

NATIONAL
2023 COMPETITION ENTRANT HANDBOOK

HOMEBREW COMPETITION



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Greetings Homebrewers,

We are excited to invite you to be part of the largest homebrew competition in the world! The National Homebrew Competition celebrates the spirit of homebrewing and homebrewers. The field is tough, and to move on you must bring your best entries forward.

In this packet, you'll find all the information you need to know about the competition, from how to enter and shipping information to NHC Tables and awards.

In 2022, there were 1,187 entrants from 8 countries with 2,940 entries. With the return to regional First Round competition sites, we expect there will be many more entering the 2023 competition. We hope you will join them. Online application **opens January 24 and goes until 3 p.m. MST on January 31**. Details may be found on HomebrewersAssociation.org/NHC.

Cheers!



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WHAT IS NEW IN 2023

Return to Regional First Round Competitions

The 2023 National Homebrew Competition will return to First Round regional competitions across nine (9) different competition sites. Each site will determine which beers will advance to the Final Round judged at Homebrew Con in San Diego.

Entrants will select their First Round judging site during initial registration, January 24–31 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Brewer Feedback

During First Round judging, all entrants will receive BJCP scoresheets for their entries, which will be available to them shortly after First Round judging has ended in early May.

In addition to the First Round BJCP scoresheets, all beers competing in the Final Round of judging in San Diego will also receive written judge feedback cards similar to those used in the 2022 National Homebrew Competition (note: these do not include numerical scoring).

Mead Categories

Based on 2022 entry counts, the number of mead categories has changed from eight to five. Certain mead categories had very few entries in 2022, and to keep with the spirit of competition while still

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celebrating the diversity of mead styles available, certain categories have been combined to be judged together. Please see these Rules & Regulations for more details on categories.

Competition Registration & Application

The Competition Registration & Application process will set an overall predetermined entry limit. If there is capacity to add more entries, we will let entrants know in early February 2023.

2021 BJCP Style Guidelines

The 2023 National Homebrew Competition will use the 2021 BJCP Style Guidelines.

WHO CAN ENTER THE NHC?

Entry Eligibility

All National Homebrew Competition entries must be homebrewed beer, mead, or cider. “Homebrewed” means that entrants cannot use professional equipment or other means provided by professional brewers or breweries. The competition does not currently have categories for seltzer, hard soda, kombucha, and other alternative fermentations. Please refer to the 2021 Beer Judge Certification Program Beer, Mead, and Cider Style Guidelines.



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Homebrewer Eligibility

Homebrewers must meet each of the following conditions as of midnight on January 20, 2023:

1. You must be a current American Homebrewers Association (AHA) member when entering the competition.
2. You will be asked to log into your AHA online account when registering in order to access your membership account and verify membership status. If you have not yet logged into your online account, it is advised you do this in advance. ([See this helpful article on doing so](#)) If you have trouble or need assistance, contact our membership team at Info@BrewersAssociation.org or 303-447-0816.
3. You must be subscribed to receive emails from the National Homebrew Competition. If you are unsure, please log into your account on HomebrewersAssociation.org and update your email preferences.
4. No employee of the Brewers Association may enter.
5. Registration is online only.

Fees

A nonrefundable fee of \$29 per entry is due immediately upon entering the competition.

Entry Capacity: The entry limit will be determined prior to the competition. If there is additional space to expand the entry count, we will let entrants know during the registration period.

AHA members are not guaranteed a spot—entry is on a first-come, first-served basis. Once capacity has filled, we will create a waitlist and work applicants into the competition as able. Our goal is to accommodate as many AHA members as possible while hosting a robust competition.

No refunds will be issued after February 10, 2023, and refunds will be issued on an extremely limited, case-by-case basis, upon request and pending review by AHA staff. All regulatory and financial burdens associated with submitting and sending samples to the competition are the sole responsibility of the entering AHA member. In the event the competition is cancelled, the AHA will only refund entry fees and is incapable of reimbursing competition shipping fees.

HOW TO ENTER THE NATIONAL HOMEBREW COMPETITION

Step 1: Competition Registration/Payment

AHA members go to the competition registration website starting at 10 a.m. MST on January 24

First Round Competition Site Selection: Select the First Round competition site of your choice. Sites will fill on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to approximately 750 entries per site.



