

DEPT. S-HOMEMADE BEER 2026

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Entries this year will be completed using forms provided by Beer Judging Certification Program (BJCP). Specific links will be given below. Categories will be based upon the BJCP 2021 categories.

Entries can be brought to the fair on Sunday, August 16th between 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm, or on Monday, August 17th between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Entries will be received at the Fine Arts Building.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Each contestant needs to enter two bottles of beer for each entry. One bottle for the first round, and one bottle for the Best of Show round.
2. All contestants must be 21 years of age or older.
3. All beers must be homebrewed by an amateur and in non-commercial facilities.
4. All entries must remain in place and can be picked up at 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 23rd.
5. First place winners in each lot will compete for Best-Of-Show.
6. First Round of Judging occurs on Wednesday, August 19th between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building.
7. This year homemade beer entries will be made using the Homemade Beer Entry/Recipe Form – page 2 of this information. Please complete the basic data at the top of the page and the category and sub-category of the beer. Each beer/entry you provide will need a single entry form. Please note that the red entry number boxes will be completed by the superintendents. Please complete the rest of the form. You do not need to include the whole recipe with your entry. Categories and subcategories can be found at <https://www.bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/>
The style guidelines can also be found through phone apps for Android and iPhone.
8. Results will be posted by Friday at Noon at the Fine Arts Building.

BEER SPECIFICATIONS

1. Beer may be made from malt, hops, grain, fruit/vegetable/juice, or any other product commonly used in making beer.
2. Each entry must be bottled in a clean brown or green bottle with at least a 10-ounce capacity. We prefer they have no raised-glass brand name lettering and printed caps are blacked out.
3. An entry form must be filled out for each bottle with a description of the beer, i.e., category and sub-category from the BJCP style guidelines, and the name and address of the brewer.

SOME JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Appropriateness of classification. Does the entry belong in the Lot and Style the contestant has chosen to place it in.
2. Bouquet/Aroma as appropriate for the style. A maximum score of 12 points will be awarded; Malt, Hops, Other Aromatic Characteristics.
3. Appearance as appropriate for the style. A maximum score of 3 points will be awarded; Color, Clarity, Head Retention.
4. Flavor as appropriate for the style. A maximum score of 20 points will be awarded; Malt, Hops, Fermentation Characteristics, Finish/Aftertaste, Balance, Other flavor Characteristics.
5. Mouth feel is full or thin as appropriate for the style. A maximum score of 5 points will be awarded.
6. Drinkability and overall impression. A maximum score of 10 points will be awarded.
7. Judges will select the prize entry in each lot, reserving the right to withhold any award, if in their opinion, the work submitted does not merit an award. The judges' decisions are final.
8. Judges will not judge a Lot in which they have an entry.

CLASS 1-BEER

This year we will not have pre-determined lots but will set up lots based upon the entries. This way we hope to have a more even distribution of entries amongst the lots. The number of lots will be determined by the number of entries, however, we anticipate that we will have around 13 separate lots.

CLASS 2-BEER LABEL CONTEST

Label must be displayed on a bottle. Entries must be appropriate for display at the fair. No trademark or copyright material can be used. Judging will be on Art, Creativity and Information. Original artwork will be given greater credits compared to artwork taken from other sources, such as clip art. Other rules apply as listed for the homebrew contest.

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