

## **O.C.B.C. Cocktail Families**

These are cocktail families that can aid in recipe retention as well as provide a basis for creating your own cocktails. These are not hard rules, but more general guidelines. There are exceptions to these rules, and of course there are much more specific methods for categorizing drinks. These cocktail families are just an easy way to begin to have a basic working grasp on the concept. Learn the concept, then dive into the details.

**\*\*Recipe Key (Order of recipe notation - all measurements are in ounces unless otherwise noted)\*\***

Base Spirit

Modifying Liqueur

Citrus

Sugar

Herbs

Bitters

Beverage (Included in tin / mixing glass)

Method

Glassware / Ice / Rinse

Beverage (Lengthener / Top)

Mist / Spray

Garnish

**Sour Family** - These drinks are a base spirit balanced with sweet and sour elements. Each member of the sour family is presented in a different way, yet still maintain the same, or very similar, sweet and sour basic ingredients. These may or may not contain egg white, and very frequently are aromatized with bitters.

### **Basic Sour:**

2 Base Spirit

0.75 Lemon

0.75 Simple Syrup

Bitters (Optional)

Egg White (Optional)

Shake / Strain / No Ice

Sour Glass / Coupe

### **Lime Sour**

2 Base Spirit

1 Lime

0.75 Simple Syrup

Shake / Strain

Coupe / No Ice

Lime Wedge

**Collins:**

2 Base Spirit  
0.75 Lemon  
0.75 Simple Syrup  
Shake or Toss or Whip / Strain  
Collins / Rocks  
Soda Water  
Lemon Wedge

**Rickey:**

2 Base Spirit  
1 Lime  
0.75 Simple Syrup  
Shake or Toss or Whip / Strain  
Collins / Rocks  
Soda Water  
Lime Wedge

**Fizz:**

2 Base Spirit  
0.75 Lemon  
0.75 Simple Syrup  
Egg White  
Shake or Toss or Whip / Strain  
Fizz or Collins / No Ice  
Soda Water  
Lemon Wedge

**Fix:**

2 Base Spirit  
0.75 Lemon  
0.75 Simple Syrup  
Bitters (Optional)  
Shake or Toss or Whip / Strain or Dump  
Double Old Fashioned / Crushed  
Ornamental Fruit / Berries

**Daisy:**

1.5 Base Spirit  
0.5 Lemon  
1 Liqueur  
Shake / Strain  
Coupe / No Ice  
Lemon Peel

**Buck or Mule:**

2 Base Spirit

0.25 Lime

Build

Collins / Rocks

Ginger Beer or Ginger Ale

Lime wedge