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ENTRIES: Entrants must indicate how many entries they would like to submit to the competition and pay for all entries. There is a predetermined limit of 4 6 entries per brewer (*Updated from 4 to 6 entries on January 27, 2023*). If there is the capacity to accommodate additional entries after registration closes, we will notify brewers directly. You may enter more than one beer per category or subcategory. You may NOT enter the same beer more than once anywhere in the competition (that would be weird). *You will be able to edit specific beer entry details after payment.* **NOTE: The competition registration and payment system is an all-inclusive system.**

Fill out the registration form in full. Many categories will require you to provide specialty information about your entry—examples include fruits, spices, types of barrels, etc. (see page 17 for more information). You can free-type this information if you encounter difficulty with the online entry portal. You will receive a confirmation email with your application. You will be able to edit your entry information through February 10.

It is your responsibility to subscribe to our emails before the registration window closes and monitor your email during this time. Beers may be edited after registration and payment up until the shipping window.

Step 2: Entry Confirmation

CONFIRMATION EMAIL: Confirmation emails are all sent after registering and paying for your entries. **A \$29-per-entry fee is due by credit card**

upon registering for the competition.

Registrations are only final when paid. **Note:** Entrants must click the “Email Beer Confirmation” button to receive a confirmation email.

Disclaimer: Failure to pay during registration will result in dismissal from the competition.

Step 3: Beer Editing and Labeling

Log in to your account at apply.brewingcompetition.com and submit the entry information for each of the entries you paid for in the “My Info and Entries” tab. Make sure all the information is correct. Provide all full names (first and last) of your team (if applicable).

NHC TABLES: Every year, the competition organizes the BJCP Style Guidelines into Tables in a meaningful and manageable way. Review the Tables in this handbook carefully to know which subcategories fall within which NHC Tables. **Note:** the category list is organized by table number, with the corresponding BJCP category number listed in parentheses. **Be sure to include any additional information required for your entry’s subcategory in the [BJCP 2021 Style Guidelines](#).**

HOMEBREW CLUB: Entrants may only choose **one** homebrew club total for the entirety of the competition. Changing a homebrew club is prohibited after the shipping window closes.



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ENTRY LABELS: Entry labels will be available after the entry change deadline of Feb. 10. Labels will be emailed directly to all entrants. Print and attach labels to each bottle for ALL entries using a rubber band only. **Labels must be at least 1" wide and 2.625" tall.**

Entries may be edited through February 10, 2023.

Step 4: Shipping Window

All entries must be received during the shipping window, March 6 to March 17, at the designated locations for each Judging Center. This information is shown on your Entry Labels and in your First Round Brewer Profile. If you are unsure, please contact the site organizer for your Judging Center.

Step 5: Feedback & Results

First Round score cards will be sent back to entrants via email, and all brewers advancing to the Final Round of judging will be notified by May 12. Advancing brewers will receive additional instructions on sending entries to Final Round judging in San Diego.

All Final Round entries will receive written, non-numerical scored feedback, which will be emailed within 30 days of the Awards Ceremony.

IMPORTANT: All medal winners are required to provide recipe information to be published in *Zymurgy*.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

By January 20, 2023: Club Registration

Homebrew clubs must be [registered](#) with the AHA.

January 24 to January 31, 2023: Entry Registration & Payment

Eligible entrants register for the competition and pay for their entries. Entries may be edited after payment until the February 10 deadline.

February 10, 2023: Deadline for Category/Entry Changes

Changes to categories and specialty info are accepted through February 10, contingent on category availability.

March 6 to March 17, 2023: First Round Shipping/Drop-off Window

(Dates may vary slightly by location)

All competition entries must be received at the entrant's respective shipping/drop-off location. See [NHC Dates & Deadlines page](#) for most up-to-date info by location.

March 24 to April 23, 2023: First Round Judging

First Round judging takes place at 9 locations across the country

June 5 to June 14, 2023: Final Round Shipping/Drop-off Window

All competition entries must be received at the shipping/drop-off



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location for the Final Round (different from the First Round locations)

June 21, 2023: Final Round Judging

Final Round competition judging takes place in San Diego, CA prior to Homebrew Con (not open to the public)

June 24, 2023: Award Ceremony

National Homebrew Competition Award Ceremony in San Diego, CA at Homebrew Con.

