



2026 SA OLIVE AWARDS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The **SA Olive Awards** is an annual competition dedicated to recognizing and honoring the best Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO) produced in South Africa. This prestigious event aims to promote high standards and celebrate the achievements of local olive oil producers.

The SA Olive Awards is not just a competition but a celebration of the dedication and skill of South African olive oil producers. By adhering to strict entry criteria, the awards ensure the recognition of only the best and most authentic EVOO, contributing to the growth and prestige of the local olive oil industry.

1. Entry Criteria

To ensure the highest quality and authenticity, the SA Olive Awards has set specific guidelines for entries:

1. Product Type:

- Only Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO) produced in the current season is eligible.

2. Origin and Production:

- Entries must be 100% South African, produced by local growers registered with SA Olive and compliant with all Statutory Measures.

3. Eligible Participants:

- **Individual Producers:** Those directly involved in the production of EVOO.
- **Retailers/Packers:** Entities selling EVOO from registered South African producers under their house brands.

4. Volume Requirement:

- Each oil submitted must come from a homogeneous lot of at least 500 liters for the current harvest year.

5. CTC Seal:

- All entries must bear a CTC seal from the current harvest year, verifying their quality and authenticity.

6. Each oil will be judged in one the following style classes: **Delicate - Medium - Intense**

- ✓ If the style of the oil is printed on the label, the entry form must show the same style.
- ✓ The judging panel reserves the right to reclassify oils entered in a style class they do not belong to.

7. Judging



- The CEO of SA Olive is the Convener of the Judging Panel.
- Entrants will not have any involvement in the appointment of the judges or Panel Leader.
- Judges are qualified experts in the field and are regularly exposed to oils from all around South Africa.
- The judges' ruling is final and binding on participants and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- Medals will be awarded according to the following scores:
 - ✓ Bronze for a score of 65 - 75
 - ✓ Silver for a score of 76 - 85
 - ✓ Gold for a score of 86 - 100
 - ✓ No medal for scores of 64 or lower

SPECIAL AWARDS

SA OLIVE AGRI - WORKER OF THE YEAR 2026

Separate communication to follow

SA OLIVE - LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2026

Separate communication to follow