

Congratulations, Champ!

If you're reading this, then you brewed the best AeroPress coffee your country has to offer - *colour us impressed!*

Out of thousands of competitors worldwide, you are one of only 60 being invited to Vancouver to represent your country in the **2022 World AeroPress Championships**. You've probably got a lot of questions, but first we have a question for you!

Have you registered for Vancouver yet? If not, [do it now!](#) Secure your spot, because registration will close November 6, 2022 at 6pm AEDT - no exceptions!

If you have already registered, then let's get down to business!

This document is designed to tell you everything you need to know for Vancouver. If you have questions about things not covered here, please check the FAQ section of our webpage which is updated regularly, or reach out to Chris, our Championship Director, at chris@aero.press.

Otherwise we'll see you in Vancouver, *eh!*



The W.A.C Team



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BASIC INFORMATION

WORLD FINAL DATE

December 1–3

VENUE NAME

The Pipe Shop Venue

VENUE ADDRESS

[115 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver, BC V7L 0B](#)

WHERE TO BUY TICKETS

[Tickets on sale now!](#)

WHERE TO WATCH THE LIVESTREAM

On the [World Final page](#).

CAN I POST THIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Yes, you can download the poster and materials below to share with your friends on social media. Be sure to tag us on Instagram at [@aero.press](#)

[Download Poster](#)

PRE-EVENT

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Visa arrangements

Not every person entering Canada needs a visa. [Find out if you require a visa here](#).

We already asked if you needed a Visa support letter when you registered

for our event, but if you found out after registering that you require a visa support letter, [you can still request one here](#).

Please note, while we'll help where we can, we have no influence over the granting of visas.

Where to stay

We recommend the [Lonsdale Quay Hotel](#). It is located less than a minute away from our championship venue in North Vancouver, plus it's above the Lonsdale Quay Market, a fresh food market. Until October 10, you can book a room with special WAC rates [here](#).

Another great budget-friendly option is the [North Vancouver Hotel](#).

If you're looking to splurge a little, try the [Seaside Hotel North Vancouver](#) or the [Pinnacle Pier Hotel](#).

Vancouver also has plenty of short term rentals, so if you're planning on booking alternative accommodations, try the Downtown area and take the [SeaBus](#) across to North Vancouver. It's an affordable 10 minute trip, it runs every 15 minutes, and the North Vancouver SeaBus terminal is just a stone's throw from the venue.

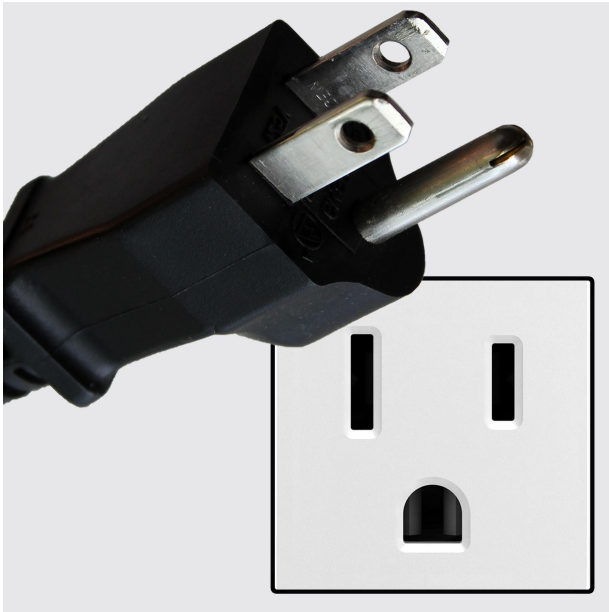
What you need to bring

If you want to travel light, all you really need to bring is an AeroPress and a dream. We'll provide a lot, as outlined in our ["What we'll provide" section](#).

Some extra items that you might want to consider bringing with you are brewing pitchers/carafes, hand grinders, thermometers, stirrers, fines sieves, and a bunch of friends to cheer you on.

If you do want to bring your own equipment, please make sure that:

- Your equipment is labelled with your name
- Your equipment is safe and in good working order. Unsafe equipment will be disallowed



- Your equipment is able to run on North American Power (120V), and you bring any adaptors needed.

Please know that all equipment is brought at your own risk. We cannot accept any responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged equipment.

