



To: Prospective Homebrew Competition Entrants

From: Brett Chance, Competition Organizer

Thank you for your interest in the Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition. We are very excited to be offering this competition to the Homebrewers of Ohio. Judging will take place Saturday, July 17.

The on-line information contains everything you will need to enter this year's competition. The Rules & Regulations contain all of the general information and should answer any questions you have about the competition. The style guidelines we use are those of the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). The guidelines are provided to assist you in entering your beer in the proper category. Print and complete the entry form and return it with your entry fees (postmark deadline is June 20). You can also print the bottle identification forms and rubberband one form to each bottle you submit (bottled entries due July 12 - 16). Finally, a map of the grounds and routing instructions are included to make delivering your entries easy (shipping instructions are also included if you prefer to ship your entries).

If you have any questions regarding the on-line information, please feel free to contact me at (614) 644-4126 Monday thru Friday 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. If you get my voice mail, please leave a message and I will get back to you. You can also email me at: b.chance@expo.state.oh.us

Whether you are an experienced homebrewer or a relative newcomer to the hobby, the Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition provides an excellent opportunity to get feedback from experienced homebrew judges.

Thanks again for your interest and support of our competition. We look forward to receiving your entries!

2010 OHIO STATE FAIR HOMEBREWED BEER COMPETITION

Rules and Regulations

PART I

How to Enter this Competition

1. What kind of bottles are required?

We prefer 12-16 ounce brown bottles, but will accept 11-22 ounce bottles of any color (all bottles must be free of paper labels). Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker. Bottles not meeting these requirements may be disqualified. Our primary concern is to ensure the anonymity of the entries when they are being judged.

2. How many bottles do I need?

Send two (2) bottles for each entry. A third bottle may be submitted for display purposes (this is optional). To add attractiveness and interest to the display, exhibitors are encouraged to place an original label on the bottle that will be displayed (save your homebrew and fill the display bottle with water!).

3. What are the entry fees?

\$5 per entry. If you have more than one entry in a given sub-category, only your highest scoring entry will be eligible for an award in that sub-category.

4. When are the entry deadlines?

Entry forms (with "fees") must be postmarked no later than **June 20, 2010**. **All bottled entries**, whether shipped by private carrier or delivered in person, **must arrive July 12 through July 16 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily**. Any judges or stewards entering the competition may hand carry their pre-registered entries on the day of the competition.

5. How do I enter?

- (a) Complete the entry form.
- (b) Staple your check or money order to the entry form. On your check write the number of entries the check or money order is paying for. Please make checks payable to the Ohio Expositions Commission. Entry form(s) and fee(s) must be postmarked by June 20, 2010.
- (c) Fill out and rubber band a bottle identification form to each bottle entered. If you use glue or tape to secure the form to the bottle your entry may be disqualified. Bottled entries are due July 12 -16.

6. Which category do I enter?

It is entirely your decision. You should try to enter your brew in the category and sub-category in which you feel it will perform best. Judges do not see your entry form. Your beer will not be classified or re-classified by organizers or judges. Your entry will not be disqualified if it falls outside of a category's parameters - the style chart simply provides guidelines to help you enter your beer. Judges use the style chart to guide them when judging your beer. **This competition is using the 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines.**

7. Are there entry limitations?

- (a) You cannot win more than one award per sub-category entered.
- (b) Your homebrew must not have been brewed at any place that brews beverages for any commercial purpose, whether for commercial research, production or any other purpose, including brew-on-premises establishments.
- (c) You must list the names of all brewers who helped in the brewing.
- (d) Professional brewers are not permitted to enter the competition.
- (e) Judges cannot enter sub-categories they are judging.

PART II Instructions for Completing the Entry Form

Entry Form

Please print clearly or type. Fill in the name and address of the brewer who will be responsible for receiving mailings and results. If more than one brewer is involved, list the additional name(s) on the back of the entry form.

Write out the full names of the category and sub-category you are entering. Your entry will not be classified or re-classified by directors, judges or registrars under any circumstances. Important information: If you have entered 16 E, 17 F, 20, 21, 22 B, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28 please follow the instructions below very carefully and include the information on the back of the entry form (this information is necessary for accurate judging of entries in these categories):

Entries in 16 E: Indicate the commercial example (e.g. Orval) you are replicating.

Entries in 17 F: Give the type of fruit used.

