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION**
Gold Award Only

Where applicable all entries will also be automatically entered into one or more of the following secondary award categories:



**SCOTTISH GIN
OF THE YEAR**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**SCOTTISH
GIN & TONIC**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**NEW
SCOTTISH GIN**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**SCOTTISH GIN
PACKAGING**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**INDUSTRY
JUDGES AWARD**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**COMMUNITY
JUDGES AWARD**
Gold, Silver, Bronze



**CONSUMER
JUDGES AWARD**
Gold, Silver, Bronze

Award Details & Criteria

LONDON DRY SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

London Dry Scottish Gin Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, in the London Dry category.



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DISTILLED SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

Distilled Scottish Gin Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, in the Distilled category.



This award is sponsored and supported by:



OLD TOM SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

Old Tom Scottish Gin Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, in the Old Tom category.



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Award Details & Criteria

BATHTUB SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

Bathtub Scottish Gin Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, in the Bathtub category.



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CASK AGED SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

Cask Aged Scottish Gin Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, in the Cask Aged category.



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FLAVOURED SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

Flavoured Scottish Gin Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, in the Flavoured category.



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Award Details & Criteria

NAVY STRENGTH SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

Navy Strength Scottish Gin Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, in the Navy Strength category.



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SCOTTISH GIN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2023

Scottish Gin of the Year Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging.



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SCOTTISH GIN AND TONIC AWARD 2023

Scottish Gin and Tonic of the Year Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste as a gin and tonic.



This award is sponsored and supported by:



Award Details & Criteria

SCOTTISH GIN PACKAGING AWARD 2023

Scottish Gin Packaging Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for packaging.



This award is sponsored and supported by:



NEW SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

New Scottish Gin Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, released in the last 12 months.



This award is sponsored and supported by:



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SCOTTISH GIN AWARD 2023

The Outstanding Contribution to Scottish Gin Award is given to a brand, business or individual who has had a positive impact on the Scottish Gin category.

The winner of this award is selected by The Gin Cooperative and is based on our own industry knowledge and insight. There will only be one award presented in this award category.



This award is sponsored and supported by:



Award Details & Criteria

INDUSTRY JUDGES AWARD 2023

Industry Judges Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, scored by the Industry Judging panel.



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COMMUNITY JUDGES AWARD 2023

Community Judges Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, scored by the Community Judging panel.



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CONSUMER JUDGES AWARD 2023

Consumer Judges Award is given to the three Scottish Gins which scored the highest number of points for taste neat, taste as a gin and tonic and packaging, scored by the Consumer Judging panel.



This award is sponsored and supported by:

SCOTTISH GIN.com
SCOTTISH GIN MERCHANTS

Awards Entry & Cost

All entries must meet The Gin Cooperative's definition of a Scottish Gin and be submitted via the online awards entry form, which you'll find on the awards section of The Gin Cooperative website.

- Entry is via the online awards form only - www.thegincooperative.com/awards/enter
- Provide details about your entry, including where it's made, botanicals and other information we require as part of our due diligence process.
- You will have to complete an entry form for each gin and make a payment per entry.
- You will be asked to provide a 70cl labelled bottle for judging. If your entry comes in a 50cl bottle you will be asked to provide two 50cl labelled bottles for judging.
- Your bottle will be photographed (where required), including any special details, and will be used as part of the packaging pack that our judges will review and score.
- We will not ask you for commercially sensitive information such as revenue turnover, production volume etc.
- Cost is £100.00 (ex VAT) per entry



Benefits

The Gin Cooperative Awards 2023 will provide a number of benefits to producers and brands who enter across all stages of the competition.

Entries

- Impartial, real-world evaluation of spirit and packaging from industry judges, community judges and consumer judges.
- Unique opportunity for entries to be judged on qualities neat, as a gin and tonic, along with packaging to give a real world score for your product.
- Simple online entry process with no disclosure of revenue or complicated application form.
- All finalists will also be automatically entered into one or more of the following awards categories Scottish Gin of The Year, Scottish Gin and Tonic, Scottish Gin Packaging, New Scottish Gin, Industry Judges Award, Community Judges Award, and Consumer Judges Award.

