

## COMPETITION IN THE LONG CIGAR SMOKING

Cigar smoking competition is open for all adults regardless of their gender, race, religion and nationality. Participation is confirmed by filling out the registration form received from the organizers. Competition in long cigar smoking is cavaliers discipline and is conducted in the spirit of the fair play.

### **Rules 1.**

- All participants receive the same cigar that they picked themselves from the box.
- In the case of defective cigar, competitor can exchange the cigar for another one.
- Competition ring is fixed (glued) on the same length on each cigar.

### **Rules 2.**

- Each participant will be given a cigar cutter and a box with two matches (long ones).
- The competition table may contain only the items provided by the organizer; any additional equipment for the duration of the competition is not allowed.
- Participants have 1 (one) minute to prepare the cigar (cutting).
- Cigar is lighted with one or two matches, according to the choice of the participant.
- It is not allowed to light cigar until the judge says it is allowed; competition officially starts when the judge gives the sign to light cigars.
- Burning time is maximum 1 (one) minute and that time is included in the time of the competition.
- Additional preparation of the cigar is not allowed.

### **Rules 3.**

- Additional lighting of the cigar is not allowed.
- During the competition it is not allowed to blow in the cigar from the outside, blow through the cigar or make it wet.

- For the first 5 minutes of the competition it is not allowed to talk or consume drinks.
- It is not allowed to put down the cigar; cigar has to be kept in the hand during the whole competition.
- It is not allowed to cover or hide the cigar; cigar has to be visible at all times.
- It is not allowed to touch burning line of the cigar.
- It is not allowed to use the aid of any wristwatches, smartwatches, mobile phones or personal items in any way
- Judges, at their sole discretion, may issue warning, disqualifications and determine whether or not competitor's actions are in the spirit of fair play.

### **Rules 4.**

- Cigar is smoked up to the competition ring.
- In case that the competition ring is burned, participant earns 15 penalty minutes.

### **Rules 5.**

- Keeping the cigar ash gives an advantage to the participant.
- First falling or shaking off the cigar ashes brings penalty minutes.

### **Penalty minutes are:**

*First falling or shaking off the ashes in the first 10 minutes of the competition brings – 20 minutes*

*First falling or shaking off the ashes in the first 20 minutes of the competition brings – 15 minutes*

*First falling or shaking off the ashes in the first 25 minutes of the competition brings – 10 minutes*

*First falling or shaking off the ashes in the first 30 minutes of the competition brings – 5 minutes*

*First falling or shaking off the ashes in the first 35 minutes of the competition brings – 3 minutes*

*First falling or shaking off the ashes in the first 40 minutes of the competition brings – 1 minute*

- Each disposal of the cigar in the ashtray during the competition brings -10 penalty minutes.
- Ring burning brings -15 penalty minutes.
- After 40 minutes it is allowed to shake off the ash and there are no penalty minutes except in case of ring burning.

### **Rules 6.**

- Cigar smoking ends at the moment when participant lifts his/hers number and in that moment his/hers smoking time is written down. This happens in two possible cases:
  1. if the smoking has ended with unwanted extinguish of the cigar
  2. if cigar smoking has reached its allowed limit to the ring
- After the end of his/hers cigar smoking, the participant is required to get up and excuse himself/herself from the participant table.

### **Judges**

- Competition is guided by judge(s). In the case of a larger number of judges, one is Main judge and the others are Assistant judges.
- Participant himself reports falling or shaking off the ashes, as well as extinguish of the cigar or end of smoking.
- Judge can publicly report the participant in a case of registering ash falling, ring burning, putting the cigar on the ashtray or extinguishing of the cigar.
- Judge can disqualify the participant if he/she does not respect the rules or disturbs other participants.
- During the competition, the Main judge informs the participants about the time: after first minute and every ten (10) minutes after that.
- When competition ends, judge inspects the rings to determine if the ring is burned or not.
- Competition report, recording of the time and writing the penalty minutes is being done by the Main judge.

### **Winner**

Winner of the competition is the person who smokes the cigar for the longest time without turning it off. Meaning, the winner of the competition is the person whose time of smoking is the longest, after all the reductions from the penalty minutes are taken in consideration.

Main judge declares the winner of the competition.

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