

# ALL ABOUT THE COMPETITION: The Cannabis Cup 2016

## The Official Rules, Regulations & FAQ

*Please Note: All judging for HIGH TIMES Cannabis Cups is conducted by doctor-prescribed and state-licensed medical marijuana patients. Entries are collected and distributed under the legal frameworks of each state's legal medical or recreational cannabis program guidelines.*

### **Competition Categories:**

<i>Indica</i> Flowers	<i>Indica</i> Concentrates	Non-Solvent Hash	Vape Pen (Cartridges)
<i>Sativa</i> Flowers	<i>Sativa</i> Concentrates	Edibles	Medically Infused Products
Hybrid Flowers	Hybrid Concentrates	Topicals	
CBD Flowers	CBD Concentrates	CBD Edibles	

\* NOTE: Depending on the state in which the competition is held, all Flower and Concentrate categories may be further subdivided into “Medical” and “Recreational” categories (i.e., Medical *Indica* Flowers and US *Indica* Flowers, etc.)

## **Flowers:**

### **Category Description**

We limit the *Sativa* and *Indica* flower entries to genetic lineages that are greater than 70 percent in either species. Competitors will be required to provide the lineage of their entries back to the grandparents (two generations) to ensure they are properly categorized. Hybrids can include any combination of *indica* or *sativa* below 70 percent (60/40, 50/50 and so on).

### **Competition Packaging Details**

**\*\*\*Please separate your two-ounce (56-grams) entry into fourteen (14) 4-gram increments. (This also includes CBD flower entries.) These increments may be placed in plastic jars or plastic bags. Please do NOT label the individual jars or bags of 4-gram increments as judging is conducted blind and removing these labels creates more work for us.\*\*\***

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**All containers must be unmarked.** Please label your entry clearly with the name of the strain, category and company name. This should be done ONLY ONCE on the exterior of the box/ bag/ container that holds your entry—individual samples should not have any labels.

HT reserves the right to change the category of entry if the entry is deemed misplaced (i.e., if a contestant is entering a Haze variety into the *Indica* category). If the participant has already entered a product into the category the entry is being switched into, the participant must then decide which one entry to submit.

### *Judging and Scoring Info*

The five categories on the Qualitative side to be scored by each Judge are as follows: **Aroma; Taste; Visual Aesthetics; Stone/ High; and Burnability/ Flush.**

There are several categories on the Quantitative (LAB) side that Flowers will be scored on:

- For Flowers: THC levels and CBD levels will be measured and scored.
- For CBD categories, the same criteria applies as above, however the weighting of this values changes, putting more emphasis on the CBD values. CBD categories also are scored on their CBD:THC ratio, with more points being awarded for entries closest to a 1:1 ratio.
- This scoring is based solely on lab results. Points are awarded in each category based on a scale that gives scores of 1 through 5 for the various ranges of cannabinoid levels.

## **Concentrates & Non-Solvent Hash:**

### *Category Description*

Concentrate categories include all forms of solvent extractions, such as oils, waxes, budders and shatters. The concentrates category has been divided into 3 categories: Concentrates *Indica*, Concentrates *Sativa* and Concentrates Hybrid. Competitors are required to provide strain information on the material used to create their entry. Concentrate *indicas* must be made from only *indica* flowers, concentrate *sativas* must be made from only *sativa* flowers, and concentrate hybrids must be made from hybrid flowers or a combination of *indica* and *sativa* flowers.

***Under no circumstances are non-cannabis derived materials allowed to be infused into concentrate or hash entries, unless otherwise stated in these “Rules & Regulations” (for example, in the Vape Pen Cartridge category). Competitors found adulterating products with anything other than cannabis will be disqualified and barred from competition for a period of one year.***

Non-solvent hash category encompasses all non-solvent concentrates, such as dry sieves and water extractions (bubble hash).

### *Competition Packaging Details*

**\*\*\*Please separate your one ounce (28-grams) entry into twenty-eight (28) 1-gram increments. (This also includes CBD concentrate entries.) We recommend using small vials for oils, liquids or any other viscous concentrates and using small plastic containers or envelopes and parchment folds for wax or butter entries. Please do not label the individual jars or envelopes of 2-gram increments as judging is conducted blind and removing these labels creates more work for us. However, please do label your outside carrying case, box or bag with your company and entry names.\*\*\***

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**All containers must be unmarked.** To ensure fairness, HT cannot allow customized containers such as dab dishes, blown glass jars or anything else that may reveal a specific competitor's entry to judges. Any entries brought to registration that are not in generic containers will not be accepted.