Finalists

- All finalists that meet or exceed the finalists scoring threshold across the competition will be provided with a finalists badge which can be used for promotion in marketing and promotional activities.
- All finalists will feature in a finalists campaign sent out to The Gin Cooperative email database of nearly 5,000 active subscribers covering consumer, on-trade, off-trade and more.
- All finalists who meet the specific score criteria will be featured in a finalists press release.

- All finalists will feature in a dedicated editorial feature on The Gin Cooperative website and promoted on a variety of social media channels.
- All finalists provided judges feedback for taste and packaging scores.

Winners

- All winners featured in a winners press release.
- Promotion across The Gin Cooperative website and social media channels.
- Winners from each of the award categories will be given an awards certificate/award.
- All winners provided with digital winners graphics and marketing materials for promotional use.
- Business development opportunities.
- All winners will feature in a winners campaign sent out to The Gin Cooperative email database of nearly 5,000 active subscribers covering consumer, on-trade, off-trade and more.

Additional

- A range of winners stickers will be available to order POA with full details to follow once winners announced.

Scottish Gin Categories

London Dry Scottish Gins

London Dry Gin is both a flavour profile and a production method. London Dry Gins tend to follow the traditional, classic flavour of piney juniper, citrus and spice. Alongside juniper, botanicals used often include orris root, angelica root, cassia bark, citrus peel and coriander, among the core botanicals. Nothing can be added to a London Dry Gin post distillation except water and a minuscule amount of sugar. No artificial flavourings or colourings can be used in the distillation process.

Distilled Scottish Gins

Distilled Gins are similar to London Dry Gins, except natural or artificial flavourings can be added after the distillation process.

Old Tom Scottish Gins

A sweeter style of gin. Normally, sugars, honey or sweet syrups are added in the distillation or post-distillation to create a sweet style gin that retains botanical flavours but is underpinned with sweet notes on the palate.

Bathtub Scottish Gins

Bathtub Gin, also known as cold compounded gin, is produced using neutral grain spirit and botanicals in a large vessel, where the alcohol slowly extracts the flavours and colours from the botanicals.

Cask Aged Scottish Gins

Stored for a set amount of time in a wooden cask or stored with wooden chips, cask aged gins can include sherry, port, whisky, bourbon and wine casks, used to age and mature gin.

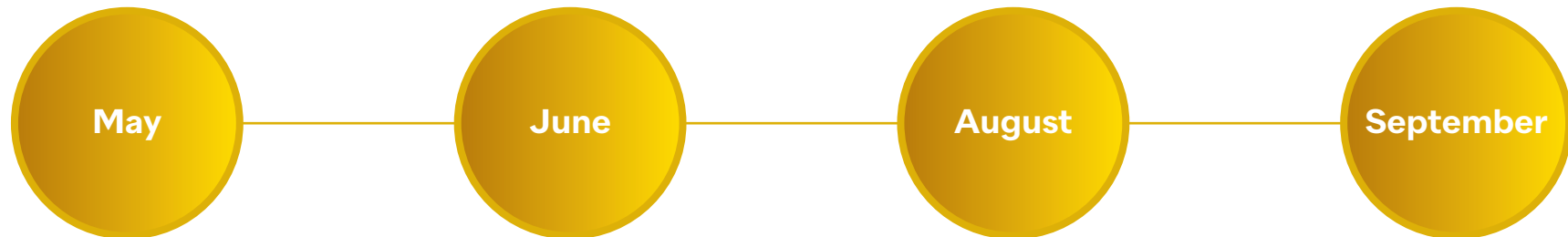
Navy Strength Scottish Gins

Navy Strength Gin, sometimes called gunpowder or overproof, has to be at least 57% ABV to be classed as a Navy Strength Gin in the UK. The higher ABV can often amplify the flavours and aromas.

