

Terms and conditions
Of The 3rd Flower Liquor Competition in the Lower Vistula Valley
and
The Coniferous Trees Liquor Competition
Gruczno, Poland, May 16-17 2025

§1 General information

1. The Flower Liquor Competition in the Lower Vistula Valley and The Coniferous Trees Liquor Competition (hereafter referred to as the Competitions) is a one-of-a-kind contest addressed to and intended for everyone involved in the production of homemade liquors.
2. The aim of the Competitions is to promote the tradition of making homemade liquors and promoting local ecocultural knowledge as intangible heritage by rewarding the creators of the best recipes.
3. For the purpose of the Competitions, the following definition of Nalewka liquor is adopted:

Nalewka – a drink prepared by home methods by pouring alcohol over fruits, herbs, flowers or other natural ingredients, dried or fresh. Nalewka can be sweetened with sugar or honey. Hereafter referred to as liquor.
4. The Competitions are held under the patronage of the UNESCO Chair of Living Heritage and Sustainable Livelihoods in Canada.
5. The main organisers of the Competitions are the Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Dolnej Wisły (Friends of the Lower Vistula Society) and the Bractwo Nalewkarzy (Brotherhood of Nalewka Makers).
6. The Competitions are co-organised by the Lower Vistula Landscape Parks Complex.
7. The 3rd Competition of Flower Liquor in Gruczno will be conducted by a 5-person Jury on May 16 2025 chaired by of Mariusz Fik.
8. The Coniferous Trees Competition in Gruczno will be conducted by a 5-person Jury on May 17 2025 chaired by Agnieszka Pawłowska-Mainville.

§2 Rules of participation

1. The Competitions are open to adults with full legal capacity, qualified by organiser.
2. Participant status in the Competitions is achieved upon acceptance by the organisers of completed and signed application form or a completed online form.
3. By signing the application form or filling in the online form, the participant accepts the rules of the Competitions and at the same time agrees to the processing of personal data for the purpose necessary to carry out the Competitions and related to their promotion.

Participant also undertakes to respect all decisions of the Jury of the Competitions.

4. Only liquors made at home for personal use or presented at competitions or fairs for regional and local products may be entered in the Competition.
5. Participants of the 3rd Floral Liquor Competition are required to provide **two samples** of the same liquor with a **minimum capacity of 200 ml each**, while participants of The Coniferous Trees Liquor Competition are required to provide **one sample** with a **minimum capacity of 200 ml**.
6. If a liquor is entered into the Competitions via an online form, the bottles containing samples should be labelled according to the following formula: the name of the creator, the year of production, the name of the liquor that was given in the application form.
7. If a liquor is entered into the Competitions via a paper form each bottle of liquor must be accompanied by a completed and signed application form (published on the event website).
8. Liquors entered in the Competitions via paper and online forms are accepted by post untill **May 15 2025**, shipping adress: Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Dolnej Wisły, ul.Młyńska 4, 86-111 Gruczno, Poland, telephone no. +48 660-898-773.
9. Liquors entered in the Competition via online forms are also accepted on the day of the 3rd Floral Liquor Competition – Friday May 16 2025, **untill 12:00** in Stary Młyn, ul.Młyńska 4, 86-111 Gruczno, Poland,

§3 Rules of procedure and method of selecting winners

1. The liquors will be judged by the Competition Jury according to the following criteria:
 - appearance (colour, clarity): 0–2 pts;
 - aroma (scent and bouquet) from raw materials used in making the liquor – base and emerging in the production process: 0–3 pts;
 - overall impressions (balance, aroma, bouquet when tasted, perception of tannins, viscosity, finish – development of the liquor after swallowing): 0–10 pts
2. The Jury of the Competitions is composed of 5 members. In total one member of Jury may award a maximum 15 points to one liquor. One the lowest score and one the highest score will be crossed out (not taken into account). This rule will result in a maximum 45 points being awarded to a given liquor.
3. Participants in the 3rd Flower Liquor Competition are competing for the honorary title – Floral Liquor of the Year 2025 in the three categories:
 - rose petal,
 - elderflower,
 - other flowers.Second and third places will also be awarded, as well as possible honourable mentions.
4. The creator whose three liquors score the most points in total will receive a special prize and the title of Creator of the Best Flower Liquor Collection.
5. In the Coniferous Trees Liquor Competition, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded in two categories:
 - liquor from pine shoots,
 - liquor from other coniferous trees.
6. it is possible for the Jury of the Competitions and/or the Competitions Organisers to award additional honours and non-regulatory prizes.
7. The announcement of the results and the award ceremony will take place on May 17 2025 at the Stary Młyn w Grucznie.

8. Prizes unclaimed by the prize winners on the day of the announcement of the results will be forwarded to them by another means, after prior consultation with the prize winners.
9. A Liquor maker can receive one award for the highest rated liquor in a given category.

§4 Final provisions

1. The Organiser reserves the right to publish the names, surnames and photos as well as information about the winners and participants of the Competition in the media in order to promote the Competition and the liqueur tradition.
2. By entering the Competition, the participant agrees to the terms and conditions and respects the decisions of the Jury.
3. Matters not covered by the terms and conditions shall be decided by the Organiser.
4. The final interpretation of the terms and conditions rests with the Organiser.
5. Personal data will be processed in accordance with the relevant regulations.
6. These terms and conditions shall enter into force on the date of their announcement.

Mariusz Fik

President of the Bractwo nalewkarzy

Gruczno, 04.04.2025.