- We ask that you place your 28 1-gram containers into a box or large plastic bag that is clearly labeled with the name of the product, category and company name. However, **please do not label or sticker the individual samples, ONLY the bag or box you deliver them in.**

**Judging and Scoring Info**

The five categories on the Qualitative side to be scored by each Judge are as follows: **Aroma; Taste; Visual Aesthetics; Stone/ High; and Burnability/ Flush.**

There are several categories on the Quantitative (LAB) side that Concentrates and Non-Solvent Hashes will be scored on:

- For Concentrates and Non-Solvent Hash: THC levels, CBD levels, and residual solvents (RS) will be measured and scored. RS for Non-Solvents are simply Pass/Fail. Non-Solvent Hash with detected chemical solvents will be disqualified.
- For CBD categories, the same criteria applies as above, however the weighting of this values changes, putting more emphasis on the CBD values. CBD categories also are scored on their CBD:THC ratio, with more points being awarded for entries closest to a 1:1 ratio.
- This scoring is based solely on lab results. Points are awarded in each category based on a scale that gives scores of 1 through 5 for the various ranges of lab values.

**Edibles:**

**Category Description**

The Edibles category encompasses any medically infused product that is eaten, including food, baked goods, tinctures, capsules and pills.

**Competition Packaging Details**

**\*\*\*We require 20 individually packaged samples for entries in the Edibles category. We ask that if your edible requires refrigeration, that you bring it in a cooler.\*\*\***

**IMPORTANT:** Please understand that the Edibles category does not lend itself to the same “blind judging” process that the other categories do. This is due to the fact that packaging is an important component in the scoring of this category.

### **Judging and Scoring Info**

The Edibles category is the most unique and perhaps toughest to judge. We employ laboratory testing in the Edibles category, but this requires proper dosage labeling on all Edible entries so that the lab can provide our judges with cannabinoid levels for a single serving size (one person dosage). Here are the criteria by which Judges will be scoring Edible entries. **Please take extra note of the labeling and packaging categories listed below.**

The following categories will be scored 1-5 by Judges and account for approximately 75 percent of the final score (using a weighted multiplier after score sheets are submitted); **Food Appearance; Taste; Strength/ Effects; Product Originality; Healthiness.**

The following categories pertain to the products' labels and packaging. These categories are simply scored "Yes/ No" and will receive one point for "Yes" and zero points for "No." This accounts for five percent of the final score. They are: **Ingredients List; Dosage/ Serving Size; Potency Info; Clearly Marked Cannabis/ Medicine Label; Professional Packaging.**

There are several categories on the Quantitative (LAB) side that Edibles will be scored on:

- For Edibles, THC levels, CBD levels and THC-A levels are measured and scored.
- THC-A is measured to see how well the chef decarboxylated their cannabis material. The more THC-A in the product, the less points it will receive.
- CBD is scored purely on levels reported by the lab. The more CBD the better. This applies to both the Edibles and the CBD Edibles categories.
- **Please Note:** We have made a change to our potency scoring for THC levels in 2016. THC levels are now scored based on a ratio of what the THC levels stated on the packaging is versus what the actual THC levels are from the lab results. A 1:1 ratio will result in a perfect score in the THC category. These levels are measured in a mg/ serving format, labeling your products as such would be beneficial in this regard.\*
- Edibles also score points based on the ratio between what the labeling states is the THC and CBD levels, versus what the lab results indicate. Edibles that come closest to the what the label states scores more points.
- For **CBD Edibles** category, the same criteria applies as above, however the weighting of this values changes, putting more emphasis on the CBD values.
- The **CBD Edibles** category also are scored on their CBD:THC ratio, with more points being awarded for entries closest to a 1:1 ratio.

\*NOTE: Edible entries will receive scores for both **THC** and **CBD** levels *per single serving*. **Participants MUST clearly delineate exactly how much of your product is ONE serving**, because if you do not the lab will test your entire product as one dose and you will lose points on the Quantitative score sheet because your dosage will exceed the 50 mg/ serving limit for maximum points. The Quantitative score sheet will account for approximately 25 percent of the final score.

## **CBD Entries:**

### **Category Description**

New to the competition in 2015 are three newly formatted CBD categories: Flowers, Concentrates and Edibles. At past Cups we have relied solely on lab results to choose the CBD award winners, but we have found that there is no substitute for the human experience when it comes to picking winners, especially where CBD is concerned. Therefore, we are now using our Scorebook system to score these categories, combining both the human element with the lab results.

Samples entered in the CBD Flowers category will require a minimum of 5% CBD to compete. Samples entered in the CBD Concentrates category will require a minimum of 25% CBD to compete. Once qualified for CBD competition, all samples will be turned over to our judges who are selected specifically because they have ailments which are treated with CBD medicine. A panel of medical patients will score the entries on several categories. These include our standard Qualitative categories as well as symptomatic efficacy that will show the total effects of the CBD product on the patient ailments (i.e., sleep aid, pain reduction, inflammation, etc.). These added elements take the product beyond just CBD and tell us about the product's total combination of cannabinoids and terpenoids and how they interact with the patients.

### **Competition Packaging Details -**

Please refer to the Flowers and Concentrates packaging information above (photos at end of document).

### **Judging and Scoring Info-**

In order for a sample to compete in the CBD category, the sample must meet CBD qualifications that will be verified by our labs. No sample will be able to win this category without meeting these minimum requirements: **5% CBD for Flowers; 25% CBD for concentrates.**

The five standard categories on the Qualitative side to be scored by each Judge are as follows: **Aroma; Taste; Visual Aesthetics; Stone/ High; and Burnability/ Flush.** We also award points for symptomatic efficacy that will show the total effects of the CBD product on the patient ailments (i.e., sleep aid, pain reduction, inflammation, etc.).

There are several categories on the Quantitative (LAB) side that CBD entries will be scored;

- For CBD Flowers: THC levels and CBD levels will be measured and scored.
- For CBD Concentrates: THC levels, CBD levels, and residual solvents (RS) will be measured and scored. RS for Non-Solvents are simply Pass/ Fail. Non-Solvent Hash with detected chemical solvents will be disqualified.
- For CDB Edibles:
  - THC is scored purely on levels reported by the lab. Points are awarded for both THC levels and THC to CBD ratio (see below).

- CBD is scored purely on levels reported by the lab. The more CBD the better. This applies to both the Edibles and the CBD Edibles categories.
- CBD-A is also measured by the lab points awarded for how well CBD-A was converted to CBD in the cook. The less CBD-A the more points received.
- THC:CBD - We also score the ratio of what is listed on package versus the actual THC/CBD levels reported by the lab.
- **CBD categories also are scored on their CBD:THC ratio, with more points being awarded for entries closest to a 1:1 ratio.**
- For CBD categories, the weighting of values changes, putting more emphasis on the CBD values as compared to non-CBD categories.
- This scoring is based solely on lab results using scales and ratios. Lab results are not interpreted, but rather input into the system that utilizes these scales for awarding points (the same holds true for all categories of competition).

## Vape Pen Cartridge Entries:

### Category Description

New to the competition in 2016 is the introduction of our “Medical Vape Pen Cartridge” category. This category is for pre-filled vape pen cartridges only. Competitors in this category are required to submit 28 pre-filled hash oil cartridges and 14 pens/ batteries. At this time, competitors **may not enter vape pens that require the manual loading** of hash oil, dabs, shatter, wax, butter or similar.

Please also note that this category is not judged blindly as pen and cartridge products often bear the manufacturer or company name, not to mention some pens are very distinct and identifiable. As such, entries in this category need not be specially packaged for the competition.

Lastly, additives such as PG or food-grade flavoring are allowable in the Vape Pen Cartridge category.

### Judging and Scoring Info

The primary categories on the Qualitative side to be scored by each Judge are as follows: **Taste; Visual Aesthetics of Oil; Purge/ Cleanliness; and Overall Effects.**

Additional points will be also be rewarded for: **Stealthiness/ Security, Ease of Use/ Convenience, Safety/ Healthiness of the Device** (includes chemical or factory tastes, types of heating element used, oils direct contact with heating element, etc.), and Packaging which includes **Directions for Use, Ingredients List, Clear Cannabis and Warnings Labels.**

These are the categories on the Quantitative (LAB) side that Vape Pen Cartridges will be scored on:

- For Hash Oil Cartridges: THC levels, CBD levels, and residual solvents (RS) will be measured and scored. Hash with high/ dangerous levels (over 1,500 PPM) of detected chemical solvents will be disqualified.
- This Quantitative scoring is based solely on lab results. Points are awarded in each category based on a scale that awards points (1 through 5) for the various ranges of lab values.

## **Topicals:**

New to the competition in 2016 is the Topical category which encompasses medically infused, **non-edible** products such as salves, lotions, balms, patches and suppositories. Any cannabis infused product that is applied topically on the body may be entered in this category.

### **Competition Packaging Details**

**\*\*\*We require 20 individually packaged samples for entries in the Topicals category. \*\*\***

**IMPORTANT:** Please understand that the Topicals category does not lend itself to the same “blind judging” process that the other categories do. This is due to the fact that packaging is an important component in the scoring of this category.

### **Judging and Scoring Info**

The primary categories on the Qualitative side to be scored by each Judge are as follows: **Visual Aesthetics** (appeal); **Aroma**; **Ease of Use**; and **Overall Effectiveness**.

Additionally, judges will be asked to score the products on the following criteria (Yes/ No question, with points awarded for positive results):

- Is there an ingredients list?
- Does this product provide adequate moisturization?
- Does this product help with muscle relaxation?
- Does this product aid in pain management?
- Is potency information provided?
- Does this product help with inflammation?
- Is this product clearly marked as cannabis?
- Is the packaging professional and hygienic?

These are the categories on the Quantitative (LAB) side that MIPs will be scored on:

- For all Topicals: Cannabinoid and terpene levels will be quantified, but not scored. Instead, these levels will be measured on a Pass/ Fail scale. Any Topical found to not have any cannabinoids in it will be disqualified from competition.

## **Medically Infused Products (for CA Cups only in 2016):**

### **Category Description**

New to the competition in 2016 (in California ONLY) is the Medically Infused Products (MIPs) category. This category encompasses all products that are infused with cannabis-derived materials which do not fall into one of the above aforementioned (traditional) competition categories. This includes, but is not limited to, products such as “bud caviars”, “moon rocks”, cannabis terpenes or products infused with cannabis terpenes. Please consult with your HT sales representative or the Competition Director if you are unsure which category to enter your product in.

### **Judging and Scoring Info**

The primary categories on the Qualitative side to be scored by each Judge are as follows: **Taste; Aroma; Visual Aesthetics; Purge/ Cleanliness; and Overall Effects.**

These are the categories on the Quantitative (LAB) side that MIPs will be scored on:

- For all MIPs: THC levels, CBD levels, and residual solvents (if applicable) will be measured and scored. Hash with high/ dangerous levels (over 1,500 PPM) of detected chemical solvents will be disqualified.
- This Quantitative scoring is based solely on lab results. Points are awarded in each category based on a scale that awards points (1 through 5) for the various ranges of lab values.



## **NEW RULES ON ENTRIES - EFFECTIVE JUNE 2015**

This new rule relates directly to Competitors entering multiple entries per category, whether it be via dispensary shops, collectives, co-ops, collaborations with other entities or via any other legal entity of the same name brand:

- **A competitor may only win ONE award per category, regardless of how many collaborations they put together, or how many entries they have in a category.\*\***
- **This rule is in place to prevent competitors from “stacking the field” and ensures a level playing field for everyone involved.**
- **Because competitors will only be eligible to receive one award, the higher of the awards will be awarded and the rest dropped from award consideration. For example, if a competitor places 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a category, they will win 1<sup>st</sup> Place only with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place entry being dropped and the next highest score moving up into its place.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: The above rules may affect “collaboration” entries as well. For example, if Competitor A wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place and also wins 3<sup>rd</sup> Place via a collaboration entry with Competitors B and C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will still be dropped from consideration even if the collaboration partners B and C were not a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Place entry.**
- **HT reserves the right to ask for all relevant paperwork as proof of a state-licensed legal entity at the time of entry submission. Please come prepared.**
- **A maximum of three company names will be allowed on any entry form for collaboration.**

**\*\* NOTE 1:** This rule does not apply to separate legal dispensaries. For example, if John has three dispensaries named John’s Dispensary - San Jose, John’s Dispensary - Santa Cruz, and John’s Dispensary - San Francisco, they may win multiple awards **so long as they enter different products. See NOTE 2.**

**\*\* NOTE 2:** In cases such as this where multiple entities with the same owners, or same company names, or same parent corporation have multiple stores or companies entering, *there must be different entries submitted for each.* **HT will not allow the same entry to be entered more than once by related entities.** This rule has been in place since 2012 and is intended to prevent an entity with multiple store locations from entering the same product multiple times in a single category attempting to “sweep” the category; or from similar “collabs” entering the same or similar products. While we appreciate that you may have a seriously superb entry, it only needs to win one time for glory, thereby allowing other excellent entries to also win awards. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE:**

HIGH TIMES reserves the rights to refuse, disqualify, bar or otherwise ban any entity or individuals from participating in our Cannabis Cup competitions for any reason. In order to protect the integrity of the competition and ensure its fairness, safety and security for all, HIGH TIMES must deploy a zero tolerance policy for any rules violations. When it comes to our Cannabis Cups, one strike and you're out. Keep it clean & keep it pure.