Flavoured Scottish Gins

Flavoured Gins vary in flavour and colour. Often the gin will be infused with a flavour post-distillation through maceration or even the addition and blending of individual distillates or essences. Often flavoured gins showcase one key flavour, such as berries or citrus, or they can include any number of possible botanicals and flavour combinations.

Awards 2023 Timeline



- Awards officially launched and open for entries
- Final judging panel confirmed
- Various PR and promotional activities

- 23rd June Awards close
- All entries processed, gins received and due diligence completed
- Samples and Judges Guide issued to judges

- Judges Digital Scoresheets completed and returned
- Scores reviewed and calculated
- Finalists announced

- Winners announced
- Winners campaigns launched and promoted

Testimonials

"The revival of the Old Tom category is a joy for the gin aficionado. We are absolutely thrilled to have achieved a Gold in the inaugural TGC Awards, judged by both the best of the trade and most enthusiastic of consumers."

Simon Fairclough, Persie Distillery

"Alicia, Georgina and I are chuffed to bits to win our first gold medal from The Gin Cooperative. It means a lot more to us to win an award when the competition is properly judged by a judging panel that includes consumers, industry and community, people who are passionate about craft Scottish Gin."

Claire Fletcher, Co-Founder of Lussa Drinks Company

"I'm absolutely over the moon that Alexander's Gin has been recognised with five awards at The Gin Cooperative Awards 2022, including Gold for Scottish Gin of the Year. I knew this was an awards programme created by people who have a genuine love for Scottish Gin, which just adds a little extra sparkle to my awards."

Alexander Stockton, Founder of Alexander's

"We were so thrilled when we discovered our Aatta Gin had picked up a Gold award for Best New Scottish Gin and two Bronze awards for Scottish Gin of the Year and London Dry Scottish Gin. As a small family business based in Orkney, we put so much time and effort into creating Scottish Gin that captures some of our island's heritage and storytelling and we're delighted that the judges rated our Aatta Gin so highly."

Erin Watt, Orkney Gin Company

"Coupled with fantastic feedback and encouragement from the wider gin community, we are privileged to be a producer of Scottish gin with support from some fantastic retailers and customers, many of whom we consider to be part of the Shoogles family. The Gin Cooperative awards are extra special in that regard. Thank you to Natalie and Martin for organising and for supporting Scottish Gin; our Junniperous Gin will wear this esteemed award with great honour."

Chris Payne, Co-Founder of Shoogles Spirits

"Our Farmer Strength Drovers Gin picked up a Bronze in the Navy Strength Scottish Gin category, an award category which is always highly sought after. I'm elated that the Farmer Strength Drovers Gin was recognised with a Bronze in such a tough category."

Jenny McKerr, Founder of The Wee Farm Distillery

"We can't believe we managed to win four awards! The inaugural The Gin Cooperative Awards have been fantastic and we've loved the way that they have been run and obviously their judges have great taste! It is great for us as a new gin company to be recognised by such a diverse range of people. It is truly a massive result for us."

Michael Stewart, Founder of Foghouse Spirits

"Myself and Jo are delighted that Fidra Gin has picked up Bronze in the Industry Judges Award. We're ecstatic Fidra Gin has been recognised in The Gin Cooperative Awards 2022 by their impressive panel of Industry judges, individuals who work with quality gin and spirits day in, day out!"

Emma Bouglet, Co-founder of Fidra

About Us

Some of the key objectives of The Gin Cooperative include:

- Position Scottish Gin as a premium spirit created with care, skill and passion in Scotland that should be explored, discovered, experienced and enjoyed.
- Educate the consumer and trade about the people, the places and products that make up the Scottish Gin category.
- Create and craft high quality, original editorial features, photography and content that captures the true story of Scottish Gin.
- Provide a consistent and positive voice for the Scottish Gin industry.
- Promote Scottish Gin sensibly and encourage responsible alcohol consumption.
- Develop opportunities for collaboration across the gin community, on-trade, off-trade that can connect brands, businesses and consumers.
- Continue to invest time and resources exploring and developing tools to help educate and promote Scottish Gin to consumers and trade.
- Provide the go-to resource for all things Scottish Gin.