BEER BOTTLE/CAN QUANTITIES & APPEARANCE

All homebrewers entering the 2023 National Homebrew Competition are required to send the following quantities of beer for each entry. **Bottles/cans not meeting the requirements may be disqualified and/or put at a disadvantage during the competition.**

Container Size & Appearance Requirements

- Two (2) 10–14 oz. bottles/cans per entry are preferred. Bottles/cans larger than specified measurements are subject to disqualification.
- Bottles/cans less than 10 oz. are acceptable.
- Bottles/cans must not exceed 9.5" tall and 2.75" diameter regardless of amount of liquid bottle can hold.
- Bottles, cans, and caps must be free from labels, tape, or any identifying marks. Bottles with raised lettering are allowed.
- Grolsch/flip-top bottles and 22 oz. bombers are not acceptable.

- Entry Labels for each entry must be a minimum of 1.5"×2" and rubber banded to each bottle appropriately.

Number of Bottles

FIRST ROUND: Send two (2) bottles of each entry for evaluation.

FINAL ROUND: Three (3) bottles will be required for each entry. **Further instructions are sent after the First Round.**

Entries not conforming to the above requirements may be disqualified. Disqualified entries may be judged but will not be eligible to advance.

We put these guidelines in place for sorting and anonymity purposes.

Tip: Please check to make sure your bottles fit in a standard case size box before entering. Bottles are not returned to entrants

DETERMINING THE CORRECT SUBCATEGORY FOR YOUR ENTRY

Important Entry Information

Homebrewers entering the National Homebrew Competition should carefully review the NHC Tables and subcategory designations before registering entries. Detailed descriptions of each subcategory are provided by the Beer Judge Certification Program 2021 Style Guidelines (including Provisional Styles) and available as PDF through the BJCP website, bjcp.org.



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It is the entire responsibility of each entrant to submit their entries in the appropriate BJCP subcategory. The staff and volunteers of the National Homebrew Competition and the Brewers Association cannot aid entrants in this decision.

Judges and organizers will not classify or reclassify your entry. The competition uses the BJCP 2021 Style Guidelines and assigns BJCP subcategories to NHC Tables. To eliminate the possibility of error, please reference the NHC's Tables list below.

Special Ingredients & Entry Instruction Information

For specific information on special ingredients and entry instructions in a subcategory, please reference the 2021 BJCP Style Guidelines, find your subcategory, and locate the subheading "Entry Instructions." This section identifies the required information necessary to judge an entry. The online entry portal will prompt you for the underlying base beer style and for specialty information such as fruit, spices, type of wood, etc. **Entries not accompanied by this information will be at a disadvantage during judging.**

Tip: keep it simple. When entering entries with ingredients such as fruit, vegetables, or spices, avoid words like extract, puree, fresh, all-natural, or canned—just indicate the ingredient used.

Do not use brand names, geographic names, or any other proper names of special ingredients. Adding regional information could compromise the anonymity of your entry and will be reviewed and altered at the competition director's discretion.

All MEAD entries must include sweetness, carbonation, and strength information.

All CIDER entries must include sweetness and carbonation information.



SHIPPING INFORMATION

UNITED STATES SHIPPING DETAILS

It is the entrant's responsibility to make sure **entries arrive on time and are labeled correctly**. Please do not use the United States Postal Service (USPS).

1. The AHA **highly encourages** using items like [Spirited Shipper](#), Whale Pods, or similar for easy-to-use, minimal waste containers. Such packaging cuts down on waste materials and reduces delays in unpacking and sorting.
2. Plan on using a national courier. It is best to schedule a pickup from home or a place of business. Shipments brought directly through UPS or FedEx may get denied, as shipping alcohol is against policy. Indicate "glassware" or "samples" if asked to provide such information.
3. Beware of scrutiny with ground shipping.
4. Package **MUST** have "**Attn: 2023 NHC**" listed on package when delivered.
5. Deliver Direct (drop-off): Entrants may deliver their beers directly to their site's designated drop-off location if one is provided. **Not all sites have a drop off-location.**
6. Arrange for a return receipt or tracking number with your shipping company if you wish to confirm delivery of your package. Shipping/drop-off locations cannot confirm delivery of your entries.