Entries in 20: Specify the style of beer and list the fruit(s) used. For example: raspberry stout, blueberry pilsner, plum India Pale Ale. If you have used any other special ingredient(s) in addition to the fruit(s), enter your beer in category 23 Specialty Beer.

Entries in 21 A: Specify the style of beer and the type of herb, spice and/or vegetable used.

Entries in 21 B: Specify the spice used and (optionally) the style of beer. Indicate what ingredients or processes make the beer a “specialty”.

Entries in 22 B: Specify the style of beer and (optionally) the type of smoking wood or liquid smoke used. For example: birch-smoked porter, apple-smoked Scottish Export, smoked helles, etc.

Entries in 23: Specify the style of beer and any special ingredient(s) or processes used which make the beer a “specialty”. The judges must know the “special character” of your beer in order to properly judge it.

Entries in 24, 25 or 26: Specify any special ingredient(s), and (optionally) the type of honey used. Indicate sparkling, petillant (lightly sparkling) or still, and sweet, semi-sweet, or dry.

Entries in 27 or 28: Specify any special ingredient(s) used and indicate sparkling, petillant (lightly sparkling) or still, and sweet, semi-sweet, or dry (28 D specify if entry is a cider or perry and what makes it a “specialty”).

PART III

A. General

This Competition is open to all homebrewers (AHA members and non-members) residing in Ohio. Contestants will be considered an individual entrant based on the name(s) appearing on the entry form. Persons under contract and/or persons volunteering their services to the Ohio State Fair are eligible. Judges may not judge a sub-category they have entered. Applicable entry fees and limitations shall apply. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to complete the entry form, enclose the proper entry fee and designate the category and sub-category in which they wish their entry to be judged. Under no circumstances will registrars, judges or directors categorize entries. Beer will be judged only in terms of the categories and sub-categories listed in the Style Chart.

B. Awards and Prizes

We reserve the right to combine categories or sub-categories as necessary for the purposes of awarding prizes. Categories will be combined into flights of at least five entries. All beers will be judged against the guidelines for the sub-category originally entered. First-, second- and third-place winners in each category (or group of categories) shall receive a ribbon or medal. First-place winners in each category will compete in a Best-of-Show judging (except categories 24 - 28 which are not eligible for best-of-show). The winner will be awarded Best of Show. Best of Show will receive a \$50 gift certificate for homebrew supplies courtesy of The Winemaker’s Shop, Columbus, Ohio. At the discretion of competition organizers and/or judges, awards may not be given if the quality of an entry is not deemed deserving of an award.

C. Judging

Judging of all entries will be done in closed sessions on Saturday, July 17. Judging will be closed to all exhibitors. All decisions by competition organizers are final. Scoring of entries will be based on the following: Appearance 6%, Aroma 24%, Flavor 40%, Mouth Feel 10%, Overall Impression 20%.

D. Information and Fees Requirement

All entry fees, name of entrant, address, phone number, category and sub-category entered must be postmarked by June 20, 2010. All entries become property of the Ohio Expositions Commission.

E. Disqualifications

At the discretion of the organizers, entries may be disqualified for eligibility or entry requirement infractions. These entries may still be judged, but will be ineligible for awards or prizes.

F. Results

All entrants will receive the score sheets with judges' comments for their entries. Results will be mailed via first-class mail within two weeks of the competition date.

G. Packing and Shipping Hints

Carefully pack your entries in a sturdy box. Line the inside of your carton with a plastic trash bag. Partition and pack each bottle with adequate packaging material. Do not over pack! Write clearly: "Fragile, Glass. This Side Up" on the package. Your package should weigh less than 25 pounds. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact entrants whose bottles have broken to make arrangements for sending replacement bottles. We strongly recommend that you use re-usable shipping containers or the kind of shipping containers used by beer-of-the-month clubs. These containers help ensure your beer will arrive safely and significantly reduce the amount of packaging waste. It is not against any Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms regulations or federal laws to ship your entries via a privately owned shipping company for analytical purposes. **It is illegal, however, to ship alcoholic beverages via the US Postal Service - use a private carrier like UPS.** Private shipping companies may refuse your shipment if they are informed that the package contains alcoholic beverages. It is solely the entrant's responsibility to follow all applicable laws and regulations.

H. Instructions for Delivery or Shipment of Homebrew Entries

Entries that are being shipped must arrive July 12 through 16 and be addressed to: **Brett Chance, c/o Entry Department, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211.**

Any entries being hand delivered July 12 through 16 must be dropped off at the Administration Building between the hours of 8 AM - 3 PM. Any judges or stewards entering the competition may hand carry their pre-registered entries on the day of the competition. Attached is a routing map to the Administration Building.