The Gin Cooperative was established in 2017 as a membership based business by long-time gin drinkers Natalie and Martin Reid to help educate and inspire the consumer and trade to discover and explore Scottish Gin.

In 2018, The Gin Cooperative launched International Scottish Gin Day (ISGD), a global celebration of all things Scottish Gin with the first official ISGD taking place in 2019. International Scottish Gin Day continues to grow year on year bringing together Scottish Gin producers and brands, hospitality, retail, the gin and spirits community and consumers, with a focus on celebrating and showcasing Scottish Gin.

In 2020 we launched our first online shop for Scottish Gin which evolved and transitioned in 2023 to [ScottishGin.com](https://www.scottishgin.com)

In October 2022 we removed our industry membership fee, making The Gin Cooperative a media platform for the whole of the Scottish Gin sector, allowing us to grow our reach further whilst continuing to showcase Scottish Gin and remain an impartial voice for the industry.

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The Gin Cooperative Awards Terms & Conditions

1. Definitions

- 1.1 Scottish Gin - a gin that is distilled, rectified or cold compounded in Scotland by a business based in Scotland that believes in the term Scottish Gin and champions and promotes the term Scottish Gin through their marketing and social media activities. Gins that use a pre-made base gin that is produced outside of Scotland before further production in Scotland are not eligible for Entry.
- 1.2 Entrant - the gin producer/business owner/brand owner.
- 1.3 Entry or Entries - the gins entered into The Gin Cooperative Awards.
- 1.4 Sample or Samples - the physical gin samples submitted to The Gin Cooperative Awards for judging.
- 1.5 Organiser - The Gin Cooperative Ltd, SC585241, VAT No. 400 2185 59.
- 1.6 Awards/Competition - The Gin Cooperative Awards.
- 1.7 T&Cs - Terms and Conditions

2. General

- 2.1 - Section headings are included for structure only and have no legal effect.
- 2.2 - The Organiser's decision is final on all matters.
- 2.3 - The Organiser reserves the right to amend all dates and deadlines without prior notice.
- 2.4 The Organiser reserves the right to cancel or amend the Awards and these T&Cs at any time without prior notice.
- 2.5 In the event an Entrant does not agree to be bound by any amended T&Cs, they must inform the organiser they wish to withdraw from the Competition.
- 2.6 All information submitted will be handled with confidentiality under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018.

3. Product Eligibility

- 3.1 Entries must be rectified, distilled or cold compounded in Scotland.
- 3.2 Entries must be made by a business registered in Scotland.
- 3.3 Entrants must believe in and champion the term Scottish Gin.
- 3.4 Entries must be available to buy by the general public.
- 3.5 Entries must be branded and marketed as gin meeting the relevant EU regulations related to gin at the time of entering the Competition.

4. Additives

- 4.1 Entries cannot contain any illegal additives or additives that are banned in the UK including but not limited to Sudan dyes and Azo dyes. You can find a full list of approved food additives and the parameters of use in retained EU Regulation 1333/2008.
- 4.2 Entries cannot contain edible glitter, glitter or glitter substitute including glitter powders, glitter residues, glitter dust, glitter shapes, glitter emulsifiers, flavourings including any of the aforementioned that have been marked safe for use in cooking or safe for human consumption.
- 4.3 Entries cannot contain full-spectrum CBD, broad-spectrum CBD, CBD isolate or another format that contains CBD including but not limited to powders, flakes, dust, granules, extracts, oils, residues, emulsifiers, flavourings including any of the aforementioned that have been marked safe for use in cooking or safe for human consumption.
- 4.4 Entries cannot contain edible metallic flakes for example 'gold flakes' or any other similar additives similar in nature.

