
WELCOME TO CSWC

CSWC was founded 10 years ago by Marko Bilic, president of the International Cigar Club, Mareva and winner of the prestigious global Cigar Trophy award for the best cigar ambassador in the world. The Cigar Smoking World Championship is an international competition in the “slow smoking” of cigars, but at the same time, it is much more than just a competition – it is the perfect tool to inspire participation in every cigar enthusiast. Through this medium of friendly competition – international friends are reunited and new friends are made, all of whom share the same passion of a shared cigar lifestyle. On top of all that, CSWC is great fun and a great experience!

The CSWC is a global name in the cigar world, with qualification events held in more than 30 countries with the Grand Finale held every September in Split, Croatia. With competitors from over 35 countries represented, the Grand Finale is truly a global event that brings together cigar clubs and enthusiasts from across the world.



COMPETITION IN THE SLOW SMOKING OF CIGARS

The Cigar Smoking World Championship is an international competition in the “slow smoking” of cigars. Competitors compete in how slow they can smoke their cigar with time penalties given for such things as breaking your ash or burning the competition ring (cigar band). The smoker who takes the longest to finish their cigar is the winner.

All participants receive the same Rocky Patel cigar that they picked from the box.

- Each participant will be given a cigar cutter and a box with two matches.
- Each Participant will be given one minute to light their cigar.
- The cigar will be smoked until it goes out, unintentionally, or until it is burnt up to the competition ring.
- The winner of the competition is the person who smokes the cigar for the longest time without it going out.

*See complete competition rules, attached.

KEY DATES:

REGIONAL QUALIFYING

June 11 - August 5, 2022

Participating Retailers

USA CHAMPIONSHIP

August 13th, 2022

BURN by Rocky Patel
Indianapolis, Indiana

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

September 2 - 4th, 2022

Radisson Blue Resort & Spa
Split, Croatia



REGIONAL QUALIFYING EVENTS
(PARTICIPATING RETAILERS)

EVENT STRUCTURE:

(Ticketed)

- Regional Qualifying event retailer should plan to sell 30-40 tickets to participate in the CSWC.
- Tickets should be used to fund each winner's trip (flight and hotel) to Indianapolis to participate in the USA Championship (August 13th, 2022). Food and drinks should be included as well.
- Retailers should purchase boxes of CSWC Mareva cigars prior to the event. (The Mareva is the official CSWC competition cigar).

Rocky Patel will provide the participating retailer with the following supplies per CSWC contestant:

- (1) Mareva CSWC Cigar
- (2) Wooden Cigar Matches
- (1) Guillotine Cigar Cutter

(Please see contest rules attached)

USA Regional Event Prizes

ALL CSWC Participants:

1-year Digital Subscription to
Cigar Journal Magazine



1st Place Winner

- Rocky Patel branded 100ct Humidor
- Les Fines Lames CSWC Winner's Edition Cutter
- S.T. Dupont Cigar Case
- 12ct Carton of Boveda 69% RH 2-Way Humidity Control



2nd Place Winner

- Rocky Patel Envoy Lighter
- Les Fines Lames Punch Bracelet



3rd Place Winner

- Rocky Patel Diamond Cutter

USA Champion Prizes BURN by Rocky Patel Indianapolis, Indiana



1st Place Winner

- Rocky Patel CSWC Humidor
- Airfare, Hotel and Admissions Fees to all CSWC events in Split, Croatia.
- Les Fines Lames Luxury Cigar Cutter
- S.T. Dupont Lighter
- Boveda Humidor



2nd Place Winner

- Les Fines Lames Punch Bracelet



3rd Place Winner

- Les Fines Lames Black Cap

World Champion Prizes Split, Croatia



- Rocky Patel CSWC Limited Edition Luxury Humidor with Cigars
- Custom Cuervo y Sobrinos Luxury Writing Instrument
- Les Fines Lames Gold Series Cigar Cutter at a value of \$1,000
- S.T. Dupont Haute Creation Lighter, valued at \$25,000
- All Exclusive one-day cruise on a 180- foot Yacht for the winner plus 11 of their friends, including all drinks, food, cigars, and water toys, valued at \$40,000
- Cuervo y Sobrinos Luxury Swiss Watch, valued at \$10,000
- Radisson Blu Split Weekend Package for two people, valued at \$1,000
- Boveda Humidor, valued at \$250
- Cigar Journal interview with the new World Champion featured in print magazine, invaluable.



Cigar smoking competition is open to all adults. Participation is confirmed by filling out the registration form received from the organizers. Competition in long cigar smoking is a cavaliers' discipline and is conducted in the spirit of fair play.

RULE 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.

RULE 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 lit 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.

RULE 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 to 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; the cigar must be kept in the hand during the whole competition.
- It is not allowed to cover or hide the cigar; cigar must 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.

RULE 4

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

RULE 5

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

RULE 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

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.

PENALTY MINUTES

- 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

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.