PART IV Style Chart

We would like to emphasize that the guidelines listed in the style chart are just that - guidelines. We have provided the chart so you can decide the category and/or sub-category in which your brew will perform best because judges will use these guidelines when evaluating your entry. You will not be disqualified if your beer falls somewhat outside of the category guidelines listed, but your overall score may suffer.

There are 28 categories of lager, ale or mixed-style beers, meads and ciders to be judged. Categories are designated by numbers. Sub-categories are designated by letters. If a beer is entered, for example, as "12 A - Brown Porter" it will be judged as a Brown Porter against the others in the Porter category. Judges do not see any special ingredient information you may have submitted (according to instructions on page 2), but may inquire about the special ingredients to assist them in evaluating your entry.

If you wish to see written guidelines explaining the categories in greater detail, please refer to the Beer Judge Certification Program website at: <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php>

BJCP 2008 Style Guidelines Chart

STYLE	OG	FG	ABV%	IBU	COLOR SRM
1. LIGHT LAGER					
A. Lite American Lager	1.028-40	0.998-1.008	2.8-4.2	8-12	2-3
B. Standard American Lager	1.040-50	1.004-10	4.2-5.3	8-15	2-4
C. Premium American Lager	1.046-56	1.008-12	4.6-6.0	15-25	2-6
D. Munich Helles	1.045-51	1.008-12	4.7-5.4	16-22	3-5
E. Dortmunder Export	1.048-56	1.010-15	4.8-6.0	23-30	4-6
2. PILSNER					
A. German Pilsner (Pils)	1.044-50	1.008-13	4.4-5.2	25-45	2-5
B. Bohemian Pilsener	1.044-56	1.013-17	4.2-5.4	35-45	3.5-6
C. Classic American Pilsner	1.044-60	1.010-15	4.5-6.0	25-40	3-6
3. EUROPEAN AMBER LAGER					
A. Vienna Lager	1.046-52	1.010-14	4.5-5.5	18-30	10-16
B. Oktoberfest/Märzen	1.050-57	1.012-16	4.8-5.7	20-28	7-14
4. DARK LAGER					
A. Dark American Lager	1.044-56	1.008-12	4.2-6.0	8-20	14-22
B. Munich Dunkel	1.048-56	1.010-16	4.5-5.6	18-28	14-28
C. Schwarzbier	1.046-52	1.010-16	4.4-5.4	22-32	17-30
5. BOCK					
A. Maibock/Helles Bock	1.064-72	1.011-18	6.3-7.4	23-35	6-11
B. Traditional Bock	1.064-72	1.013-19	6.3-7.2	20-27	14-22
C. Doppelbock	1.072-112	1.016-24	7.0-10.0	16-26	6-25
D. Eisbock	1.078-120	1.020-35	9.0-14.0	25-35	18-30
6. LIGHT HYBRID BEER					
A. Cream Ale	1.042-55	1.006-12	4.2-5.6	15-20	2.5-5
B. Blonde Ale	1.038-54	1.008-13	3.8-5.5	15-28	3-6
C. Kölsch	1.044-50	1.007-11	4.4-5.2	20-30	3.5-5
D. American Wheat or Rye Beer	1.040-55	1.008-13	4.0-5.5	15-30	3-6
7. AMBER HYBRID BEER					
A. North German Altbier	1.046-54	1.010-15	4.5-5.2	25-40	13-19
B. California Common Beer	1.048-54	1.011-14	4.5-5.5	30-45	10-14
C. Düsseldorf Altbier	1.046-54	1.010-15	4.5-5.2	35-50	11-17
8. ENGLISH PALE ALE					
A. Standard/Ordinary Bitter	1.032-40	1.007-11	3.2-3.8	25-35	4-14
B. Special/Best/Premium Bitter	1.040-48	1.008-12	3.8-4.6	25-40	5-16
C. Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)	1.048-60	1.010-16	4.6-6.2	30-50	6-18
9. SCOTTISH AND IRISH ALE					
A. Scottish Light 60/-	1.030-35	1.010-13	2.5-3.2	10-20	9-17
B. Scottish Heavy 70/-	1.035-40	1.010-15	3.2-3.9	10-25	9-17
C. Scottish Export 80/-	1.040-54	1.010-16	3.9-5.0	15-30	9-17
D. Irish Red Ale	1.044-60	1.010-14	4.0-6.0	17-28	9-18
E. Strong Scotch Ale	1.070-130	1.018-30	6.5-10.0	17-35	14-25