Cost-saving tip: Entrants may consolidate shipments when sending competition beers. This saves time and money! Consider contacting your local homebrew club, homebrew shop, or brewery to discuss options.

ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING DETAILS

Homebrewers located outside the US may ship their entries:

1. You may ship using a courier and customs clearance company of your choice, but we recommend a national courier of your country.
2. Declare the package as "samples, glassware" with a \$0 or \$1 value as a gift.

Disclaimer: Some brewers have had trouble with US Customs. The AHA is not responsible for any confiscated, lost, or damaged entries.



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GUIDE FOR REGISTERING ONLINE

Use this page to prepare your competition information for [online beer registration](#). Completing this form prior to online beer registration will ease your online registration process. Beer registrations will only be accepted online. Entries entered in the following the [2021 Beer Judge Certification Program \(BJCP\)](#) subcategories (including Provisional Styles) will require specialty information and instructions: 2A, 9A, 10C, 17A, 21B, 21B1, 21B6, 23F, 24C, 25B, 27A, 27A1, 28A, 28B, 28C, 28D, 29A, 29B, 29C, 29D, 30A, 30B, 30C, 30D, 31A, 31B, 32A, 32B, 33A, 33B, 34A, 34B, 34C, X4. All Mead, Cider & Perry.

Entry #1 _____ NHC Table/BJCP Subcategory: _____
Any Specialty Information Required (90-character limit)?: _____

Entry #2 _____ NHC Table & BJCP Subcategory: _____
Any Specialty Information Required (90-character limit)?: _____

Entry #3: _____ NHC Table & BJCP Subcategory: _____
Any Specialty Information Required (90-character limit)?: _____

Entry #4: _____ NHC Table & BJCP Subcategory: _____
Any Specialty Information Required (90-character limit)?: _____

Entry #5: _____ NHC Table & BJCP Subcategory: _____
Any Specialty Information Required (90-character limit)?: _____



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JUDGING & AWARDS PHILOSOPHY

The National Homebrew Competition recognizes brewing excellence in 40 NHC Tables of beer, cider, and mead and does so over the course of two rounds, a First and Final Round of judging. The First Round of judging takes place between March 24 and April 23, 2023, with the top 3 beers in each NHC Table at each competition site moving on to the Final Round on June 21, 2023, in San Diego, CA.

First Round Judging

The First Round of judging takes place over 9 judging centers in March and April. The top three entries in each NHC Table move on to the Final Round. **An entry must receive a score of 30 points or more to be eligible to place in a NHC Table.** The top three entries in each NHC Table are determined by what is called a Mini--Best of Table (Mini-BOT), a technique for reconciling the placement of entries within a multi-flight NHC Table. It is called a Mini-BOT because it uses BOT judging (i.e., judges pick winners without rescore) and is only used for a single judging NHC Table, not the whole competition.

Note: First Round sites may choose to do early judging before the official judging weekend to relieve some of the burden on the judge pool. This is typically done the week leading up to the judging weekend.

Final Round Judging

The Final Round of judging will take place in San Diego, CA, on June 21, 2023. The top three entries in each NHC Table are determined by a Mini-BOT. First-, second-, and third-place winners in each of the 40 NHC Tables will receive gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively. First-place entries in each NHC Table will move on to the Best-of-Table round to determine the major award winners for beer, mead, and cider.



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AWARDS

First Round Ribbons

First, second, and third place in the First Round with a score of 30 points or greater are awarded ribbons for their achievements and advance to the Final Round of the National Homebrew Competition.

Final Round Medals

Gold Medal – a world-class beer that accurately exemplifies the specified style, displaying the proper balance of taste, aroma, and appearance.

Silver medal – an excellent beer that may vary slightly from style parameters while maintaining close adherence to the style and displaying excellent taste, aroma, and appearance.

Bronze medal – a fine example of the style that may vary slightly from style parameters while still displaying quality taste, aroma, and appearance.

**Each entry that wins a medal will receive one medal. Additional medals may be acquired by entrants. Email nhc@brewersassociation.org for more information.*

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For more information, please reference the competition's FAQ page on HomebrewersAssociation.org.

Homebrewer of the Year Award

First-place winning entries in all of the beer NHC Tables will compete in Best-of-Table (BOT) judging. The Best-of-Table beer determines this award.

Meadmaker of the Year Award

First-place winning entries in all the mead NHC Tables will compete in Best-of-Table (BOT) judging. The Best-of-Table mead determines this award.

Cidermaker of the Year Award

First-place winning entries in all the cider NHC Tables will compete in Best-of-Table (BOT) judging. The Best-of-Table cider determines this award.

Samuel Adams Ninkasi Award

Homebrewers are awarded points based on the number of gold (6 points), silver (4 points), and bronze (2 points) medals won in the Final Round competition. Entrants must have at least one entry place in NHC beer table categories to be eligible.



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NHC Homebrew Club Award

Clubs are awarded points based on the number of gold (6 points), silver (4 points), and bronze (2 points) medals won in the Final Round. In the event of a tie, tiebreaker criteria will determine a winner. Entrants must maintain the same club in the First Round & Final Round.

Gambrinus Club Award

Clubs are awarded points based on the number of gold (6 points), silver (4 points), and bronze (2 points) medals won in Final Round. The winner is determined by total Final Round entry points awarded divided by total number of entrants in the Final Round. To be eligible, clubs must have at least 5 club members entering the First Round, and at least 2 club members advancing to and one (1) placing in the Final Round. In the event of a tie, tiebreaker criteria will determine a winner.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For any award or other honor, including the major awards,

the homebrewer(s) identified on the registration application determine which person and which homebrew club is awarded points. Individual members of a group of brewers earn points as a group and do not earn points on individual basis. Points and awards are not transferable.

Entrants may choose only one homebrew club to affiliate themselves with. All points earned by the individual will go to the affiliated club for the major club awards. The affiliated club is finalized on February 10. Any change afterwards will not be honored.

AWARD CEREMONY

The National Homebrew Competition Award Ceremony announces the award-winning entries during Homebrew Con. A list of winners will be available soon thereafter on HomebrewersAssociation.org.



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SHIPPING/DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Chicago: Attn: NHC 2023, [Dovetail Brewery](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)

Denver: Attn: NHC 2023, [Bootstrap Brewing](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)

Indianapolis: Attn: Tom (NHC 2023), [Great Fermentations](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)

Kansas City: Attn: NHC 2023, [KC Bier Company](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)

New York: Attn: NHC 2023, [Strong Rope Brewery – Red Hook](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)

Philadelphia: Attn: NHC 2023, [Keystone Homebrew Supply](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)

Seattle: Attn: NHC 2023, [Black Raven Brewing Company - Woodinville](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)

San Diego: Attn: NHC 2023, [AleSmith Brewing Company](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)

Tampa: Attn: NHC 2023, [Deviant Libation](#) (Shipping & Drop-off)



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The NHC Tables are determined using the [Beer Judge Certification Program's 2021 Style Guidelines](#) and previous years' data. The following is a list of NHC Tables and the BJCP subcategories (listed in parentheses to the left of each style category).

" * " Indicates additional judging information (base style, special Ingredients, etc) required.

Table 1: Pale American Beer

- a) American Light Lager (1A)
- b) American Lager (1B)
- c) Cream Ale (1C)

Table 2: Pale European Beer

- a) International Pale Lager (2A)*
- b) German Leichtbier (5A)
- c) Kolsch (5B)
- d) German Helles Exportbier (5C)
- e) Historical: Kellerbier (27A1)*

Table 3: Pilsner

- a) Czech Pale Lager (3A)
- b) Czech Premium Pale Lager (3B)
- c) German Pils (5D)
- d) Historical: Pre-Prohibition Lager (27A6)

- e) New Zealand Pilsner (X5)

Table 4: Pale Malty European Beer

- a) Munich Helles (4A)
- b) Festbier (4B)
- c) Helles Bock (4C)

Table 5: Amber European Beer

- a) International Amber Lager (2B)
- b) Czech Amber Lager (3C)
- c) Marzen (6A)
- d) Vienna Lager (7A)
- e) Altbier (7B)

