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QUALIFIERS

We're excited for the upcoming US Brewers Cup, US Coffee in Good Spirits and US Latte Art Qualifying Competitions next weekend. We can't wait to see you there!

As we finalize preparations for your arrival, we wanted to share some additional details as you make your way to Maryland and DC.

Venues

The **US Brewers Cup and the US Latte Art Qualifying Competitions** will be held at AMP by Strathmore at 11810 Grand Park Avenue (4th Floor), North Bethesda, MD. This venue is in the bustling Pike & Rose shopping area with plenty of food and beverage options.

Although parking is available in designated parking decks, most spaces have a 2-hour parking limit. If you choose to take the Metro, here are the directions:

- AMP is located across Rockville Pike (Route 355) from the White Flint Metro station, on Metro's Red Line. On some maps, this is called the North Bethesda Metro stop.
- When you exit the station, cross under Rockville Pike (Route 355), then head north towards the Bank of America to the intersection of Old Georgetown Road. Turn left onto Old Georgetown Road and right onto Grand Park Avenue. You can access the elevators to AMP next to Gap.

The **US Coffee in Good Spirits Qualifying Competition** will be held at Counter Culture Coffee Training Center at 1781 Florida Ave NW, St F, Washington, DC. This venue is in a more residential part of Northwest DC.

There is **limited** street parking, most spaces have time limits. If you choose to take the Metro, the venue is within walking distance of two stations. Here are the directions:

- **Green Line Station Stop** - U Street/African-American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo. Exit the station onto U Street NW and head west toward 13th Street. When you reach Florida Avenue, go North (right). The venue is across the street on your left.

- **Red Line Station Stop** - Dupont Circle. Using the Q Street exit, head east toward 19th Street NW. Walk north on 19th St NW to Florida Avenue NW and turn north east onto Florida Avenue. When you get to U Street, cross Florida Avenue to reach the venue on the left side of the street.

Transferring Between Venues

The Metro between the venues runs continually during event hours, and the trip is roughly 25 minutes between stops. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has an excellent website (wmata.com) and app with maps, trip planners, service info and fare info - including SmarTrip tickets.

Health & Safety

Even before you leave home to travel to the competitions, we encourage you to take extra precautions to keep yourself and our community healthy. Health officials are reporting a winter uptick in respiratory illnesses. Be sure to protect yourself and others by washing your hands frequently and avoiding situations that can cause the spread of respiratory illnesses.

If you or someone you know are feeling unwell please take extra care to keep our community healthy. Masks are not mandatory but are strongly encouraged. Competitors, judges and other volunteers should reach out to your competition chairpersons or your presiding head judge immediately in the event of illness that could impact the health of others involved in the competitions.

Each competition has a specific protocol for keeping participants healthy based on the 2021 & 2022 Covid Protocols. You can find details in each competition's Rules & Regulations. All Rules & Regulations are subject to change based on local and venue health and safety requirements or guidelines. USCC will share any Rules & Regulations changes via email. These changes may include, but are not limited to changes to table sizes or layouts; material of provided vessels or cups; limits on coaches or helpers in the competitor preparation and practice rooms; mask or glove mandates; schedule changes for sanitization; etc.

If you are driving or bringing a car, stay informed about the traffic situation and take extra time to reach your destination. Travel safely.

We're Looking Forward to Seeing You There!

If you have any questions about the competitions or venues, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at this email address. We're excited for this season's qualifiers and look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

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