

Terms and conditions
of the 3rd International Nalewka Liquor Competition
Gruczno, Poland, 19-23th August 2025

§1 General information

1. The Gruczno International Nalewka Liquor Competition (hereafter referred to as the Competition) is a one-of-a-kind contest addressed to and intended for everyone involved in the production of home-made 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 Competition is organized by the Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Dolnej Wisły (Friends of the Lower Vistula Society) and the Bractwo Nalewkarzy (Brotherhood of Nalewka Makers).
5. The Competition is held as part of the Festiwal Smaku w Grucznie (Taste Festival in Gruczno, Poland).
6. The Competition is conducted by the Competition Jury chaired by Mariusz Fik.

§2 Rules of participation

1. The Competitions are open to adults with full legal capacity.
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 are required to provide **two samples** of the same liquor with a **minimum capacity of 200 ml each**.
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 **August 19 2025**, shipping adress: Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Dolnej Wisły, ul.Młyńska 4, 86-111 Gruczno, Poland.
9. Liquors entered in the Competitions via paper and online forms may also be delivered in person untill **August 19 2025** to 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 are competing for the honorary title of "Liquor of the Year 2025" in seven categories:
 - blackcurrant;

- mirabelle (*Prunus domestica*, *Prunus cerasifera*);
- nut trees;
- quince (*Cydonia oblonga*, *Chaenomoles*);
- cherry;
- herbal;
- other;

Second and third places will also be awarded, as well as possible honourable mentions.

4. The creator of the liquor with the highest number of points among all categories will be awarded the **Grand Prix** title and a special prize.
5. The creator whose five liquors score the most points in total will receive a special award and the title of Creator of the **Best Liquor Collection 2025**.
6. **The Best Liquor from the Lower Vistula Valley** will also be selected. For the purposes of the Competition, the area lying on the Lower Vistula Valley is understood to be the area of the counties (powiats): Toruń and the city of Toruń, Bydgoszcz and the city of Bydgoszcz, Chełmno, Świecie, Grudziądz and the city of Grudziądz, Kwidzyn, Tczew, and Sztum.
7. The Competition Jury or the Organisers may award additional awards and non-statutory prizes.
8. The announcement of the results and the award ceremony will take place on **23.08.2025** in Gruczno on the Taste Festival stage.
9. Prizes not collected 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. The special prize must be collected in person.
10. A participant can receive one award for the highest rated liquor in a given category.
11. The competition to select the best liquors will proceed in two stages:
 - Stage I - Preselections on 20-21.08.2025. The jurors appointed for this stage will select the 6 best liquors in each category.
 - Stage II - Final on 22.08.2025. At this stage, the 42 best tinctures will be re-evaluated by the Competition Jury chaired by Mariusz Fik.

§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.

Gruczno, dn. 26.06.2025 r.

Chair of the Competition Jury

Mariusz Fik

Bractwo Nalewkarzy Founding Member