Table 6: Dark European Lager

- a) International Dark Lager (2C)
- b) Czech Dark Lager (3D)

- c) Munich Dunkel (8A)
- d) Schwarzbier (8B)

Table 7: American Wheat & Blonde

- a) American Wheat Beer (1D)
- b) Blonde Ale (18A)
- c) Dorada Pampeana (X1)

Table 8: German Wheat & Rye Beer

- a) Weissbier (10A)
- b) Dunkles Weissbier (10B)
- c) Weizenbock (10C)*
- d) Historical: Roggenbier (27A8)
- e) Historical: Sahti (27A9)



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Table 9: Pale British Ale

- a) Ordinary Bitter (11A)
- b) Best Bitter (11B)
- c) Strong Bitter (11C)
- d) British Golden Ale (12A)
- e) Australian Sparkling Ale (12B)
- f) English IPA (12C)

Table 10: Scottish & Irish Ale

- a) Scottish Light (14A)
- b) Scottish Heavy (14B)
- c) Scottish Export (14C)
- d) Irish Red Ale (15A)

Table 11: American Pale Ale (18B)

Table 12: Amber & Brown American Ale

- a) American Amber Ale (19A)
- b) California Common (19B)
- c) American Brown Ale (19C)
- d) Historical: Kentucky Common (27A2)

Table 13: Brown British Beer

- a) Dark Mild (13A)
- b) British Brown Ale (13B)
- c) English Porter (13C)
- d) Historical: London Brown Ale (27A4)

Table 14: Irish & British Stout

- a) Irish Stout (15B)
- b) Irish Extra Stout (15C)
- c) Sweet Stout (16A)
- d) Oatmeal Stout (16B)
- e) Tropical Stout (16C)
- f) Foreign Extra Stout (16D)

Table 15: American Porter & Stout

- a) American Porter (20A)
- b) American Stout (20B)
- c) Historical: Pre-Prohibition Porter (27A7)

Table 16: American IPA (21A)

Table 17: Specialty IPA

- a) Specialty IPA (21B)*
- b) Belgian IPA (21B1)*
- c) Black IPA (21B2)
- d) Brown IPA (21B3)
- e) Brut IPA (21B7)
- f) Red IPA (21B4)
- g) Rye IPA (21B5)
- h) White IPA (21B6)*
- i) IPA Argenta (X2)

Table 18: Hazy IPA (21C)

Table 19: Strong American Ale

- a) Double IPA (22A)
- b) American Strong Ale (22B)
- c) American Barleywine (22C)
- d) Wheatwine (22D)

Table 20: Strong European Lager

- a) Dunkles Bock (6C)
- b) Doppelbock (9A)*
- c) Eisbock (9B)



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Table 21: Strong British Ale

- a) British Strong Ale (17A)*
- b) Old Ale (17B)
- c) Wee Heavy (17C)
- d) English Barleywine (17D)

Table 22: Imperial Porter & Stout

- a) Baltic Porter (9C)
- b) Imperial Stout (20C)

Table 23: Saison (25B)*

Table 24: Belgian Ale

- a) Witbier (24A)
- b) Belgian Pale Ale (24B)
- c) Biere de Garde (24C)*
- d) Belgian Blond Ale (25A)
- e) Belgian Single (26A)

Table 25: Strong Belgian Ale

- a) Belgian Golden Strong Ale (25C)
- b) Belgian Dubbel (26B)
- c) Belgian Tripel (26C)
- d) Belgian Dark Strong Ale (26D)

Table 26: European Sour Ale

- a) Berliner Weisse (23A)
- b) Flanders Red Ale (23B)
- c) Oud Bruin (23C)
- d) Lambic (23D)
- e) Gueuze (23E)
- f) Fruit Lambic (23F)*
- g) Gose (23G)

Table 27: Fruit Beer*

- a) Fruit Beer (29A)*
- b) Fruit & Spice Beer (29B)*
- c) Specialty Fruit Beer (29C)*
- d) Grape Ale (29D)*
- e) Catharina Sour (X4)*

