

FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

How Many Judges Are There?

YOU CAN BE A JUDGE!! There are between six and twenty five judges PER CATEGORY. This depends on entry type and how many categories we run for that particular Cup.

Who Are The Judges & How Are They Selected?

Our Judges are MMJ patients and recreational users in Massachusetts and the greater New England area. The judges will be the VIP ticket holders to this event so get your ticket NOW. We will inform all judges to ensure that each selected product matches the category they are judging, and make sure that they are extremely dedicated to both the community and the task of judging.

How do you ensure the lab accurately tests?

Before we choose a lab we go through a long vetting process. Once a lab is chosen we conduct periodic quality assurance on the lab by sending them all samples with numbers only Holyoke Cannabis Cup can identify. We send the lab duplicate of the same sample under different numbers. We also send samples to other labs not affiliated with the event to ensure lab honesty. We currently work with MCR Labs, a licenced facility in Massachusetts.

What Are the Rules Regarding Disqualifications?

Holyoke Cannabis Cup reserves the right to disqualify entries for any rules violation and in cases where HHC deems the entry, or practices of the competitor therein, to be against the spirit of fair competition. Entries that have been adulterated with non-cannabis derived products will be disqualified. Entries that have incidents of mold, bacteria, or pesticides as identified either by the competition committee or our partner labs will be privately disqualified and the competitors immediately notified. If any entry is found to have been tampered with, adulterated or doctored in any way using any synthetic, artificial, or non cannabis organic substances, that entry will be disqualified. This includes, but is not limited to, any substance that did not originate from the original source materials (cannabis), including additives such as non-cannabis derived terpenes, oils or flavonoids, even when derived from natural or organic sources (such as fruits or flowers). This does NOT apply to entries in the “Edibles” category. These rules are solely in place for the safety and welfare of our judges and the community at large. Holyoke Cannabis Cup does not offer refunds in the rare event of a disqualification.

Common Category Misplacements

If you believe you have a strain that exhibits a mutant phenotype that is expressed in its high, the strain should no longer be called by its original name. We recommend renaming it to reflect this deviation, such as putting a number after the name or something that denotes it is different from the norm. Here are a few strains that participants have wanted to enter into erroneous categories:

Chem Dawg is an indica.

OG Kush is an indica, not a sativa.

Sour Diesel is a Hybrid.

A Kush cross is an indica or hybrid.

All Hazes are sativas.