# OFFICIAL GHOSTED STARBUCKS SWEEPSTAKES PARTICIPATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Document Code: SBX2028/LEGAL-DISC-ENTRY.001

Effective Date: 04/01/2025

Prepared by: Promotional Compliance & Threat Prevention Unit

# **SECTION 1: PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Participants who complete the attached survey ("Survey") may become eligible for a randomized drawing resulting in the conditional disbursement of one (1) Starbucks® gift card, valued at ten U.S. dollars (\$10.00). Gift card is subject to redemption restrictions, inflationary erosion, and the continued existence of the Starbucks Corporation.

Eligibility for this drawing does not constitute a contractual promise of prize delivery. This program is not a rights-bearing mechanism.

## **SECTION 2: ENTRY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered for inclusion, all Participants must meet the following conditions:

- Be a lawful permanent resident of the United States or recognized U.S. territories;
- Be eighteen (18) years of age or older as of the time of submission;
- Not be currently incarcerated, under electronic surveillance, or named in any sealed indictment;
- Be willing and able to provide, upon request:
  - Government-issued identification (federal or state);
  - Full legal name, residential address, and Social Security Number;
  - Date of birth, proof of citizenship, and, if applicable, Selective Service registration.

Failure to meet these requirements will result in disqualification and the archiving of Participant's information for regulatory reporting.

## **SECTION 3: SUBMISSION LIMITS AND ENFORCEMENT**

Each Participant is permitted **one (1)** survey submission.

Attempts to submit multiple entries via alternate emails, IP masking, public Wi-Fi abuse, or account laundering will be handled as follows:

- 1. First violation: Immediate deletion of all entries and disqualification.
- 2. Second violation: Referral to the U.S. Department of Labor Fraud and Abuse Division.
- 3. Third violation: Formal information packet submitted to relevant agencies including—but not limited to—IRS Field Enforcement, USPS Inspector General, and the state DMV in your legal jurisdiction.

Participation records are timestamped, geotagged, and stored on an encrypted server maintained by a third-party compliance vendor with no documented history of data breaches.

#### **SECTION 4: SELECTION METHODOLOGY**

One (1) potential winner will be selected on or around **September 30, 2028**, using a method compliant with internal sweepstakes randomness guidelines. No additional transparency, commentary, or external auditing will be provided.

Participants waive all rights to contest the outcome, demand statistical breakdowns, or request a re-roll.

## **SECTION 5: PRIZE CLAIM REQUIREMENTS**

The selected Participant ("Designated Winner") must complete the following actions within seventy-two (72) hours of notification:

- Submit a copy of a valid U.S. government-issued photo ID;
- Transmit Social Security Number via encrypted upload portal;
- Submit a notarized affidavit verifying legal U.S. residence and tax compliance status;

Complete IRS Form W-9 and sign acknowledgment of mandatory 1099 reporting.

Failure to provide identification will result in prize forfeiture and prompt automated report submission to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for jurisdictional logging. This action is final and non-negotiable.

The \$10 gift card will be reported to the IRS as taxable income. Entity bears no responsibility for resulting tax implications, audit triggers, or loss of federal aid eligibility.

## **SECTION 6: CONDITIONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

Entity reserves the right to disqualify Participants under any of the following circumstances:

- Use of anonymizing software, email aliases, or multiple entries across unrelated devices;
- Prior record of sweepstakes manipulation, coordinated promo abuse, or excessive coupon stacking;
- Participation in Discord servers, Telegram groups, or subreddit threads known to traffic in sweepstakes "strategy";
- Refusal to sign a **Moral Fitness Certification** affirming that Participant has not, within the past twelve (12) months:
  - Engaged in plagiarism;
  - Vaped indoors or in a moving vehicle;
  - Subscribed to more than two (2) self-improvement podcasts while exhibiting no measurable growth.

Participants who attempt to dispute disqualification may request arbitration. All arbitration must take place in-person at a hotel conference room within a 25-mile radius of Wichita, Kansas. No remote options or reimbursement will be offered.

## **SECTION 7: LIABILITY EXCLUSION**

Entity is not liable for any physical, financial, reputational, or existential damages arising from or related to this Sweepstakes. This includes, without limitation:

- Emotional instability stemming from non-selection;
- Resentment toward the winner;
- Compulsive refresh-checking behavior;
- Loss of self-worth relative to perceived value of Starbucks beverages;
- Incidents of self-harm, ideation, or suicide resulting from perceived injustice, envy, or general disappointment.

All such liability is disclaimed in perpetuity and cannot be appealed, arbitrated, or humanized.

## **SECTION 8: ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES**

- Participants grant Entity irrevocable access to their publicly available digital footprint
  for internal risk modeling, marketing psychographics, and discretionary behavioral
  indexing. This includes but is not limited to: deleted tweets, product reviews, and
  medium-traffic Tumblr archives.
- Winners may be subject to a ninety (90) day passive surveillance period, during
  which Entity will monitor usage of the prize to ensure compliance with its intended
  consumer application.
- This Sweepstakes is not sponsored or endorsed by Starbucks® or any of its affiliates.
   Any attempt to contact Starbucks regarding this promotion will be treated as a breach of decorum.
- All participant data will be stored indefinitely, or until Entity is dissolved, absorbed, subpoenaed, or seized by regulatory authorities.

Participation in this program constitutes full agreement with all terms herein, regardless of comprehension, literacy, or willingness.