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STYLE	OG	FG	ABV%	IBU	COLOR SRM
10. AMERICAN ALE					
A. American Pale Ale	1.045-60	1.010-15	4.5-6.0	30-45	5-14
B. American Amber Ale	1.045-60	1.010-15	4.5-6.0	25-40	10-17
C. American Brown Ale	1.045-60	1.010-16	4.3-6.2	20-40	18-35
11. ENGLISH BROWN ALE					
A. Mild	1.030-38	1.008-13	2.8-4.5	10-25	12-25
B. Southern English Brown Ale	1.033-42	1.011-14	2.8-4.1	12-20	19-35
C. Northern English Brown Ale	1.040-52	1.008-13	4.2-5.4	20-30	12-22
12. PORTER					
A. Brown Porter	1.040-52	1.008-14	4.0-5.4	18-35	20-30
B. Robust Porter	1.048-65	1.012-16	4.8-6.5	25-50	22-35
C. Baltic Porter	1.060-90	1.016-24	5.5-9.5	20-40	17-30
13. STOUT					
A. Dry Stout	1.036-50	1.007-11	4.0-5.0	30-45	25-40
B. Sweet Stout	1.044-60	1.012-24	4.0-6.0	20-40	30-40
C. Oatmeal Stout	1.048-65	1.010-18	4.2-5.9	25-40	22-40
D. Foreign Extra Stout	1.056-75	1.010-18	5.5-8.0	30-70	30-40
E. American Stout	1.050-75	1.010-22	5.0-7.0	35-75	30-40
F. Imperial Stout	1.075-115	1.018-30	8.0-12.0	50-90	30-40
14. INDIA PALE ALE (IPA)					
A. English IPA	1.050-75	1.010-18	5.0-7.5	40-60	8-14
B. American IPA	1.056-75	1.010-18	5.5-7.5	40-70	6-15
C. Imperial IPA	1.075-90	1.010-20	7.5-10.0	60-120	8-15
15. GERMAN WHEAT AND RYE BEER					
A. Weizen/Weissbier	1.044-52	1.010-14	4.3-5.6	8-15	2-8
B. Dunkelweizen	1.044-56	1.010-14	4.3-5.6	10-18	14-23
C. Weizenbock	1.064-90	1.015-22	6.5-8.0	15-30	12-25
D. Roggenbier (German Rye Beer)	1.046-56	1.010-14	4.5-6.0	10-20	14-19
16. BELGIAN AND FRENCH ALE					
A. Witbier	1.044-52	1.008-12	4.5-5.5	10-20	2-4
B. Belgian Pale Ale	1.048-54	1.010-14	4.8-5.5	20-30	8-14
C. Saison	1.048-65	1.002-12	5.0-7.0	20-35	5-14
D. Bière de Garde	1.060-80	1.008-16	6.0-8.5	18-28	6-19
E. Belgian Specialty Ale	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable
17. SOUR ALE					
A. Berliner Weisse	1.028-32	1.003-06	2.8-3.8	3-8	2-3
B. Flanders Red Ale	1.048-57	1.002-12	4.6-6.5	10-25	10-16
C. Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin	1.040-74	1.008-12	4.0-8.0	20-25	15-22
D. Straight (Unblended) Lambic	1.040-54	1.001-10	5.0-6.5	0-10	3-7
E. Gueuze	1.040-60	1.000-06	5.0-8.0	0-10	3-7
F. Fruit Lambic	1.040-60	1.000-10	5.0-7.0	0-10	3-7

BJCP 2008 Style Guidelines Chart

STYLE	OG	FG	ABV%	IBU	COLOR SRM
18. BELGIAN STRONG ALE					
A. Belgian Blond Ale	1.062-75	1.008-18	6.0-7.5	15-30	4-7
B. Belgian Dubbel	1.062-75	1.008-18	6.0-7.6	15-25	10-17
C. Belgian Tripel	1.075-85	1.008-14	7.5-9.5	20-40	4.5-7
D. Belgian Golden Strong Ale	1.070-95	1.005-16	7.5-10.5	22-35	3-6
E. Belgian Dark Strong Ale	1.075-110	1.010-24	8.0-11.0	20-35	12-22
19. STRONG ALE					
A. Old Ale	1.060-90	1.015-22	6.0-9.0	30-60	10-22
B. English Barleywine	1.080-120	1.018-30	8.0-12.0	35-70	8-22
C. American Barleywine	1.080-120	1.016-30	8.0-12.0	50-120	10-19
20. FRUIT BEER					
	Varies	with	base	beer	style
21. SPICE/HERB/VEGETABLE BEER					
A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Varies	with	base	beer	style
B. Christmas/Winter Specialty Spiced Beer	Varies	with	base	beer	style
22. SMOKE-FLAVORED & WOOD-AGED BEER					
A. Classic Rauchbier	1.050-57	1.012-16	4.8-6.0	20-30	12-22
B. Other Smoked Beer	Varies	with	base	beer	style
C. Wood-Aged Beer	Varies	with	base	beer	style
23. SPECIALTY BEER					
24. TRADITIONAL MEAD					
A. Dry Mead	Varies	0.990-1.010	Varies	N/A	N/A
B. Semi-Sweet Mead	Varies	1.010-25	Varies	N/A	N/A
C. Sweet Mead	Varies	1.025-50	Varies	N/A	N/A
25. MELOMEL (FRUIT MEAD)					
A. Cyser (Apple Melomel)	Variable	See	Guidelines	N/A	N/A
B. Pyment (Grape Melomel)	Variable	See	Guidelines	N/A	N/A
C. Other Fruit Melomel	Variable	See	Guidelines	N/A	N/A
26. OTHER MEAD					
A. Metheglin	Variable	See	Guidelines	N/A	N/A
B. Braggot	Variable	See	Guidelines	N/A	N/A
C. Open Category Mead	Variable	See	Guidelines	N/A	N/A
27. STANDARD CIDER AND PERRY					
A. Common Cider	1.045-65	1.000-20	5-8%	N/A	N/A
B. English Cider	1.050-75	0.995-1.010	6-9%	N/A	N/A
C. French Cider	1.050-65	1.010-20	3-6%	N/A	N/A
D. Common Perry	1.050-60	1.000-20	5-7%	N/A	N/A
E. Traditional Perry	1.050-70	1.000-20	5-9%	N/A	N/A
28. SPECIALTY CIDER AND PERRY					
A. New England Cider	1.060-100	0.995-1.010	7-13%	N/A	N/A
B. Fruit Cider	1.045-70	0.995-1.010	5-9%	N/A	N/A
C. Apple Wine	1.070-100	0.995-1.010	9-12%	N/A	N/A
D. Other Specialty Cider or Perry	1.045-100	0.995-1.020	5-12%	N/A	N/A

ENTRY FORM INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please complete all of the information on the entry form.
2. Use one line for each homebrew entry.
3. Under the “Description” column be sure to list the category and sub-category (if any) of each homebrew entry.

If you have any questions, please call (614) 644-4126.

REMEMBER, ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 20, 2010.

OHIO STATE FAIR HOMEBREW ENTRY FORM
ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARK BY JUNE 20

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY EXH # _____

NAME _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

COUNTY _____ TELEPHONE W/AREA CODE _____ WORK _____

All entries must be made in the name of the bona fide owner, and you must be an Ohio resident. *NO EXCEPTIONS.* Mail entry form to: Homebrew Competition, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211-2698.

CATEGORY AND SUB-CATEGORY (if any) OF BEER (please use one line per entry)	
Example:	18D Belgian Golden Strong Ale
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	

(make additional copies of this form as necessary)

The undersigned hereby agrees to be bound by the Rules and Regulations of the Ohio State Fair and further agrees to be bound by the decision of the Ohio Expositions Commission in case of any dispute arising from the interpretation or application thereof.

Make checks payable to the Ohio Expositions Commission. All fees **MUST** accompany this official entry form.

Entrant's Signature

Entry Fee - \$5.00 per entry Check No. _____ Total Amount Received _____

OHIO STATE FAIR HOMEBREW COMPETITION BOTTLE IDENTIFICATION FORMS

BOTTLE ID FORM . . .

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____
State Ohio Zip _____
Phone () _____
Category Entered _____
Subcategory Entered _____
Homebrew Club _____

USE A RUBBER BAND TO
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Directions to Administration Building

The easiest way is to come from I-71. Take the 17th Ave exit and go west on 17th Ave. Take a left turn (directly across from Velma Avenue) onto the grounds. Inform the gate attendant that you are dropping off entries at the Administration Building and you will be allowed to proceed. The Administration Building is located directly south of the Coliseum.



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A - Administration Office