# The Judging Process: How It Works

HIGH TIMES scoring system for cannabis competitions employs a two-tiered digital (online) score sheet (a.k.a the HT Scorebook) that includes a Qualitative score and Quantitative score.

The Qualitative score will account for approximately 75 percent of the total score. This may vary slightly by competition category. This score sheet will be scored by each Judge and will measure his or her professional opinions of each entry. Categories are scored 1-5 by each judge (5 being the highest score). The categories are weighted using a multiplier ranging from 1x to 5x is used in the final tally of each judging category. These values are not made public, meaning that both Judges and Competitors are not given the weighted values (the HT Scorebook system will automatically calculate these values when score sheets are submitted).

The Quantitative score will account for 25 percent of the total score. This may vary slightly by competition category. This score sheet measures scientific data provided by laboratory testing. This data will be evaluated by the HT Competition Director and then uploaded into the Scorebook system. The results of this score sheet will not be made available to Judges until after their final score sheets have been submitted. The HT Competition Director is in no way a Judge and is only in place to manage the Judges, the judging process and ensure the integrity of the competition.

On the final day of judging, all Judges from each category will reconvene with the HT Competition Director. By this time they will have electronically submitted their final score sheets. The HT Scorebook will calculate each Judge's score for each entry, and then take an average of the Judges' scores for each entry. Each entry score average will then be added to its correlated quantitative lab score produced by the uploaded lab data. The system then combines the Judges' average qualitative score with the quantitative lab score giving a final Total Score out of 100 possible points.

As HIGH TIMES strives to create the most accurate and comprehensive scoring system in the cannabis industry, your participation and feedback as a competitor is integral to the process. We hope you are proud to be a part of the process and we thank you for your support and patience as we continually evolve this system into the world's ultimate cannabis scoring index.

# **FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions**

## **What Are Entries Scored On?**

The five categories on the Qualitative side to be scored by each Judge are as follows: **Aroma; Taste; Visual Aesthetics; Stone/ High; and Burnability/ Flush.**

There are several categories on the Quantitative (LAB) side that will be scored and they vary by category.

- For Flowers, THC levels and CBD levels will be measured and scored.
- For Concentrates and Non-Solvent Hash, THC levels, CBD levels, and residual solvents (RS) will be measured and scored. RS for Non-Solvents are simply Pass/Fail. Non-Solvent Hash with detected chemical solvents will be disqualified.
- For Edibles, THC levels, CBD levels and THC-A levels are measured and scored. We also score the ratio of what is listed on package versus the actual THC/CBD levels reported by the lab.
- For CBD categories, the same criteria applies as above, however the weighting of this values changes, putting more emphasis on the CBD values. CBD categories also are scored on their CBD:THC ratio, with more points being awarded for entries closest to a 1:1 ratio.

This scoring is based solely on lab results. Points are awarded in each category based on a scale that gives scores of 1 through 5 for the various ranges of cannabinoid levels.

## **How Many Judges Are There?**

There are between five and nine judges PER CATEGORY. This depends on the city we are in and how many categories we run for that particular Cup.

The HT Competition Director oversees all Judges and Labs as well as the intake and processing of entries, the scoring process itself, score tabulations and finalizing of winners.

## **Who Are The Judges & How Are They Selected?**

All Judges are experts or professionals from the cannabis industry. We go to great lengths to ensure that the Judges selected have demonstrated exceedingly high levels of cannabis knowledge and are extremely dedicated to both the cause and the task of judging.

Beginning in 2014, HT utilizes an online application process to select judges from around the world to participate. We invite and welcome winners and competitors from past Cups to apply for judging (in a city far away from their own) to see our process from the inside! Please ask a HT staff member for more details on how to apply.

## **How Are the Lab Results Compared and Used in Scoring?**

The primary reason for using two labs is to ensure fairness for all competitors involved in the competition. Having two separate and unaffiliated labs testing all entries not only

serves in keeping those labs honest, it also protects against any systematic error in the testing.

It is at the discretion of the Competition Director as to how the lab results are used. In the past, if the results came from the same methods, standards, calibrations and equipment and each set of lab results are relatively similar in comparison, the two sets could be merged, with an average of the two taken for a final value. However, after six years of using labs, we have accumulated a large database that we can now use for cross-referencing results from random or selected entries to verify the accuracy of results. This allows us to select one set of lab data to us, rather than averaging two sets.

If the two separate lab sets show a large degree of variation from each other, only one set will be chosen to use in the quantitative scoring. (In the latter scenario, the Competition Director would choose the more accurate results set by comparing them to the averages of results of same strains tested by several other labs, in several cities, over several previously held Cup competitions.)

### **What Are The Rules Regarding Number of Entries Per Company?**

#### **Rules on Company Entries**

We realize that some companies, particularly breeders, seed companies and dispensary chains have multiple entities under their charge. In cases where multiple entities with the same owners, or same company names, or same parent corporation have multiple stores or companies entering, there must be different entries submitted for each. **HT will not allow the same entry to be entered more than once by related entities.** This rule is in place to protect companies from competing against themselves as well as to help ensure a level playing field as well as the fairness and integrity of the competition.

Additionally, entrants will be limited to collaborations of three (3) entities/company names for any given entry across all categories. This allows for a grower, dispensary, and extract artist and/or chef to collaborate on an entry. No more than three names will be allowed on entry forms and no more than five people will be allowed up on stage to receive awards during the Sunday night Cannabis Cup Awards Show.

- **A maximum of three company names will be allowed on any entry form for collaboration.**
- **A competitor may only win ONE award per category, regardless of how many collaborations they put together, or how many entries they have in a category.\*\***
- **This rule is in place to prevent competitors from “stacking the field” and ensures a level playing field for everyone involved.**
- **Competitors will only be eligible to receive one award. The higher of the awards will be awarded and the rest dropped from award consideration.**

## What Are the Rules Regarding Disqualifications?

### **\*\* Notes Regarding Disqualifications:**

- HIGH TIMES reserves the right to disqualify (DQ) entries for any rules violation and in cases where HT 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 high 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.
- HT is not out to publicly embarrass any of our competitors and these rules are solely in place for the safety and welfare of our judges and the community at large. As such, disqualification will not be made public and will be privately handled between HT and competitors.
- HT does not offer refunds in the rare event of a disqualification.

### Common Category Misplacements (Cannabis)

If you believe you have a strain that exhibits a mutant phenotype that is expressed in its high or stone, we understand that. But that strain should no longer be called by its original name. Rather, we recommend renaming it to reflect this unusual 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*.

## **Thank You and Good Luck!**

Lastly, we'd like to thank all of our participants for supporting our event, the competition and the movement overall. We will continue to tweak our HT Scorebook judging system and strive to make the competition as fair and accurate as possible as science and technologies continue to evolve within the industry. However, make no mistake about it - this cannabis scoring system is, by far, the best in the world. It is unmatched anywhere else! We pledge to not lose sight of the overall goal of promoting the best medicine and cannabis possible for the world.

To this end, we hold the human element of the judging system as the most valuable component to the process, even more so than the measurable science component. This is why the Qualitative side of the score sheet accounts for approximately 70 percent of the scoring while the Quantitative side accounts for approximately 30 percent (percentages may vary slightly by category). It is also for this reason that we analyze the judges' scores *without the lab results* as well to make sure there are no major discrepancies. In the rare situation where the judges' top choice in a category does not place due to the introduction of lab results, we make every effort to ensure that particular entry receives at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place award.

Best of luck to all our competitors and THANK YOU for your participation and support of the HIGH TIMES Cannabis Cup.

## Packaging Photos Below:

We also thank you for following our packaging guidelines and helping us ensure a fast intake process as well as a fair competition!

Please be sure to only put ONE LABEL on the outside of your entries bag/box/ case. DO NOT PUT ANY LABELS ON THE INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES.





# Proper Flower Packaging

- \* Outer Packaging Labeled with Company Name and Strain Name
- \* (10) 4 gram samples in the bag unlabeled



## Properly packaged concentrate entry

- \* Outer packaging labeled with company name and product name
- \* Inner samples in unmarked 1 gram increments



# Properly packaged concentrates



**Properly packaged 1 gram samples**



**Also acceptable concentrate packaging**