Practice Coffee

This is really important! **We are not sending out practice coffee before the competition this year.**

In previous years, around 30% of the practice coffee never arrived to competitors. To make it fair for everyone, all competitors will receive their practice coffee one day before the World Final at 3:00pm.

No exceptions, sorry.

Staying informed

It's difficult to stay in touch with so many people in so many countries, but email is our best bet. If we have any changes to plans, or updates to send, we will send them via email, and email only.

You can reach us at chris@aero.press - please don't message us through Instagram, Facebook, or any other platform.

GENERAL VANCOUVER INFORMATION

Weather

Vancouver is technically a rainforest, so there will most likely be some sort of rain during your stay — so be sure to pack a warm raincoat and water resistant shoes.

During November/December, the temperature usually sits between 4°C - 8°C. There is rarely snow in city during this time of year, but pack some warm sweaters, socks and a toque (that's the Canadian word for a beanie) just in case.

Ground transportation

There are a variety of options for getting to and from Vancouver International Airport, which are detailed here:

<https://www.yvr.ca/en/passengers/transportation>

If you want to explore the city of Vancouver, there is a [connected transit system](#). It consists of buses, the Skytrain (Subway/Metro), and the SeaBus (Ferry from Downtown to North Vancouver). You pay by using a Compass card, or you can simply tap with a credit card to board. The SeaBus terminal is very close to the Venue / Lonsdale Quay Hotel and runs 2-4 times per hour.

Taxis are scarce in Vancouver, we recommend using Uber or Lyft if you'd prefer to travel by car.

Things to do in Vancouver

- Visit Stanley Park
- Grab a coffee from one of the participating cafes in our Cafe Takeover
- Take a walk along the waterfront
- Get out of the city and [take a hike](#)
- Ride a moose (kidding, we don't recommend this)
- If it's rainy, try the [Vancouver Art Gallery](#)

THE WORLD FINAL

Event details

The WAC World Final will be split into three days.

Thursday, December 1st is "Training and Conditioning". This is a special

day we have planned where all of the national champions will mingle, learn and practice their recipes

Friday, December 2nd is "The Playoffs". This is the World Final event, where you'll get your shot at the title of World AeroPress Champion. After the event, there will be an unofficial "afterparty" - a neighbourhood hang with come cold brews in 'The Brewery District'.

Saturday, December 3rd is "The City Takeover", which will see the winning recipe from the night before served at 10 of Vancouver's best cafes. Later, all of the champs will gather, along with the WAC team, for "Farewell Drinks" at The American.

Getting to the venue

Public Transport From Downtown

Take the Canada Line train towards Waterfront Station, and from Waterfront, take the SeaBus to Lonsdale Quay. From there, its 400m (or about 5 minute walk) to the venue - The Pipe Shop. This is the best way to get to the venue via public transport.

By car

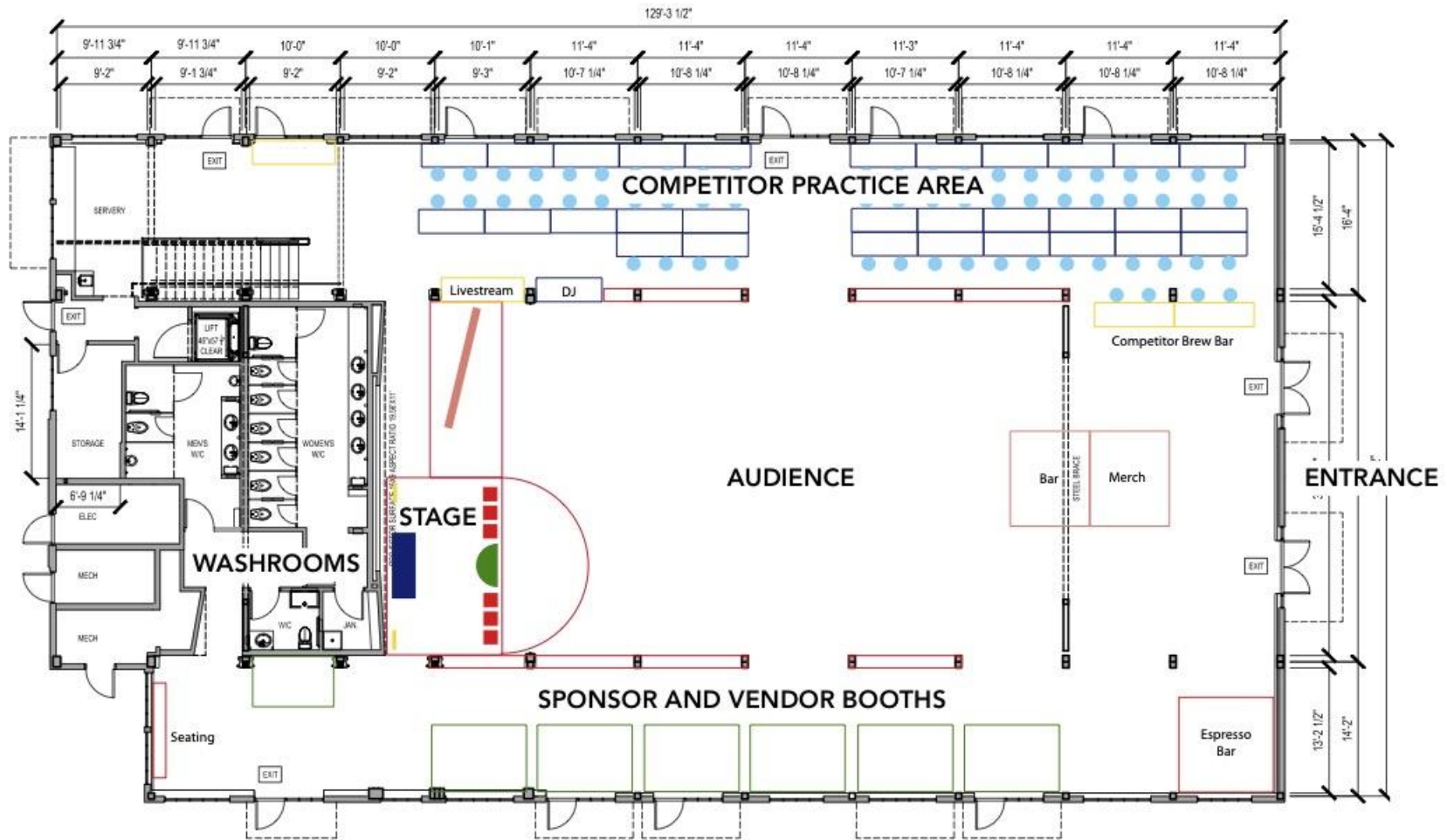
Parking is available on Wallace Mews, in The Shipyards parking lot, and in the Pinnacle Hote

Schedule

Thursday Dec. 1st	Competitor Registration	9am - 10am
	“Training & Conditioning” A day of coffee talks, meeting the champions, competition coffee presentation, and practice time.	10am - 3pm
	Practice Time Mingle time for attendees	3pm - 6pm
Friday Dec. 2nd	Competitor Briefing	9am - 9:30am
	“The Playoffs” Competition day! Heats in the morning, finals in the afternoon. Presentation & wrapped by 6pm.	9:30am - 6pm
	“Afterparty” Not <i>officially</i> organised, but a neighbourhood hang in ‘The Brewery District’	6pm - late
Saturday Dec. 3rd	“Cafe Takeover” Ten top Vancouver cafes to serve the World Championship winning coffee and recipe	9am - 1pm
	“Farewell Drinks” A venue that can house us all, with \$10,000 or so put on the bar.	3pm-6pm

Layout of the venue

2022 FLOORPLAN





Competition Coffee

As mentioned, we are **not** sending out practice coffee before the competition this year.

This year, we'll have Cafe Imports presenting the official coffee at 3pm on Thursday, the day before the World Final.