5. Entry

- 5.1 Entry to the Competition is via the online form only - www.thegincooperative.com/awards/enter
- 5.2 Each Entry must be submitted individually.
- 5.3 Payment of Entry is upon completion of your Entry form via the online payment portal.
- 5.4 Entry fee is non refundable.
- 5.5 Entries must be submitted on or before the Competition Entry deadline. The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify all late Entries received after the Competition Entry deadline and associated Entry fees are non refundable.
- 5.6 The Organiser reserves the right to move Entries into an alternative category.
- 5.7 By completing and submitting the Entry form, Entrants (including employees of the Entrant or acting as an agent on behalf of the Entrant), are bound to these T&Cs.
- 5.8 By completing and submitting the Entry form, Entrants (including employees of the Entrant or acting as an agent on behalf of the Entrant), accept that all the information provided at the time of Entry is factually correct.
- 5.9 Any information deemed misleading or found to be untrue may result in disqualification from the Competition or having Awards revoked at a later date.
- 5.10 In the event of disqualification, the Organiser will retain all Entry fees and samples.
- 5.11 Entry cost for members of The Gin Cooperative is discounted to £75.00 (ex VAT) per Entry, saving 25% off the standard Entry cost.

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5.12 Entry cost for non-members of The Gin Cooperative is £100.00 (ex VAT) per Entry.

5.13 Entrants must disclose the number of botanicals in all Entries.

5.14 Entrants must disclose the full list of botanicals in all Entries.

5.15 The Organiser requires the aforementioned in the event that any judges suffer from an allergic reaction; The Organiser can swiftly and accurately inform the relevant medical professionals of the contents of the Entry and Sample.

6. Samples

6.1 The Sample and its contents must pertain to the Entry made exactly.

6.2 Entrants are required to provide Samples in the form of 1x 70cl bottle or 2x 50cl bottle per Entry.

6.3 All Entries will be judged on packaging and therefore all Samples must be labelled and finished with all relevant neck tags and adornments as they would be sold commercially.

6.4 Samples, where required, will be photographed and used as part of the judging process for the packaging element of the Awards.

6.5 Entrant is responsible for packaging and posting of Samples to Organiser including associated insurance to cover any loss, damage or theft of Samples in transit, where appropriate.

6.6 Samples must be with the Organiser within 7 days of the Competition Entry deadline.

6.7 Late Samples will not be eligible for Entry and will be retained by the Organiser.

6.8 The Organiser will not be held responsible for loss, damage or theft of Samples in transit from the Entrant to the Organiser.

6.9 The Entrant is responsible for all applicable taxes for the Sample including duty.

6.10 All Samples must have a duty stamp.

6.11 All Samples must be sent to: The Gin Cooperative, Mayfield, Oyne, Aberdeenshire, AB52 6QT.

7. Judging

7.1 Judges will be provided with a digital scoresheet for evaluation of allocated Entries.

7.2 The Organisers reserve the right to remove judges from the Awards process without prior notice at any stage of the Competition.

7.3 Digital scoresheet data may be shared with academic third parties for research purposes only.

7.4 Digital scoresheet data and feedback may be shared with the Entrants, with the judges name(s) removed, for their Entries only.

7.5 Judges may be informed of the associated Entry brand and gin, once the winners have been announced to the general public, for their judged Samples only.

7.6 The Organiser reserves the right to omit feedback to the Entrant if it is deemed derogatory or not of a constructive nature.

8. Results

8.1 The Organisers decisions will be final and will not be open to challenge.

8.2 Entrants agree they will only use the graphical assets provided by the Organiser, for example winners badges or finalists badges, on the Entries entered and no other products.

9. Liability

9.1 By entering the Competition all Entrants agree to take part in any publicity or promotion of the Competition reasonably requested by the Organiser.

9.2 The Organiser will not be liable to Entrants for any consequential losses (i.e. loss of revenue, loss of business, loss of goodwill, loss or damage to data or information) arising out of, or in connection with, the provision of any aspect of the Awards including but not limited to the judging process, communication of finalists or winners or any other Awards related processes or communications.

10. Governing Law

10.1 These terms will be governed by Scottish law and all parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts.