

10TH ANNUAL HOMEBREW CONTEST

Judging Saturday, August 24, 11:00am - 3:00pm, Best of Show at 3:30pm

The contest is BJCP registered and open to any amateur homebrewer aged 21 and older. Each entry will be evaluated according to the BJCP guidelines (2021 for beer, 2015 for mead and cider) by at least two judges who will provide feedback on BJCP scoresheets.

BJCP Guidelines are available at:
<https://www.bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/>

Online Registration begins: July 8, 2024
at: champlainvalleyfair.org

Online Registration ends: Aug 10, 2024
Entry fee - none

Entry Drop Off

Shipping entries is not allowed. Drop off entries weekdays 9:00am-4:00pm from August 12 to August 16 (No Saturdays or Sundays).

Drop off at the administrative offices, 105 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452.

There are 6 total categories and the contest is limited to 100 total entries.

Each entry will consist of three 12-22 ounce bottles or cans. Brewers must submit two or three 12-22 ounce bottles/cans for each entry. Brewers submitting two bottles/cans do so at their own risk, since there might not be a bottle/can available to advance to the Best of Show round.

Capped bottles, corked bottles, PET bottles with carbonator caps, and swing top bottles are allowed. 12oz brown glass bottles are preferred, however green and clear glass will be accepted. Cans are also accepted. Bottles will not be returned to contest entrants.

All entries must be handcrafted products, containing ingredients available to the general public, and made using private equipment by hobbyist brewers (i.e. no use of commercial facilities or Brew on Premises operations, supplies, etc.).

All entries should be labeled with the competition category (1-6), the BJCP category and subcategory, and any additional information required by the BJCP guidelines before time of drop-off. Bottles/cans should be void of all personally identifying information. Caps should be blacked out or blank. At the time of drop-off, entrants will receive one free day-pass for the Fair for the day of the competition.

Awards

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of the 6 categories. There will also be a Best of Show Award for the best beer, cider, and mead of the competition.

Category 1: Malt-Showcases malt up to 8% ABV

Category 2: Hops-Showcases hops up to 8% ABV

Category 3: Specialty-Showcases other ingredients up to 8% ABV

Category 4: Imperial- All beers over 8% ABV

Category 5: Cider

Category 6: Mead

Best in Show Beer - Chosen by Judges as the best overall example in categories 1, 2, 3 and 4.



Winner will be invited to collaborate with Black Flannel Brewing Co. and help to brew a batch of beer at their brewery!

Best in Show Cider



Winner will be invited to visit our sponsor Eden Specialty Ciders in Newport, VT for a private tasting and tour of their cellars!

Best in Show Mead



Winner will be invited to collaborate with our sponsor Groennfell Meadery in Saint Albans, VT to brew a full batch of mead at their meadery as well as do a private tasting with Head Meadmaker Ricky Klein!

Homebrew Contest Entry Label	
Entrant Name	_____
Phone Number	_____
Email	_____
Competition Category	_____
BJCP Category	_____ Subcategory _____
Additional Information	_____