What we'll provide

You're welcome to bring your own hand grinder and kettle, but there's really no need -- we've got it covered. All competitors will have free use of the following equipment

Practice Area

- MACAP LABO 70D grinders
- Brewista Artisan Gooseneck kettles (60)
- Brewista Ratio Scales (60)
- Brewista cupping spoons (60)
- Brewista x-series decanters (9)
- ACME cupping bowls (60)
- Competition-grade water by Perfect Coffee Water
- Towels
- General cleaning items

On Stage

- Brewista Artisan Gooseneck kettles (6)
- Brewista Ratio Scales (6)
- MACAP LABO 70D grinders
- Towels
- General cleaning items

About the competition water by Perfect Coffee Water

INGREDIENTS

Sodium Bicarbonate, Magnesium Chloride, Calcium Chloride

COMPETITION WATER SPECS

TDS (Total dissolved solids): ~110 ppm

Alkalinity ppm as CaCO(3): ~50ppm

Total hardness ppm as CaCO(3): ~100ppm

pH: ~7.5

Competitor Brew Bar

This is your (other) time to shine! We trialled it in Sydney, and it was a big success, so we're bringing back the Competitor Brew Bar and giving spectators the opportunity to try your winning AeroPress recipe!

Once your round on stage is over, the two competitors who did advance in the round will head to the Competitor Brew Bar, where you will get to brew your recipe for event attendees to taste.

We'll do a complete walkthrough with you on the day to show you how it'll work.

VERY OFFICIAL STUFF

The Rules

Regardless of the rules that applied during your national competition, below are the official rules for the 2022 World AeroPress Championship:

[Read The Rules](#)

Code of Conduct

The World AeroPress Championship exists to bring coffee-loving people together in an open, inclusive, and fun environment. By taking part, you agree to uphold this mission and adhere to our Code of Conduct.

We believe that everyone involved has a right to feel welcomed and valued in our community, regardless of gender, religion, race, age, ethnicity, appearance or sexual orientation.

Behaviour, whether intentional or not, that causes other participants to feel uncomfortable, harassed, or victimised will not be tolerated by the organizers.

We expect that members of the W.A.C community be genuinely considerate of others at all times, without exception. Failure to meet this expectation may result in expulsion from an event, without notice or refund.

If you are made to feel uncomfortable, or experience it happening to someone else, please notify a volunteer or organizing staff immediately.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As a competitor, do I need to buy a ticket for the event?

- No you don't. You'll be given a competitor pass which will give you access to all areas on event day.

What is the official competition coffee?

- You'll find out on 'Training and Conditioning' day (one day before the world final). The coffee will be roasted by Quietly Coffee, our official coffee roaster of the '22 world final.

Can I order extra practice coffee?

- No, everyone gets the same amount.

When will I get my competition coffee?

- You will get it on 'Training and Conditioning' day, at 3:00pm. This is one day before the World Final.

Why are you not sending out practice coffee?

- Due to shipping issues, very often competitors don't receive their coffee ahead of time. Therefore we are providing it to all competitors at the same time, the day before the competition, to ensure it is fair for all involved.

What is the water being provided?

- Check out our water sponsors [Perfect Coffee Water](#) to learn more about our competition water.

Can I bring my own water to compete with?

- No, luckily we have an amazing water sponsor that will provide pre-built championship water across both days.

Where should I stay in Vancouver?

- See our ["Where to Stay"](#) section

Are there still rates available at the Lonsdale Quay for competitors?

- Unfortunately the block of rooms reserved for WAC bookings expired on October 10th, though as of October 13, there were

still plenty of rooms available, and at the same rate as our reserved rooms.

How do I get from the airport to downtown?

- Transportation by transit: Follow the signs for Trains to city and take the Canada Line train downtown. An uber/taxi is also a faster but more expensive option.

How do I get to the competition venue from downtown?

- From downtown, you can take the Canada Line train to Waterfront Station, then [grab the SeaBus from Waterfront Station to Lonsdale Quay, and walk 400m from the venue.](#)

Will there be any food available throughout the day?

- Yes, we will have a food truck outside the venue, and it is walking distance to many markets and restaurants.

Who can I bring with me?

- You are able to bring one guest with you (the person you nominated on your registration form). Your guest is there for emotional support, and to help you carry things. They will have access to the Practice Area, but not the Stage.

What if I have more than one person coming to the event with me?

- [The other folks will need to buy tickets here.](#) They will be able to cheer for you from the crowd, but will not have access to the Practice Area.

Will I get more coffee to use on the Competitor Brew Bar?

- Yes, we'll be providing extra roasted coffee at the Competitor Brew Bar for you to serve.

THANK YOU

The 2022 World AeroPress Championship would not be possible without the support of the good folk at these companies