Table 28: Spiced Beer*

- a) Spiced Beer (30A)*
- b) Specialty Spiced Beer (30D)*

Table 29: Seasonal Spiced Beer*

- a) Autumn Seasonal Beer (30B)*
- b) Winter Seasonal Beer (30C)*

Table 30: Smoke-Flavored Beer

- a) Rauchbier (6B)
- b) Historical: Lichtenhainer (27A3)
- c) Historical: Piwo Grodziskie (27A5)
- d) Classic-Style Smoked Beer (32A)*
- e) Specialty Smoked Beer (32B)*

Table 31: Wood-Aged Beer*

- a) Wood-Aged Beer (33A)*
- b) Specialty Wood-Aged (33B)*

Table 32: American Wild Ale*

- a) Brett Beer (28A)*
- b) Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer (28B)*
- c) Wild Specialty Beer (28C)*
- d) Straight Sour Beer (28D)*

Table 33: Specialty Beer*

- a) Other Historical Beer (27A)*
- b) Alternative Grain Beer (31A)*
- c) Alternative Sugar Beer (31B)*
- d) Commercial Specialty Beer (34A)*
- e) Mixed-Style Beer (34B)*
- f) Experimental Beer (34C)*



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Table 34: Traditional Mead*

- a) Dry Mead (M1A)*
- b) Semi-Sweet Mead (M1B)*
- c) Sweet Mead (M1C)*

Table 35: Cyser & Pyment*

- a) Cyser (M2A)*
- b) Pyment (M2B)*

Table 36: Fruit Mead*

- a) Melomel (M2E)*
- b) Berry Mead (M2C)*
- c) Stone Fruit Mead (M2D)*

Table 37: Spice Mead*

- a) Fruit & Spice Mead (M3A)*
- b) Spice, Herb, Vegetable Mead (M3B)*

Table 38: Specialty Mead*

- a) Braggot (M4A)*
- b) Historical Mead (M4B)*
- c) Experimental Mead (M4C)*

Table 39: Standard Cider & Perry*

- a) New World Cider (C1A)*
- b) English Cider (C1B)*
- c) French Cider (C1C)*
- d) New World Perry (C1D)*
- e) Traditional Perry (C1E)*

Table 40: Specialty Cider & Perry*

- a) New England Cider (C2A)*
- b) Cider with Other Fruit (C2B)*
- c) Applewine (C2C)*
- d) Ice Cider (C2D)*
- e) Cider with Herbs/Spices (C2E)*
- f) Specialty Cider/Perry (C2F)*



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COMMON ISSUES & WHOM TO CONTACT

Shipping-Related Issues & Questions

Shipping information is found in this packet and on the competition website. Please read ALL information about shipping and drop-off locations (if applicable) for entries. For additional questions, please contact your site organizer (contact info posted to <https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/national-homebrew-competition/>).

Missing Entry in Registration

If you paid for your entries and an entry is missing from your registration, contact the [National Homebrew Competition](#) to resolve the issue.

Specialty Information for Entries

If an entry requires specialty information, you are required to provide that information when registering your entries. There is a 90-character limit. If you have questions about what information to include, please reference the 2021 BJCP Style Guidelines. Typical information includes the base beer style; ingredients such as unusual grains, fruit(s), spice(s), or microbe(s); and processes such as kettle souring, dry hopping, etc. Competition staff may not and will not assist entrants in determining specialty information. Do not include identifying information. Ex: "Vienna lager aged with

cinnamon."

Club Listing in Drop-Down

If your club is not listed in the drop-down under "Club Affiliation," then your club did not register with the AHA prior to registration opening for the competition. We do not provide a write-in option for club affiliation.

Where are my comment sheets?

Comment sheets are emailed to entrants within 30 days of the award ceremony. Make sure to check your junk and spam mailboxes. The comment sheets go out to the email address we have on file in your Brewer Profile. Make sure it is up to date!

How did my entry rank in category?

Rankings in categories are only for first, second, and third place. If your entry has made it to the Mini-Best-of-Table, your entry had a chance to place in the category.

What if I need to change info for an entry I entered in the competition?

To view your competition entries and receive your competition bottle and shipping labels, log in with your 4-digit ID and email address. You will also be able to make entry changes to your existing info. Changes to style and specialty info will be available until February 10.



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Your Competition Notes: